

## Foodbank Donations

### Banwell

Banwell Primary School, is acting as a Foodbank outpost in Banwell for any members of the Parish in need of its services. **Hours of Operation** : Monday 9am – 12noon **Contact** : Jo Arnold  
**Phone**: 01934 822 498 **Email**  
[jo.arnold@banwellprimary.co.uk](mailto:jo.arnold@banwellprimary.co.uk)

### Congresbury

Donations can be placed in the **box in at 17 Paul's Causeway**, Congresbury or check the Love Congresbury Facebook page for collections from Congresbury roads on Sunday mornings before 7.30am please Contact Alexa Holder on 07764754310.

### A SPECIAL THANKYOU

Particularly after the theft of the foodbank box last week.

This week Ian has taken 87.9kk to Weston foodbank plus 5bags of donations to the school. Alex Holder is still collecting every Sunday Morning.

**They have been amazing**

### Personal Pastoral Support:

Public Worship is no longer possible, but Matt and others are able to support you on an individual basis where needed. This will mainly be by phone but where necessary can be in person. If you are concerned about someone **please contact**  
**Matt 0797 0140064**

**Deliveries and Collections.** If you cannot get out to get vital supplies in Congresbury Please contact Ruth Wratten 01934 820984 Ruth ([rwratten@btinternet.com](mailto:rwratten@btinternet.com)). In Banwell [clerk@banwellparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@banwellparishcouncil.org.uk) [Lisa.stannard@newcreationchurches.org.uk](mailto:Lisa.stannard@newcreationchurches.org.uk)

### Picture of Hope – Photo Gallery:

Some of you have kindly sent in Pictures of Hope that have spoken to you as we have journeyed through this time together: this is a picture of a Peacock Butterfly that came to join me for prayers in the Prayer Garden.



If you'd like to send in any similar pictures, Kirsty is kindly trying to put a "Photo Gallery" section together on the Church website. All we need is a copy of the photo or picture – this can be emailed to Kirsty (see address inside) or WhatsApp them (free for picture messages) to 07871 513151. Add a little explanation as to what it is and why it gives you hope. We can then share these with one another. **Matt**



**FLARES YOUTH GROUP** If you want any information, updates or just to talk please contact Matt  
[rev.matt.thomson@newcreationchurches.org](mailto:rev.matt.thomson@newcreationchurches.org)

**Funerals** – can only be held at the graveside or crematorium with a small family group. A Celebration/Memorial Service will be held later when the situation is better.

**Weddings and Baptisms** The Church of England has instructed that no weddings or Baptisms (except emergencies) will be carried out in churches in line with Government advice.

**The libraries team** have set up **phone support** for people with problems getting online, accessing digital information, online shopping etc Sessions can be arranged contacting 01934 426834 or e-mail [libraries@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@n-somerset.gov.uk)



New Creation  
Building Better Community

# New Creation Pew News St Andrew's Churches Banwell and Congresbury

May 3rd, 4th Sunday of Easter



## CHURCH @ HOME

JOIN US FOR **CHURCH LIVE** ON FACEBOOK EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM!

AND FOLLOW THE DAILY VIDEO BLOGS, PRAYERS & STORIES ON

 [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/NEWCREATIONCHURCHES](https://www.facebook.com/newcreationchurches)



### Thought for the week:

As the Virus Lockdown continues, it's really good if we can continue to live in **the spirit and hope of Easter**. Easter and the Cross is a place we can take our hurt, our pain, our frustrations, our loss of loved ones, and the feelings of everything being taken away. Easter and the tomb is where we can take our **feelings of uncertainty, our watching, our waiting, our feelings of isolation**. And it is **from Easter and the resurrection that we can find hope**, hope made real in **new joy, new life, new priorities**, and new ways of doing things, old memories and friendships healed and renewed not least between us and God. **Jesus has always been with us**, He is with us now because of the life-changing power of Easter, and He promises to be with us into the future as we allow ourselves, His Church, and the world to be renewed and reborn **through Him and by His Spirit**. All because of Easter.

Matt

### WEBSITE :We are doing much more

Visit the site for loads of information about everything that is going on with your church such as letters, New Creation Pew News, Daily Prayer and links to where you can get help and information within the wider community. Please see our new 'Church@Home' tab on our website [www.newcreationchurches.org.uk](http://www.newcreationchurches.org.uk) check our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/newcreationchurches](https://www.facebook.com/newcreationchurches) @NewCreationChurches



**VE Day– 75 Years  
WE CAN DO SOMETHING**  
**A4 sheets with images you can colour and place in your window for the 8th May.**  
You can get them from the New Creation Website, Love Congresbury and Love Banwell Facebook pages and print them at home also available in local shops.

## A Word from Howard– Bible Study Home Group Online

If anyone in New Creation Churches and further afield is interested in exploring [how to create a Rule of Life amidst the restrictions of Lockdown](#), please join me in weekly conversation over the period of weeks before restrictions are lifted.

**Matt and I** (and the PCCs) wish to offer a **virtual home group online** that starts with Bible Study (looking at 1 Thessalonians when the early Church worked out how to live in a time of lock down and persecution), goes on to consider our daily living and then works towards establishing a Communal Rule of Life.

If this takes off, we will look at the insights of the Celtic saints and begin to build a Communal Rule (The Rule of St Congar?) that considers how we build habits of worship, service and mission. Who knows, we might emerge from lockdown with greater balance than before.

[Does this sound like something that you'd like to be a part of?](#) It will mean prioritising an hour each week from 7.30-8.30pm. You will need a computer to get on line (for Zoom or LifeSize), a Bible and a desire to change.

Please e-mail me on [hjworsley4@gmail.com](mailto:hjworsley4@gmail.com) and I'll gather interest and identify the best evening, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

**Ideally we'd start the week beginning 11 May**

Howard Worsley (07528 565 600)



**Over the forty days of easter,** the Daily Blog will be looking at the key resurrection stories that started and shape our faith by using material from a book **"40 days with Jesus," by Dave Smith.**

**Helping The Elms** Feeling more isolated than usual. They would love to receive cards, notes or pictures ( perhaps drawn by children) from anyone in the community who is willing to help. **Please post to The Leonard Elms Care Home. FAO Katie Maidment, Matron. 109 Brinsea Road. Congresbury. BS49 5JH.**

**Tech Team** We can help support you over the phone to enable you to **use new technology to stay in touch.** This could be Facebook , websites, skype, whatsapp etc. Our coordinator for this is **Kirsty Bowles** see her email address below or phone her on 07871 513151

### DO YOU NEED HELP? DO YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

Love Banwell and Love Congresbury have been working with the Parish Councils and other agencies to target help within our communities. For more information, please contact the Facebook pages or email

[kirsty.bowles@newcreationchurches.org.uk](mailto:kirsty.bowles@newcreationchurches.org.uk)



## 'Live Stream' Church THIS Sunday (3rd May ) 10.30am –

### "Jesus the Good Shepherd"

Thank you for all the comments about the Agape Service we shared last week. For this week's service you will need:

**A Candle** - for our Easter light

**Something Woollen** – a jumper, a scarf (or perhaps some item of clothing that you are especially fond of, like wearing, or just feel comfortable in)

**Something Wooden** – a piece of wood, or something made of wood - a kitchen spoon or spatula, whatever.

And a **Glass of Water (a favourite drink) or something nice to eat.**

Look forward to seeing you Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup> May) at 10.30am.

If you've not joined in before, its very simple and you DON'T need to be a Facebook user. Go on the New Creation website, click "Church@Home" and then "Worship@Home" and there you'll find a link "Click Here" that takes you as a guest to the New Creation Facebook Page – scroll down to the "videos" section.

If you would like help in maybe having a go at this for the first time, or if you have any technical difficulties, just send Kirsty an email on [kirsty.bowles@newcreationchurches.org.uk](mailto:kirsty.bowles@newcreationchurches.org.uk) or phone 07871 513151.



### Iona Trip (late Aug 2021): why not plan something special for the future:



Helen Jenkins (from St Andrew's in Congresbury) some time ago put forward the idea of going back to Iona for a pilgrimage week. We were fortunate to get a booking at Bishop's House (the Church of Scotland Retreat House) at the end of August 2021 (once the midges have gone). About half the places are now taken but we need to decide whether to open it up to more than just people from our Churches. So why not take a look at the information (Kirsty is kindly putting it up on the website: [www.newcreationchurches.org.uk](http://www.newcreationchurches.org.uk)) and maybe think about coming along. It promises to be a very special time and you'd be very welcome. Matt

### Christian Aid Week Starts 10th May 2020

We are unable to have a Christian Aid Week service or collection. So, Please follow the link below to donate online and to find out how else you can help Christian Aid this year. Thank you. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>