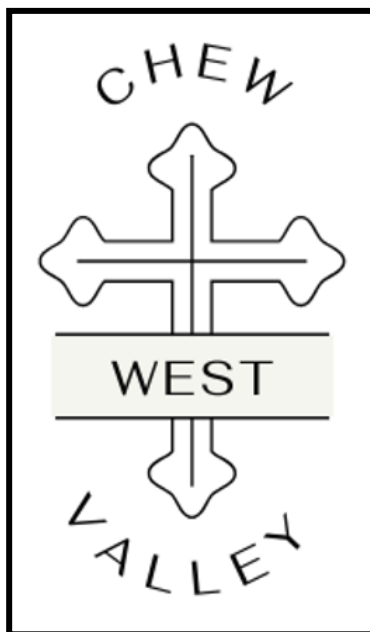


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Chew Stoke: Tina Kilroy, Jessica McInnes, Sheila Limburn, Lindsey Suenson-Taylor, Andrew Troup (Vice Chair), Jerry Moorhouse, Sue Cook, Hazel Wedlake, Sara Hindle and David Stephenson.

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

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Messrs: Jerry 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 Ministry Team

Dear Friends and Neighbours,



“Be fruitful and multiply”

In our Harvest Thanksgiving Service we offer to God our produce in gratitude for the bountiful yield and His generous provision for our needs, for the labour of farmers and gardeners, and the rain, sunshine and growth of the crops through God’s grace.

We give thanks also for those who contribute in other ways to our well-being and material needs, for the productivity of our industries, public services, schools and universities. We offer also as a Harvest offering to God our skills, expertise and time, to be used for the benefit of others as well as ourselves.

Above all we thank God for the spiritual growth and harvest of souls, for those who have allowed the Word to grow in their hearts, and who give their fruit by sharing the love of God with everyone they meet, especially those who are still seeking the spiritual side of their lives.

We thank God for the seed of His word in our hearts that is growing and bearing fruit through His grace. Our gift is to be aware of and alert to the spiritual needs of others, and to find out where God is working among us, so that we can join in bringing in the Harvest in God’s Kingdom.

Yours in Christ
Rev’d Victor Barley

Services in Chew Valley West Benefice in October 2026

SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER

Trinity 18

8.30 am (BCP)	REGIL, St. James	Holy Communion
10.30 am	CHEW STOKE, St Andrew	Harvest Thanksgiving
11.00 am	FELTON, St Katharine	Harvest Thanksgiving
6.30 pm	STOWEY, St Nicholas & St. Mary	Harvest Choral Evensong

SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER

Trinity 19

8.30 am (BCP)	STOWEY, St. Nicholas & St. Mary	Holy Communion
11.00 am	WINFORD, St Mary & St. Peter	Harvest Thanksgiving

SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER

Luke the Evangelist

9.30 am	NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, St. Mary	Harvest Eucharist
11.00 am	BISHOP SUTTON, Holy Trinity	Harvest Thanksgiving

SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER

Last Sunday after Trinity

9.00 am	FELTON, St. Katharine	Morning Worship
11.00 am	WINFORD, St. Mary & St. Peter	Eucharist
4.00 pm	NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, St. Mary	Evensong
6.30 pm	STOWEY, St. Nicholas & St Mary	Evensong

SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER

All Saints' Day

8.30am	REGIL, St James	Morning Prayer
10.30 am	CHEW STOKE, St Andrew	Eucharist



St Andrews Harvest Festival

Sunday 4th October

at 10.30am

led by Angela Fraser

followed by coffee and
harvest cakes and biscuits

Please bring foodstuffs for distribution at the Foodbank
of The Community of the Sisters of the Church, Bristol

St Andrews Duty Rota for October

Flowers Altar & Lady Chapel: Clare Downey and Sarah Manville

Cleaning & Brass: Sarah Manville & Jessica McInnes

Services

Sunday 4th October 10.30 Harvest Thanksgiving

Sidespeople Jessica & Sheila

Readers Sue C Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 or 28:1-14

Cynthia Luke 12: 16-30 or 17: 11-19

Sunday 1st November 10.30am All Saints Day Eucharist

Sidespeople: Lindsey & Sara

Readers: Philippa

St Andrews during Vacancy

General enquiries

The churchwardens will manage general enquiries (weddings, baptisms, funerals etc) and liaise with the Area Dean and Archdeacon for support. We encourage the use of the church as normal during the vacancy.

Churchyard and building

We are very grateful to the band of volunteers who help keep the building and churchyard in good order. Everything from grass cutting and flower arranging to minor repairs. We would really love some more help. Even a few hours once a year makes all the difference.

As always, we are extremely grateful to the ongoing support of the PCC.

Tina Kilroy 07920 246322

Andrew Troup 07562 239152 (Churchwardens)

Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing will be celebrated in our group of parishes on the **first & third Wednesdays of the month at 10.30am**



Wednesday 7th October - St Katharine's, Felton

Wednesday 21st October - St Andrew's, Chew Stoke

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

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>



Mind and Spirit Care Café Wednesday October 14th

Mind and spirit care café meets once a month on the second Wednesday of the month at Felton village hall at 10-30 am.

We are a friendly bunch of people who may look after someone with memory loss or have memory loss..... or are just looking for friendship as maybe you don't have the chance to socialize much.

The group is very friendly and supportive of others. If you feel this is you, then you are most welcome to join us , refreshments provided and friendship!

Contact Becky for any further details 07780734713

Save the date for the PCC Christmas Craft Sale!

Saturday 28th November 10a.m. -12noon

Chew Stoke Village Hall .

Inviting all local craftspersons to book a table. @ £20

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

Come and join us for Harvest Festival
at St Mary's Nempnett Thrubwell



SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER
9:30 AM

Please Bring non-perishable goods to the Church
before or to the service for distribution
to Bishopworth Food Bank

Lunch in the Village Hall
Time 1pm

Details : Jane Batten
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Nick Houlton
07766752327

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Lunch in the Village Hall: 12.30pm Complimentary Drink

1pm Traditional Sunday Roast

(Vegetarian option available)

2pm Raffle

B.Y.O. drinks

Nempnett Church Duty Rota

18th October Harvest:

Cleaner: Gerry Reader: Hugo

25th October Evensong

Cleaner: Nick Reader: Rosemary

Churchyard Maintenance

September 28th-October 11th Ingrid Wilms

October 12th-25th David Howard

Burledge Iron Age Hillfort

**On Friday 30th October at 7pm, Stowey Church will host a presentation by
Andy Mayes about Burledge Iron Age Hillfort:**

‘Prehistory and the Poor House’.

Andy is a professional Archaeologist with over 30 years' experience in the field and as a consultant. He has worked on many of our key heritage sites, including the Stonehenge World Heritage Site and the Historic Royal Palaces.

Burledge is an early Iron Age promontory hillfort dating from around 800BC, but with indications of earlier Bronze Age farming. Recent geophysical survey suggests that the hillfort contains a well-preserved settlement including several round houses.

In addition, within the hillfort is the former site of a late 18th Century Poor House which served some of the villages in the wider community. Andy's research on the hillfort has also led to the discovery of a potentially important oval banked enclosure of unknown date within fields to the east. The enclosure is located within fields named 'Nimblett' on early maps. This name is very unusual and may derive from the Celtic term *Nemeton* or sacred enclosure.

Andy's research on Burledge presents an intriguing glimpse into our local pre-historic and more recent past, which it's hoped will lead to further investigation.

Come and learn more from Andy, in the beautiful environment of this historic church. There'll be plenty of opportunity for questions. Book now to secure your place!

Booking essential: activities.stoweyrevived@outlook.com

Stowey Church: BS39 5TQ

Free entry, retiring cash collection



St Andrews Charity Soup Lunches start again!

on 7th October in the Village Hall

from 12.30 -1.30

In aid of 'Help Rural Nepal'

to help with their work after the flood devastation

Home made soups and cakes

£7 on the door (Children £1 under 5yrs)

Please do come and support us again!



Coffee Morning

for the Salvation Army

Saturday 31st October 10-11.30am.

Chew Stoke Village Hall.

**Come and have a coffee/tea and homemade cakes
and buy your bag ready to fill with Xmas gifts
for the Salvation Army.**

There will be a sale of goods and a raffle.

£4 entry £2 for children



Chew Stoke Church School says farewell and thank you to Rev Ian

Chew Stoke Church School recently said a very special thank you and farewell to Reverend Ian, during the school's end-of-year Leavers' Service at St Andrew's Church, Chew Stoke.

Rev Ian has played an important role in the life of the school. He has worked hard to forge and strengthen the links between the school, St Andrew's Church and the wider community, becoming a much-valued presence to pupils, staff and families.

Rev Ian has led many worships in school, helping pupils to explore and celebrate their Christian faith, and has also shared his love of music by leading two school choirs. Through these opportunities, he has helped pupils to develop their confidence, enjoy singing together and become more connected with the life of the local church and community.

The school was delighted to be able to thank Rev Ian during the Leavers' Service at St Andrew's Church, which provided a fitting opportunity to celebrate his contribution to the school and to say farewell as he prepares to take up his new role as Rector of Bath Abbey.

Headteacher Ben Hewett said: "Thank you, Rev Ian, for everything you have done for our school and the wider Chew Valley community. You have worked hard to forge strong links between the school, St Andrew's and the local community, and your support and enthusiasm have made a real difference to our pupils and families".

The school community looks forward to continuing its strong relationship with St Andrew's Church and the wider churches of the Chew Valley, while wishing Rev Ian every success and happiness as he begins this exciting new chapter at Bath Abbey..

Rev Ian receiving a thank you gift from Ben Hewett, Headteacher of Chew Stoke Church School



Chew Stoke Parish Council News

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Revised draft Local Plan – possible housing on Hedgehogs. This has been published, and was agreed to go forward to public consultation at the B&NES Cabinet meeting on the 10th Sept. The consultation period runs from 16th Sept until 23rd October. The revised Plan is the B&NES response to the Government doubling the overall house building target for the area from 14,000 to 27,340. Included in the proposal is up to 100 houses on Hedgehogs field in Chew Stoke. The PC last year did support the then designation of up to 30 houses on this site. This addresses the principle of using the site, which is in the greenbelt, and outside the housing development boundary for up to 100 houses. As such it is not a planning application, but a designation. The landowner is keen to meet residents to discuss their thoughts for the site, CSPC arranged 2 drop-in sessions for residents to meet the landowner and ask questions. CSPC is keen to hear residents' views. CSPC will agree its response as a statutory consultee at the Parish Council Meeting on October 1st (7.30pm in the Village Hall).

The recording of B&NES Cabinet Meeting last week may prove helpful in explaining the bigger picture and current situation and can be found at:

[B&NES Cabinet Meeting Sept 2026](#)

The relevant sections are from 40-50mins and 1.21-1.26mins.

Dangerous driving and racing in the Chew Valley – a campaign group called RORR (Rescue our Rural Roads) has been formed and is busy raising the issues and meeting with key personnel at B&NES, Avon and Somerset Police, the Police and Crime Commissioner's Officer and Government. Evidence is still needed by the police, please continue to report what you can to 101, or 101 online, or 999 if there is a danger to life.

Youth Provision in Chew Stoke – football goals have been set up in Rectory Field. A Working Group has been set up to move ideas forward with a new Chair. CSPC welcomed the input from 2 younger members of the village who have also offered to do some fundraising. Discussed plans to have a concrete table tennis table at the bottom of Rectory Field, (& hire bats from the shop, possibly have sail for shade over the top of the table). To progress.

Councillor vacancy – we currently have 2 vacancies on Chew Stoke Parish Council, now is a great time to consider joining a great team and giving it a go. Please contact us on clerk@chewstokeparishcouncil.gov.uk for more information.

Next meeting: Thursday 1st October 7.30pm in Chew Stoke Village Hall.

Clubs and Societies



At the MAJESTIC

Aka Chew Stoke Village Hall

Thursday 29th October

Doors open 7pm for 7:30 screening

The Outfit (15)

Mark Rylance stars as Leonard, an English expert cutter who runs a tailor's shop in Chicago and must outwit a dangerous group of mobsters in order to survive a fateful night. His customers include a group of vicious gangsters who use the shop as a stash house for dirty money and messages. Leonard tolerates this arrangement as the men are his best customers. After a gangland shooting, Leonard is forced to treat one of the wounded mobsters and hide a briefcase containing a copy of an FBI recording with detailed information on the crew's operations, provided by Al Capone's nationwide syndicate, "The Outfit". The gangsters suspect a rat in their midst and the quest for the insider plays out in a tense series of events in and around the shop. This American psychological thriller / crime drama is the directorial debut film from Graham Moore with a neat twist in the end. <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt14114802/>

Chew Valley Gadget Busters - here to help with digital devices

October 14th, The Queens, Chew Magna

November 11th, The Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke

Having difficulty using the local buses 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.

Chew Valley Gadget Busters are holding face to face sessions, thanks to The Queens pub in Chew Magna and the Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke. So do visit **Gadget Busters** who are here to help.

Either book an appointment by e-mailing cvgadgetbusters@gmail.com, or turn up on the day. We hold one 2-hour session each month, from 12.30-2.30 pm on a Wednesday, alternating between Chew Magna and Chew Stoke. It costs £3 per appointment, all of which will go to charity.



Members and visitors attending our September meeting were once again treated to a wonderful presentation by Richard Rickitt. His fascinating and richly illustrated talk outlined the perils faced by bees and other pollinators in the UK; under threat from the modern-day onslaught of pesticides, loss of habitat and intensive agriculture. Inspired to think about bees and our gardens in a new way I, for one, am looking forward to creating a pollinator oasis!

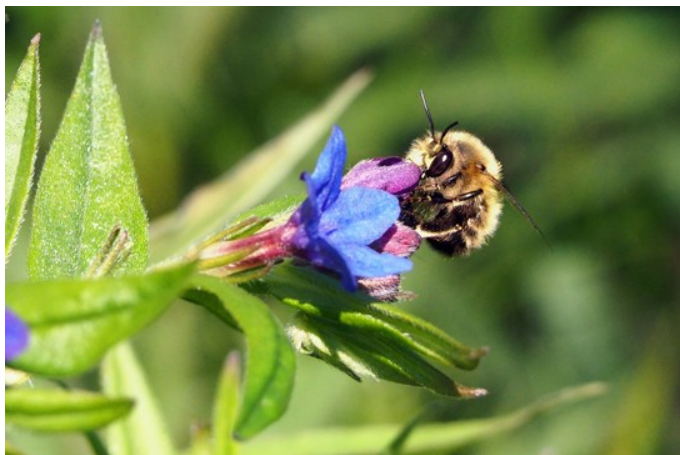
Hospice Care Week 2026 takes place from 5-11 October, and CSWI members are pleased to announce they will be hosting



**A Proper Coffee Morning on Saturday 10 October
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Keep an eye out for further details on local social media and posters around the village.

For further information about our meetings, email: chewstokewi@avonfwi.org.uk



@Richard Rickitt

Chew Valley Gardening Society

This friendly society meets on the second Thursday of the month at Stanton Drew Village Hall at 7.30 for 8pm where there is easy access and parking.

On **Thursday 8th October Caradoc Doy will be speaking on 'Fantastic Foliage Plants'**

and the competition will be for the most interesting or beautiful piece of fantastic foliage.

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

£5 entrance.

You are warmly invited.



**Friendly Keep-Fit class at 10am on Tuesday mornings
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**Thursday October 22nd 2026: Avon Wildlife Trust - Chew Valley
Group: "The Secret Lives of GARDEN BEES".** Illustrated talk by Jean
Vernon. Jean introduces us to the familiar and unfamiliar bees that live and
breed in our gardens - charming bumblebees and fascinating solitary bees
that bring our gardens alive and pollinate our plants.

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



Hartrees History Society
Wednesday 28th October
Keynsham Abbey, Characters and Events

Elaine Cook, Chair of Bristol History and Archaeological Society, will be talking about Keynsham Abbey at our October meeting. An Anglo Saxon Minster and burial ground had made Keynsham a place of significant religious importance and by the twelfth century there was a large, rich and powerful Augustinian Abbey. Nowadays, few people know of its existence, and little physical evidence of it remains, but archaeological work which took place during and after the building of the Keynsham by-pass has revealed a wealth of information.

Visitors are very welcome to this event, space permitting, with a donation of £3 a head. Booking in advance is essential (see below) although you can pay on the night.

West Hartree Memorial Hall. BS40 6EG Doors open at 7.15pm for 7.30pm.

Visitor booking opens on October 14th and closes at 5pm on October 27th.

To book, please email: info@hartreeshistorysociety.org

Chew Stoke Harvest Home 2026

The village came together to celebrate the changing of the seasons on 5th September at Chew Stoke Harvest Home. Around 2000 people enjoyed entertainment, good food and a wide variety of stalls.

The Flower Show received an abundance of entries with a special mention to Steven and Sue Read who collected three awards between them. (See photo) A highlight this year was the two bands of very talented Chew Valley School musicians, Sonder and Given, who played throughout the afternoon. A revamped Dog Show brought to us by Debbie Neal from Pet Hub was extremely popular.

A special thank you to Joanna Tiley and the Ogborne family for supporting this wonderful and well loved village event.

None of this would be possible without a committed team of volunteers. If you would like to join the committee please contact info@chewstokeharvesthome.org.uk.

PTO for the full list of Flower Show winners





The full list of the Flower Show winners:

The Fred Penney Salver: Steven Read
 Garrett Cup, Open Classes: David Bath
 Blackwell Cup, Collection of vegetables: David Bath
 Jubilee Cup, Cookery & Preserves: Sue Read
 Victoria Bowl, Victoria sandwich cake: Jan Osborne
 Mr & Mrs Keel Cup for Floral Art: Lucy Brown
 Jubilee Village Cup for Young people: Henry Nielson
 Dorothy Thompson Cup for most exhibits:
 Steven & Sue Read (See photo)
 Best Exhibit in Show: Joanna Brown

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