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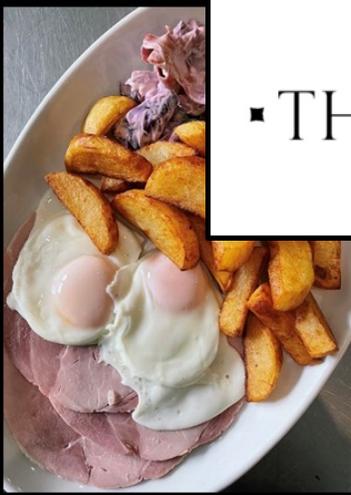


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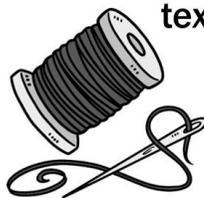
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will be Friday 17th January**

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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 Rector, the Rev. Dr. Ian Mills

Dear Friends,

The winter months of early darkness and shortening days will soon be punctuated by many thousands of tiny, blazing lights. Homes, schools, businesses and churches in our villages will be bathed in the glow of countless glistening fairy lights and candles each evening in the run-up to Christmas.

In church, the four weeks preceding Christmas are set aside as a special time for preparation. This season of Advent is really all about darkness, and how darkness was broken by a wonderful light. 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light' wrote the prophet Isaiah in the Old Testament, foretelling that our dark world would one day be visited by a great light and would never be the same again.

The season of Advent is important not just because it gives us an opportunity to step aside from the busyness of December. Advent is also important because darkness has a part to play in our spiritual development. A difficult part of being a Christian is being able to admit to ourselves that we cannot expect to see and understand everything clearly. We stumble in the darkness, disorientated and unsettled. We know that there are gloomy shadows in our world and in our lives that artificial light cannot dispel.

Christmas reminds us that God sent a light into this dark world in the most unlikely form of a helpless child. A light which 'shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it' (John 1:5). As we enjoy the festive glow of Christmas lights, let's remember the 'true light' of the world who came to save us from the darkness..

May the peace of the Light of the World, the Christ-child, shine into your homes and your lives this Christmas.

Ian K. Mills +

Church News

Holy Communion with Intercessions for Healing is held in our group of parishes on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 10.30am.



Wednesday 4th December 2024

St Katharine's, Felton at 10.30am

Wednesday 18th December 2024

St Andrew's, Chew Stoke at 10.30am

(No service in Felton on New Year's Day)

Wednesday 15th January 2024

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)

Sparklers pre-school group



Christmas Sparklers will be held on **Monday 16th December** in **Winford Church** at **1.45pm**. Please spread the word to families who may be interested in an hour of fellowship, activities, conversation, and refreshments.

If you are new to the area why not come along and meet other young families? Sparklers will also meet on **Monday 20th January 2025**.

Contemplative Prayer Group



Our **Contemplative Prayer Group** meets on the first Monday of each month between 10.30am and 11.30am in St Andrew's Church, Chew Stoke

led by Rev Dr Victor Barley. Please note the new starting time.

Mind and Spirit

continues on Wednesday 11th December and Wednesday 8th January at 10.30 in Felton Village Hall.

Church and Community conversations around memory loss

If you live with any condition causing memory loss, or care for someone with memory loss, you are very welcome for some spiritual support and connection with people who know what it's like. Contact Fran for more information at curatechewvalleywest@gmail.com, or on 01934 340682.





**We look forward to welcoming you and your family to our many
Carol Services and Crib Services during December.**

Advent Sunday, 1st December St Mary's, Nempnett Thrubwell

Advent Carols & Christingles at 3.30pm

Sunday 22nd December St Andrew's, Chew Stoke

Carol Service at 6.30pm

Christmas Eve St Andrew's, Chew Stoke

Crib Service at 4.00pm

St Mary's, Nempnett Thrubwell

Carol Service at 6.30pm

Community Choir & Children's Choirs – 'A Village Christmas'



Join us for our annual **Carol Concert, 'A Village Christmas'**
on Thursday 12 December at 7.00pm in St Mary & St Peter's, Winford.

As always, our children's choirs will be performing along with our adult Community Choir. There will be familiar carols and readings followed by seasonal refreshments.

This is a free community event with a retiring collection in aid of the ongoing restoration of Winford Church.

Following our Christmas Concert we will be taking a break in January and returning on **Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 7.00pm**. 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.

Blue Christmas Saturday 14th December
4.30pm at Dundry Church BS41 8LH

**A gentle, reflective service for those who are carrying pain or loss
or who find Christmas a difficult time of year.**



St Andrews Charity Soup Lunch

Wednesday 3rd December

12.30 till 1.30 in the Village Hall

In aid of Crisis at Christmas

See you there for homemade soup and cakes!

£6 entrance, £1 for children under 5

Last month £207 was given to the British Legion Poppy Appeal

Also Wednesday 8th January (not 1st Jan)

Come and beat those January blues, all for a good cause!

Coffee Morning for Church helpers

Liz Wormald and Hazel Poynter invite

all those great people who clean the church and do the flowers

to a coffee morning at Nutgrove

Pilgrims Way (Liz's house)

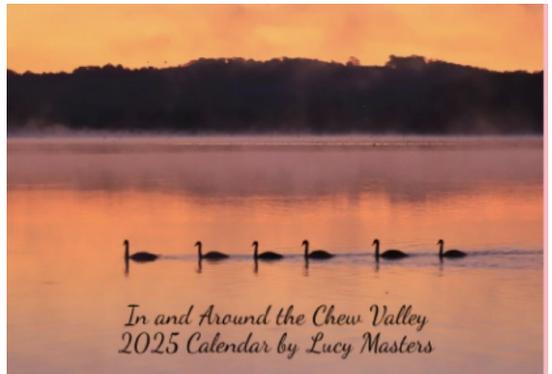
at 10.30am on Saturday 11th January

for fellowship and to organise the 2025 rota.

Do come along if you think you could help too!

Beautiful 2025 Chew Valley Calendar available now - £12 with 50% profit going to Chew Stoke Village Hall. Stunning photos by local photographer Lucy Masters.

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Benefice of Chew Valley West

Diocese of Bath & Wells December Services

	Sunday 1	Sunday 8	Sunday 15	Sunday 22	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Sunday 29
	The First Sunday of Advent	The Second Sunday of Advent	The Third Sunday of Advent	The Fourth Sunday of Advent			The First Sunday of Christmas
CHEW STOKE St Andrew	6.30pm Evensong			6.30pm Carol Service	4.00pm Crib Service	10.30am Eucharist	
NEMPNETT THRUBWELL The Blessed Virgin Mary	3.30pm Advent Carol Service with Christingles	9.30am Eucharist			6.30pm Carol Service	9.00am Eucharist	
FELTON St Katharine	9.00am Morning Worship MRS SANDRA EDGERTON		11.00am Eucharist (with Holy Baptism)	11.00am Carol Service		9.00am Eucharist	
WINFORD St Mary & St Peter	11.00am Eucharist			9.00am Eucharist	2.00pm Crib Service 9.00pm First Eucharist of Christmas		11.00am Eucharist
REGIL St James		6.00pm Carol Service	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)			8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)	
STOWEY St Nicholas & The Blessed Virgin Mary	6.30pm Evensong	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)				9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)	
BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity		10.30am Eucharist	4.00pm Christingle		2.00pm Crib Service 7.30pm First Eucharist of Christmas		

January Services

	Sunday 5 January The Epiphany	Sunday 12 January The Baptism of	Sunday 19 January Epiphany 2	Sunday 26 January Epiphany 3
CHEW STOKE St Andrew	10.30am Eucharist		6.30pm Evensong	
NEMPNETT THRUBWELL The Blessed Virgin Mary		9.30am Eucharist		6.30pm Evensong
FELTON St Katharine		11.00am Eucharist		9.00am Morning Worship
WINFORD St Mary & St Peter	9.00am Morning Worship			11.00am Eucharist
REGIL St James			8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	
STOWEY St Nicholas & The Blessed Virgin Mary	6.30pm Evensong	10.30am Plough Sunday REVD TRE- VOR STUBBS		6.30pm Evensong VEN TONY WILDS
BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity			10.30am Eucharist	10.30am Morning Worship

St Andrews December & January Rota

Flowers Altar & Lady Chapel: Liz Wormald. To be arranged

Cleaning & Brass: Hazel P & Gill Wring

Readers & Sidespeople

Sunday 1st December, 6,30pm Evensong

Readers: Hazel P and tba Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Luke 21: 25-36

Sidespeople: Jessica & Philippa

Sunday 22nd December, 6.30pm Carol Service

Readers: Church & Community

Sidespeople: Sheila & Lyndsey

Christmas Eve Crib Service 4pm: Sidespeople Tina and Laura

Christmas Day, 10.30am Eucharist

Reader: Cynthia

Hebrews 1: 1-4

Sidesperson: Andrew

See next page

St Andrews Rota continued:

Sunday 5th January Epiphany, 10.30am Eucharist

Reader: Jerry Ephesians 3: 1-12

Sidespeople: Jessica & Sheila

Sunday 19th January, 6.30pm Evensong

Readers: Hazel P. & Liz Isaiah 62: 1-5 John 2: 1-11

Sidespeople: Lindsey & Clare

December Dates for your Diary

Wednesday December 4th

Christmas Wreath making at Nempnett Village Hall 7pm

Foliage and equipment provided.

Names to Jane Batten: battenjane9@gmail.com or 07903711355.

Saturday 7th December

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Sunday December 15th

Nempnett Christmas Breakfast at Nempnett Village Hall

from 10 to 12 o'clock

Christmas decorations for sale

Full English Breakfast with coffee, tea and orange juice £10 per person

or Continental Breakfast £5 per person

In aid of the village hall and the Salvation Army

Please Join Us.



Remembering Those Who Served



On the 11th November, the whole school community gathered in the hall for a poignant Remembrance Day service, led by pupils from our Worship, Ethos and Equality Team. This special occasion provided an opportunity for pupils and staff to reflect upon the sacrifices made by those who have served our country.

The service included a two-minute silence, a time for contemplation and respect. It was a powerful moment that united us all in remembrance.

We were honoured to have Mr. Priday, one of our school governors, join us.

Mr. Priday shared his personal experiences of serving in the military, offering valuable insights into the challenges and sacrifices faced by our armed forces. His words brought the history of Remembrance Day to life and inspired us all.

Chew Valley Community Transport Scheme Urgently Needs More Volunteers!

If you, or anyone that you know, might be interested in volunteering for CVCT, either as a driver or by joining our team of coordinators, please contact us to ask for more information:

CVCT phone number: 01275 333430 – or email: cvct.coordinator@gmail.com

Shop and security – the village shop has been open for 6 months now and is proving very popular with the community. Sadly, the shop was broken into in early October. Very quickly £1150 was raised by Crowdfunding to help the shop tenant purchase security shutters, and CSPC and the Ward Councillor are still looking for further grants to boost this.

The new parcel lockers at the front of the shop are partly positioned here for security reasons. A member of the community shop group is liaising with the shop tenant.

Bristol Airport - Bristol Airport's application for 12 million passengers a year (MPPA) has been approved. The airport has a new master plan with growth to 20 MPPA for 2040 and a pre-planning application for growth to 15 MPPA much earlier. The effect on local villages could be significant, CSPC are members of the Parish Councils Airport Association who are monitoring this and meeting regularly.

Bristol Road -The proposals for changes to Bristol Road to make a safer crossing area are progressing in B&NES. Neighbouring residents to be notified by B&NES shortly with a view to undertaking the works in mid-December. The road surface at the Quarry Hay junction is to be buff colour, the pavement corners to be built out (to reduce the width of the road for pedestrians and to slow traffic) and bollards will be positioned along the length of pavement to improve sight lines for pedestrians by preventing pavement parking.

Speeding and road safety – a working group has been formed (1 councillor and 6 residents) to assess various aspects of road safety and speeding in the village and approach roads. Work is underway on various projects and the PC will be updated prior to monthly meetings.

Chew Stoke was awarded a Silver Gilt Award in this year's SW Village in Bloom Competition. Chew Stoke Church School also won an award in the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' category. Thank you to everyone who helped over the summer to make this a success. Winter planting is underway, and plans being discussed to enter again next year.

Westaway Field and Cooks Meadow – would you like to dedicate a tree in Chew Stoke to remember a loved one, or mark a special occasion? The PC has a few young trees in Cooks Meadow available, please contact the [Clerk](mailto:Clerk@chewstoke.org.uk) for more details. <https://www.chewstoke.org.uk/parish-council/westaway-fields-and-cooks-meadow/>

CSPC attended the Parish & Town Council Briefing on the Local Plan Reset on the 7th Nov. B&NES have been asked by the new government to increase housing supply from 717pa to 1466pa (104%) over the next 20 years. This new demand could set the Local Plan update back by a year. It is important to remain involved with discussions, to contribute views about the 5-year housing land supply. As much of B&NES is a World heritage Site, there may be pressure for more rural areas to take a higher proportion of the new housing.

Further useful information on the village website: <https://www.chewstoke.org.uk>

Next meeting Thursday 5th December 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Chew Stoke.

NB: January meeting will be a week later than normal - Thursday January 9th 2025.

Clubs & Societies



At the **MAJESTIC** Aka Chew Stoke Village hall

The Majestic Cinema in Chew Stoke has a truly magical film for Christmas - one for all the family –

Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (U)

Thursday 12 December Doors 7pm for 7:30 screening.

Magic flows freely through the walls and toys within the Wonder Emporium. But when Mr. Magorium (Dustin Hoffman), the store's 243-year-old proprietor, decides to turn the reins over to his manager Molly Mahoney (Natalie Portman), mysterious changes creep over the Emporium. Molly and Henry (Jason Bateman), an accountant, must discover the magic within themselves if they are ever to revive the now-quiet toys.

Then on **January 30th** the new year kicks off with an uproariously funny and true story about a series of poison pen letters sent to residents of Littlehampton in 1921.

Wicked Little Letters (15)

stars Jessie Buckley, Olivia Colman and Timothy Spall is an upending of the period costume drama that's cheerfully indecent, gloriously naughty, and full of female rage at the expectations women operate under. Funny as hell and bursting with impudent energy.

Doors 7:00 for 7:30pm screening.

Dorothy House Champions raise over £350,000 in 36 hours for patient and family care.

Coming just days after the government announced its latest budget, on November 3rd Dorothy House launched their ambitious '[Bridge the Gap Appeal](#)', a 36-hour fundraising super sprint, aimed at raising **£350,000** for local care across their **800 square mile service areas**. Using a pioneering crowdfunding platform, over 230 amazing Champions came together to raise this incredible amount, each one sending out messages for support to their networks. Every single donation made was doubled thanks to a group of compassionate individuals, companies and trusts who had pledged over £175,000 in match funding towards the appeal. The passion and drive from Champions reaching out to family and friends to support Hospice care resulted in over **3180 donations** in the 36 hour window, totalling a staggering **£370,000**.

Don Kennedy – Head of Fundraising at Dorothy House said; *“Sometimes you are part of something that leaves you speechless. The kindness and generosity of our community, our matched funders, our amazing Champions, and those that answered their call. We simply cannot thank our community enough. The difference this will make for countless patients and families is immeasurable”*



The Arts Society Mendip. Tuesday 3rd December

Master of Suspense, Alfred Hitchcock with John Francis who will explore the skills and techniques Hitchcock employed to produce his great films, including the horror classics *Psycho* and *Vertigo*. Some claim that Hitchcock's films should be regarded as artistic masterworks. He remains the most studied and revered film director of all time. The talk will begin at 11.00am in Croscombe Village Hall (and simultaneously via Zoom – a link will be sent to members and guests). Guests are welcome for a fee of £10. We always welcome new members - further details, including information about becoming a member and our full programme is available on our [website](http://www.theartsocietymendip.org.uk) - www.theartsocietymendip.org.uk

CHEW VALLEY HISTORY SOCIETY Email: russpeters@btinternet.com

Weds 4th Dec: Martin Elsbury will talk about "The History of the Magic Lantern and its influence on Social History". This meeting will be held in the Upper Hall of the Old School Room, doors open at 7.15.pm. with the talk starting at 7.45.pm. This being our pre-Christmas there will be soft drinks or wine and mince pies provided. Everyone is welcome, the fee for visitors being £3 per person. There will no meeting in January.

Chew Valley Gardening Society

This friendly society meets on the second Thursday of the month at 8pm at Stanton Drew Village Hall where there is easy access and parking. There will be a meeting on Thursday 12th December where we will have our AGM together with Christmas drinks and nibbles.



On **Thursday 9th January Mary Payne will talk on 'The Magic of growing from seed'**

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

Chew Valley U3A Ubley Parish Hall

The meeting of Chew Valley U3A on the **16th December** will be the usual Christmas Celebration. Members and visitors are welcome to come to Ubley Village Hall when doors open at 10.00 am and join us for refreshments, including a glass of wine, music from our Minstrels Group and a quiz.

On 20th January, local celebrity Dr Phil Hammond will be talking. Doors open at 10am.

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!



At the Annual Meeting in November, we welcomed Elaine Hunter to the committee.

Our Treasurer, Pat Peel retired after 9 years and was presented with a bouquet and a voucher for Art Materials. As we had not found anyone willing to take over her duties Pat had volunteered to continue managing the accounts from home, whilst Julie

Hughes kindly agreed to take monies at the meetings, together with other members of the present committee taking on associated tasks.

During the evening, the President emphasised how the committee appreciated Members getting involved with the running of their WI, suggesting talks or outings, taking part in events, helping with the Annual show and Harvest Home and hostessing at the monthly meetings. She appreciated no one wanted long business meetings, but we were obliged to make sure they had all the information National and Avon societies wished us to pass on. The secretary's Annual report recounted the many good talks and social events we had enjoyed over the year. FFI debbie.storey@uwclub.net

A very interesting talk then followed given by Tina Cumberlidge about Friends of Rwandan Rugby- bringing African Communities together.

Our December meeting should be fun with Cam Valley Morris Men (and Ladies) dancing for us with the opportunity to take part afterwards! There will be a traditional Christmas punch and refreshments. We have an excellent programme for 2025: the first meeting being a talk from Kya Beers, Fundraising assistant for The Children`s Hospice South West, on Wednesday January 15th 7.30p.m. and on 19th February an Open Meeting with Mary Bird talking on 'The Science of Pastry Making'.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, evenings, 7.30p.m. in Chew Stoke Hall.

We also have a patchwork group running and welcome any other craft ideas. Last year we enjoyed several minibus outings which we plan to repeat in 2025. Do come along as a guest to see if you would like to join our young and older, friendly group and add your interests to widen our horizons! (Guest £5) Hazel Wedlake (President) 01275 332 812

Three Digs – An Archaeological afternoon with Dr Peter Guest and Dr Mike Watts.

Millennium Hall, Old School Room, Chew Magna.

3pm Sunday 12th January 2025. Admission £5. Proceeds for the Pound restoration.

Beneath the England that we can see are huge unrecorded, unmarked settlements and treasures, each even more valuable than the 2584 silver pennies discovered in the Chew Valley. Three sites have been discovered and partly researched in recent years, but they had to be hidden again. The story of serendipity and recent investigative science is part of the fascinating and at times amusing, but constantly interesting, illustrated talk. Explanation of why the treasures, mosaics of late Roman antiquity are now hidden. Details of some of the amazing, beautiful discoveries. The portable treasures are now housed in the British Museum, with examples on the poster at Chew Magna Post Office. The archaeological digs were organised by the British Museum, with the digging undertaken by archaeological university students. Booking is not required and there are no tickets. Details: rcade47@gmail.com.

CHEW VALLEY FLOWER CLUB We will not be meeting after November 8th, until our [A.G.M.in](#) January, so we wish everyone a very Happy Christmas.
Joyce Burton 01761462560



JUMBLE SALE for Avon Wildlife Trust - Saturday 11th January

There will be the **Annual Jumble Sale**
at **10.00am in the Old School Room. Chew Magna.**

This sale is in aid of Avon Wildlife Trust and their work at Folly Farm.
If you are having a clear-out: **please** would you save items for the sale. Clothes, books, toys, white elephant etc. Contact 01275 332482

Thursday January 23rd : Avon Wildlife Trust - Chew Valley Group: DORMICE. Talk by Cathy Mayne.

An illustrated talk about Dormice, reasons for species decline, and the national monitoring programme run by the People's Trust for Endangered Species.

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

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**December 4th, The Queens, Chew Magna
January 15th, Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke**

Harptrees History Society West Harptree Memorial Hall, BS40 6EG.

Wednesday 8th January 7.15pm for 7.30pm Dr Colin Chapman will give a pre- supper illustrated talk, '**Festive Customs & Traditions**'. The talk will be followed by our usual festive supper. Cash bar. Tickets £10. There will be no tickets on the door, so please pre-book. Booking opens for visitors, who are very welcome, on 27th December and closes at midday on Monday 6th January. Members may book from 27th November.
Just email: info@harptreeshistorysociety.org with subject line "January supper" and you will be given details of how to make your payment. Please let us know of any dietary needs on booking.

Wednesday 29th January 7.15pm for 7.30pm Philip Ashford will talk on '**Travel in the Severn Estuary before the Age of Steam**'. Booking opens on January 15th and closes at midday on January 29th. Please email: info@harptreeshistorysociety.org with subject line "January 2025".



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