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will be Friday 17th October**

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Chew Stoke: Tina Kilroy	Nempnett Thrubwell:	Nick Houlton
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Chew Stoke: Tina Kilroy, Jessica McInnes, Laura Down, Sheila Limburn, Lindsey Suenson-Taylor, Andrew Troup (Vice Chair), Les Poynter, Jerry Moorhouse, Sue Cook and Hazel Wedlake

Nempnett Thrubwell: Jane Batten, James Everett, Geraldine Ford, Nick Houlton, Alison Howard, Hugo King, Jane Oosthuizen, Rosemary Porter, Dorian and Kathleen Haskard

Chew Stoke Sidespeople: Mesdames: Down, Downey, Kilroy, Limburn, Patch, Manville, McInnis, and Troup,
Messrs: Jameson and Moorhouse.

Website

A reminder that full details of forthcoming services and events in our benefice of Chew Valley West can be found on our website: www.chewvalleywest.org

Letter from our Curate, the Rev Fran Smetton

Dear Friends,

The eagerly awaited rain has finally made an appearance, bringing much-needed relief to our surroundings. The lawn has regained its vibrant green hue, the grass in the fields is beginning to flourish once more, and familiar puddles are forming along the roads. Despite the unmistakably autumnal chill in the air, there is little room for complaint, given how desperately we have needed the rain.

October marks the period when most of our parishes come together to celebrate Harvest. During this time, we gather to express our gratitude for the crops that have been grown and gathered, and to thank God for His enduring goodness. While it may seem unusual to offer thanks at a time when farmers are already resorting to winter fodder for their livestock and our gardens still bear the scars of a dry summer, Harvest serves as a reminder that much in life remains beyond our direct control.

There is a unique satisfaction found in singing Harvest hymns — be it the cheerful "Cauliflowers Fluffy" or the classic "Come Ye Thankful People, Come", and in bringing gifts to be shared among those in need. The vibrant displays of apples, corn, and sunflowers in our churches underscore the bounty and beauty of the season. These traditions remind us that we do not exist in isolation. Instead, we are part of a wider community, one that extends beyond humanity to include plants, animals, fungi, the soil beneath our feet, the water we drink, and the land we inhabit.

This Harvest season, you are warmly invited to participate in any of our churches' Harvest thanksgivings, or simply to spend a quiet moment reflecting on your place within the broader community of creation. Take this opportunity to acknowledge the gifts that this interconnected community offers, and to give thanks for the role we all play within it.

Yours in Christ,

Fran

Church News



Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing is celebrated in our group of parishes on the **first** and **third Wednesdays** of each month at 10.30am. This month:

Wednesday 1st October

St Katharine's, Felton at 10.30am

Wednesday 15th October

St Andrew's, Chew Stoke at 10.30am

*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.' (Matthew 11:18)*



NEW! Baby & Toddler Group 'Tuesday Tots' in Chew Stoke!

You are welcome to join our new Baby & Toddler group 'Tuesday Tots' in St Andrew's on **the Second and Fourth Tuesdays of each month** between 10.30am and midday.

Please spread the word to mums, dads & carers and come along to enjoy some refreshments, conversation, music and sensory play.

Tuesday Tots will also meet in St Mary & St Peter's, Winford on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the same time.

Chew Stoke Tuesday Tots: 14th and 28th October

Winford Tuesday Tots: 7th & 21st October

NEW! Mind and Spirit Care Cafe



Our monthly Care Café for those experiencing conditions affecting memory and those who care for them will be held on

Wednesday 8th October.

This will be a relaxed space to enjoy conversation and offer mutual support with free refreshments. Care Café opens from **10.30am in Felton Village Hall.**

Weekly Church e-Newsletter

If you would like to receive a weekly email Newsletter with a reminder of service times for the coming Sunday, details of readings, and some thoughts on the readings with prayer suggestions, please sign-up via our website:

<https://chewvalleywest.org/newsletter>



Harvest Thanksgiving

**This year's services for Harvest Thanksgiving
will be held**

**in St Andrew's on Sunday 5th October at 10.30am and
in St Mary's, Nempnett Thrubwell on Sunday 12th October at 9.30am.**

**At St Andrews the Mini Melody and Jubilee choirs will be singing and there will
be refreshment after the service. Donations of tinned and dried goods for the
work of the Sisters of Mercy in Bristol gratefully received.**

Help with decoration of the Church Saturday 4th from 10.00a.m. welcome.

Fran's news

Community gardening has come to an end, with a wonderful harvest of potatoes, tomatoes, courgettes, peas, broad beans, cucumbers, corn, cauliflowers, carrots, kohlrabi and onions already picked, and with a few cabbages still to go. It's been a wonderful space to be in over the spring and summer – thank you to everyone who has dug, weeded, watered and planted, and to Joanna and Alan for their hospitality. If you have done anything in the garden you are most welcome to come to Sunday First Harvest and give thanks to God for everything we have grown!



St Andrew's Charity Soup Lunches start again!

The first will be on Wednesday 1st October
from 12.30 till 1.30pm In the Village hall.

Do come and enjoy our home made soups with bread, cheese and pate.

Tea/coffee and home made cakes will be available too.

£7 entry, children under 5 £1.



This month all proceeds will go to
the Carpenters Foodbank at the Withywood Centre



Community Choir

The next Community Choir rehearsal will be held on

Thursday 9th October at 7.00pm in Winford Church.

As always, these sessions are free and everything you need will be provided. If you haven't been before, you will be made very welcome! There is no audition and singers of every standard and level of experience can join in.



St Andrew's Chew Stoke - new or experienced bell ringers wanted !

**Bell Ringing instruction offered for anyone interested in keeping
the bells of St Andrew's ringing.**

This is a valued and worthwhile skill to have. You can stick to the basics needed to ring rounds and simple call changes, or you can progress to more complicated methods if you wish.

This is an opportunity for younger students who may wish to learn this skill as part of a Duke of Edinburgh Award, but all ages welcome. Instruction is available at Winford, Ubley and Clutton, but ideally 2 or 3 would start together at a learning hub like Backwell where they can learn the basics with fellow beginners and then progress to join in at other

towers and eventually be the ones to get the Chew Stoke bells ringing again !

Contact hazelwedlake@gmail.com to be put in touch with our local instructors.

St Andrew's, Chew Stoke

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Sunday October 19th

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October Services

	Sunday 5 October Trinity 16	Sunday 12 October Trinity 17	Sunday 19 October Trinity 18	Sunday 26 October Last Sunday after Trinity	Sunday 2 November All Saints' Day
CHEW STOKE St Andrew	10.30am Sunday First with Eucharist (Harvest Thanksgiving)		6.30pm Evensong		10.00am Sunday First 4.00pm Service of Remembrance for Loved Ones Departed
NEMPNETT THRUB- WELL The Blessed Virgin Mary		9.30am Eucharist (Harvest Thanksgiving)		6.30pm Evensong	
FELTON St Katharine	5.00pm Evensong (Harvest Thanksgiving)	11.00am Eucharist		9.00am Eucharist	
WINFORD St Mary & St Peter	9.00am Eucharist			11.00am Eucharist (Harvest Thanksgiving)	9.00am Eucharist
REGIL St James			8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)		
STOWEY St Nicholas & The Blessed Virgin Mary	6.30pm Evensong (Harvest Thanksgiving)	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)		6.30pm Evensong VEN TONY WILDS	6.30pm Evensong for All Souls
BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity		4.00pm Even- song (Harvest Thanksgiving)	10.30am Eucharist		

St Andrews October Duty Rota

Flowers: 5th & 12th Altar Clare Downey, **Lady Chapel:** Sarah Manville **19th & 26th Altar & Lady**

Chapel: Lucy Masters

Cleaning & Brass: Sarah Manville & Jessica McInnes

Sunday 5th October 10.00am Sunday First & Harvest Thanksgiving Eucharist

Sidespeople: Sara H & Sheila **Reader:** Sue Cook Philppians 4: 4-9

Sunday 19th October 6.30pm Evensong

Sidespeople: Jessica & Sheila

Readers: Liz W & Andrew T Genesis 32: 22-31 Luke 18: 1-8

Nempnett October Duty Rota

Sunday 12th 9.30am Harvest festival. Cleaner Gail Houlden, Reader - Nick Houlton

Sunday 26th 6.30pm. Cleaner - Mary Maggs, Reader - Rosemary Porter

Grasscutting September 28th - October 11th - Ingrid Wilms

October 12th - October 25th - David Howard.

Parish Clerk Needed

Nempnett Thrubwell Parish Council are urgently seeking somebody to take on the role of Clerk and Financial Officer. This takes less than a day most weeks with hours to suit, plus one meeting per month. Could suit anybody organised and conscientious with a few hours to spare. Contact the current clerk or phone the Chair on 01761 462039 for further details.

COFFEE MORNING in aid of The Salvation Army

Saturday 1st November.

10-12pm

At The Village Hall, Pilgrims Way.

Come and join us for coffee/tea and homemade cakes.

We are going to fill Xmas bags for adults to be given to them following their Xmas day lunch. We will have the bags for sale and some goods to buy.

There will be a raffle.

Entry £3 for adults £1 for children

Mel Jameson (07702989925)

Chew Valley Arts Trail 2025

6 Venues open in Chew Stoke

Come and support our creative locals who will be opening six studios and venues in Chew Stoke for the 22nd Chew Valley Arts Trail, taking place on **Sat 11th and Sunday 12th October** from 10am to 6pm daily.

Across the Valley the Trail can boast 46 exhibitors in 26 venues. This is a chance for people to meet and talk to our regular exhibitors, who are joined by 17 newcomers to the trail, all with a wide range of work to show. Visitors can browse or purchase treasures, get tips or learn about future activities and workshops. Participants include painters, sculptors, carpenters, jewellers, lino cutters, photographers, potters and an internationally renowned street artist and a Sculptor in the Skittle Alley at The Stoke !

Brochures with map are widely available and can also be viewed on the web-site www.chewvalleyartstrail.co.uk which gives directions, accessibility and refreshment information.

1. A multi-agency meeting was held on 3rd Sept to discuss road safety issues and recent dangerous driving incidents in the parish and Chew Valley. This was hosted by CSPC and was a productive and helpful meeting. Avon & Somerset Police, B&NES and representatives from other Parish Councils in the Chew valley attended. A&SP have been working hard in the background and are committed to resolving the issues and specifically the car and motor-bike meets and racing witnessed at Herons Green. A&SP asked for residents to report as many incidents as possible, details below. By reporting, the police can record accurately and implement the necessary resources to tackle the issue. A&SP will continue to plan over the winter with regular meetings with Parish Councils. Discussed various powers A&SP can use to resolve the situation. Police staffing numbers are due to be increased in the Chew Valley. CSPC will consider joining a Chew Valley wide Community Speedwatch. Regarding the chronic speeding in the area and through the villages, the police speed camera will continue to focus on the Chew Valley. (806 penalty notices have been issued in the last 3 months).

2. There is currently 1 Councillor vacancy on the Parish Council, CSPC would welcome hearing from anyone interested in becoming a Councillor.

3. Work to improve the surface of the footpath from Church Lane towards the waterfall has commenced, the footpath is closed for 3 weeks.

4. B&NES's Local Plan Options Document will be available for comments from residents from Friday 3rd October to Friday 14th November. The consultation will be hosted via our dedicated website: <https://bathnesplaces.co.uk> This stage follows [the Local Plan Options consultation held in Spring 2024](#), and reflects the Council's decision to [reset the Local Plan process](#) in response to changes in national planning policy and local priorities. The reset Options Document sets out revised approaches to development across Bath and North East Somerset, including updated site options and policy directions. If you notice something that needs reporting, please report via www.fixmystreet.com

Next meeting Thursday 2nd October 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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How to report anti-social driving



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Non-emergency line where the issue is not of an immediate nature, but attendance (if possible) is preferred.

 **REPORT TO 101 ONLINE**

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/>
choosing the relevant topic relating to the issue.

SCHOOL NEWS

A Harvest Home to Remember

What a wonderful day we had at this year's Chew Stoke Harvest Home! The tent was buzzing with excitement and filled to the brim with the children's fantastic creations - from thoughtful poems and colourful art to clever crafts that showed off just how imaginative our pupils can be. It was lovely to see families, friends, and neighbours stopping by to admire the displays and enjoy the friendly, community spirit that makes this event so special.

A big thank you goes to our brilliant teaching assistants who rolled up their sleeves to get everything set up, to the ever-enthusiastic PTA for all their support, and of course to the generous villagers of Chew Stoke who make Harvest Home happen year after year.

Pictured is Hattie receiving a certificate for her Harvest Home entry.



Gadget Busters here to help with any IT problems

Having difficulty using the Green Buses, WESTLink App or website to book a ride? Or do you have problems using your laptop, iPad, tablet, phone or digital camera? Or maybe you want to make video calls, send photos or use WhatsApp to contact your friends and family, but don't know how. Gadget Busters are here to help! **It costs £3 per session, all of which will go to charity.**

Either book by emailing cvgadgetbusters@gmail.com or turn up on the day.

October 8th, The Queens, Chew Magna
November 12th, The Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke



The Arts Society Mendip

Our new season of talks starts in October and will run through to July 2026. Talks begin at 11.00am in Croscombe Village Hall (and usually simultaneously via Zoom – a link will be sent to members and guests). Guests are welcome (up to a maximum of 3 lectures in a season) for £10. More information, details of membership and our full programme are available on our website- www.theartsocietymendip.org.uk

Tuesday 7th October: Palmyra: Bride of the desert. Dr Paul Roberts will examine Palmyra's meteoric rise and its dramatic fall, its rediscovery by English lords, its influence on art and architecture, and then its desecration by Isis, but he will finish with the hope that beautiful Palmyra will rise again.

Chew Valley Gardening Society

This friendly society meets on the second Thursday of the month at Stanton Drew Village Hall where there is easy access and parking.

There will be a meeting on Thursday October 9th when Gavin Haig will give a zoom talk on 'The Healing Garden'.

The competition will be for three healing herbs.



If you would like to become a member please contact Graham Nicol on 01275 333456 or just come along, you are warmly invited.

Friendly Keep-Fit class at 10am on Tuesday mornings at Chew Stoke Village Hall.

Just bring a mat to join in aerobic movement to music followed by floor exercises. Only £5 a session!



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THE SALT PATH – October 30th

The Salt Path is an impressive, intelligent adaptation of Raynor Winn's memoir about walking the South West Coast Path from Somerset to Dorset, with her husband, Moth. Unlike other hikers, the couple were not walking for pleasure – at least not to begin with. They had nowhere else to go after losing their farm. From theatre director Marianne Elliott it stars Gillian Anderson and Jason Isaacs both giving lovely, emotional, low-key performances

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Thursday October 23rd : Avon Wildlife Trust - Chew Valley Group:

“THE KESTREL”.

This illustrated talk by Naomi Johns answers the question: what happened to the raptor that used to line the motor-ways?

Chew Magna Old School Room, 7.45pm. Admission £2.50. Refreshments.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES:

JUMBLE SALE for Avon Wildlife Trust, Old School Room Chew Magna - Saturday 10th January 2026



A wonderful day for the Harvest Home in September, both with weather and attendance. The WI stall was well supplied with cakes and produce - thank you WI Members. With so many stalls selling all kinds of food, we did well to make a very presentable £259.

September brought us back indoors again to hear a talk from Bristol Street pastor, Helen Harrison.

At next month's meeting on Wednesday 15th October, we meet Martin Bentham, a local artist specialising in countryside views and events and hopefully bringing some of his work for us to see.

Guests always welcome to any of our meetings at Chew Stoke Village Hall BS40 8TT (£5 entry) These take place on the third Wednesdays of the month at 7.30pm. On November 19th there will be the AGM & quiz. and on 10th December there will be an Early Xmas Craft meeting
President -Hazel Wedlake 01275 332 812
Secretary chewstokewi@avonfwi.org.uk

Harptrees History Society West Harptree Memorial Hall. BS40 6EG

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Wednesday 29th October

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info@harptreeshistorysociety.org with subject line "October 2025"

Harvest Home

Once again, we were blessed with a wonderful sunny day for Chew Stoke Harvest Home. A bumper crowd enjoyed all things Chew Valley from amazing bands to food, produce and crafts. New for 2025 was a cookery demo with wine pairings to tickle the taste buds. The Committee worked extremely hard and wish to extend their thanks to the multitude of helpers, the Ogborne family and, of course, Joanna Tiley Estate Agents who kindly sponsored the show. Steve Davey

Flower Show results

Fred Penny Salver: Richard Crane (see photo below)

Garrett Cup for vegetables & flowers: Richard Crane

Blackwell Cup for a collection of vegetables: Ana Podgorska

Jubilee Cup for preserves & cookery: Rhian Thorne

Victoria Rose Bowl for best Victoria sandwich cake: Sue Read

Mr & Mrs Keel Trophy for floral art: Nichola Ainger

Jubilee Village Cup for young peoples' classes: Henry Nelson

Dorothy Thompson Trophy for the most exhibits: Richard Crane

Best in Show: Joanna Brown (see photo below)

Congratulations to the committee for a wonderful flower show and day altogether!
(Ed.)



Curry Lunch Event Thursday 13th November

The Chew Valley Branch of the RNLI is holding the popular Curry lunch again this year, at the Ubley Parish Hall, BS40 6PN, and we are looking forward to welcoming supporters to our event, when the doors open at 12noon. The curry main course is served with the usual accompaniments (vegetarian option is available) and is followed by a choice of delicious home made desserts. We will have a cash bar with a choice of beer, wines and soft drinks.

We will run our usual raffle with some great prizes and RNLI Portishead will be on hand with Christmas cards. We have held our price over the last two years but have reluctantly had to increase the price this year to £17.50 pp.

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