

FELLOWSHIP AND KINDNESS

'Bigger Table' Project

Based on the book 'The Bigger Table' we have been promoting bringing people together to come and share our life stories over a meal. Something so simple but also deeply enriching.



Offering hospitality

We work hard at promoting kindness and building relationships wherever we can, in church and within the community in partnership with the Parish Councils and others through Love Banwell and Love Congresbury.

KEY UPDATES FOR 2024



DEVELOPING WORSHIP

Launching a NEW "Café" style Church service



On the 1st Sunday in the month at 6.30pm in Banwell there will be a new style of service for those who like a more relaxed and modern worship with time to ask and share questions and to discuss our faith. (This will also include and replace the 'Explore@4' online service)

Launching New Morning Worship Service

This will run fortnightly in Congresbury at 10.30am led by one of our Lay Readers.

All our services are listed on the website and in Pew News

HOLDING REGULAR AND SPECIAL EVENTS

DreamShed

Following the success of 'Joseph and the technicolour Dreamcoat' performance success, those involved have formed a NEW theatre company. Using the ethos of ChickenShed inclusive theatre in London, the new 'DreamShed' meets on Sunday evenings at 5.30-7.00pm in Congresbury.



Coffee Concerts in Congresbury

The new daytime concerts in Congresbury have proved popular in November and more are planned for the New Year.

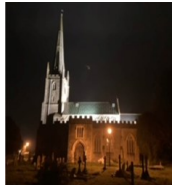
Village Fete and Harvest Homes

We continue with annual events such as the Village Fete organised by Love Congresbury and the two Harvest Homes. We are always looking for volunteers to help. Please get in touch (details overleaf).



MAJOR BUILDING PROJECTS AND REPAIRS

Church Spire Lighting



The Church Spire in Congresbury has new lighting and is now lit up every evening. Many days are sponsored by individuals wishing to 'Light Up for Love' in memory of a loved one.

New sound system and lighting in Congresbury

Congresbury now has a new sound system which has greatly aided those listening both in church and online.

Reorganisation in both churches is ongoing.

PERSONAL DISCIPLESHIP AND PRAYER

Relaunch of Soul Gym in February

Soul Gym is a wonderful time for group discussion and Christian meditation. It will be held on the 1st Monday of each month at 1pm and 7.30pm.



Daily Blog Entering its 5th Year!

March 2025 will mark 5 years of the daily blog. Started during the pandemic, it has become a staple part of our discipleship life together. It is posted every day on our Facebook Page (details overleaf).

Online and in-person home groups continue throughout the year.

REACHING OUT TO NEW HOUSING PROJECTS

'Banwell Village' Project

We are working with the Parish Councils to keep updated on all new building projects, particularly the new 'Banwell Village' project which encompasses the bypass, new community spaces and two new Primary Schools. We want to create a team to make and take 'Welcome Packs' for all newcomers to our villages.

CREATING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SPACE

'Children's Corners' Makeovers

Banwell and Congresbury 'Children's Corners' have had a makeover in preparation for a complete overhaul to allow for Sunday School areas in both churches. This is an ongoing project and we welcome any suggestions for improvements.



We enjoy a wonderful relationship with the three Primary Schools in our area and provide regular assemblies and special services, for example the recent 'Experience Christmas', Nativities and Carol Services.

IMPROVING COMMUNICATION AND BUILDING ON OUR ONLINE WORK



New Instagram Account



We have started a new Instagram account as another way to keep updated as well as weekly 'Pew News' sheets weekly adverts at the start of our services, content on A Church Near You, our own website, Facebook and YouTube.

CARING FOR THE PLANET (ECO-CHURCH)

'Reduce, Re-use, Recycle!'

Continuing to 'Reduce' the amount of single use products. 'Re-using' everything we can and 'Recycling' as much as possible. A new candle wax recycling bin is available in St. Andrew's, Congresbury car park.

We are working towards 'ECO-CHURCH' status with A Rocha.

