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**NB The copy deadline for the
October edition
will be Monday 19th September**

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		Jerry Moorhouse
	Nempnett Thrubwell:	Rosemary Porter

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PCC Treasurers:

Chew Stoke: Dave Stephenson	Nempnett Thrubwell:	Nick Houlton
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PCC members:

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

Chew Stoke Sidespeople: Mesdames: Down, Downey, Kilroy, Limburn, Patch, Manville, McInnis, and Troup,
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 Sandra Edgerton, Lay Reader

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

For many, September brings change: a first day at school, moving on to secondary school or university, starting a new job, or leaving home. Each time, this change affects not only the individual but everyone around them. For some, it brings excitement; for others, trepidation. For some, smiles; for others, tears.

On 6th September, we mark Ian's last service in our benefice. After the service, we will share a buffet lunch, giving us all the opportunity to thank Ian for his ministry over the last five years and for bringing a unique benefice of seven churches together. It is also a chance to thank him and Kelly-Ann for their friendship and support, especially for sharing Iris's first months with us—her baptism, her first smiles, and her first steps. We pray that God guides them on their coming journey of change in Bath and keeps them all safe.

Our benefice also moves into a season of change. Lately, I have noticed the word 'vacancy' creeping into our vocabulary: "*we will be in a time of vacancy,*" or "*I wonder how long the vacancy will last.*" Although this is the standard term used when a Rector moves on, it can sometimes carry a negative feeling about the future.

Recently, Ian preached on the feeding of the 5,000 with five loaves and two fish. He drew our attention to how the disciples could only see the small amount of food they had, but Jesus saw that gift, blessed it, and fed everyone—with 12 baskets left over! As human beings, we can tend to focus on what we lack rather than on what we have. We are the small army of volunteers who keep our parish churches functioning—the people Ian thanked in the last *Village News*, and whom Jesus sees with all our individual gifts.

Another term often used is 'interregnum', which means a pause between kings or leaders. Yet we keep our **King of kings**, and we will continue worshipping Him and praying for His guidance, both individually and together across our churches.

Our churchwardens have agreed on an 8-week rota that enables each church to host one service each month, alternating between Eucharist/Holy Communion (BCP) with visiting priests and Morning Worship or Evensong. Winford has an extra service to complete the 8-week cycle, and any 5th Sunday in a month will be held in Chew Stoke. (Continued next page)

This makes it straightforward for each church to remember 'their Sunday' of the month:

- **1st Sunday:** Chew Stoke (*Week 1*) / Regil (*Week 5*)
- **2nd Sunday:** Winford (*Week 2*) / Stowey (*Week 6*)
- **3rd Sunday:** Bishop Sutton (*Week 3*) / Nempnett Thrubwell (*Week 7*)
- **4th Sunday:** Felton (*Week 4*) / Winford (*Week 8*)

There will also be additional services whenever our churchwardens are able to arrange them, and these will be included in the monthly service list.

In this issue, the full 8-week rota is printed with the additional services for September and October included to help make everything clear. If you have any questions, please do ask!

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

(Jeremiah 29:11)

With my best wishes,

Sandra Edgerton Lay Reader

St Andrews during vacancy

After Ian's departure on 6 September, the Chew Valley West benefice including St Andrews will enter a period of vacancy. We anticipate that finding a replacement will take 12-18 months. Working together with the other churches in the benefice we expect to manage things as follows:-

Services

A Eucharist service will take place at one of the benefice churches every Sunday. St Andrews will therefore hold a benefice Eucharist once every 2 months. Following Ian's last service on 6 September, the next Eucharist at St Andrews will be held on Sunday 1 November.

Sandra Edgerton (lay reader) has also kindly agreed to hold a service at St Andrews once a month. This means that between the bimonthly Eucharist service and Sandra's service, we expect St Andrews to have a 'professional' service once a month. The churchwardens will endeavour to ensure at least one further service is held per month at St Andrews. At times, this may mean we conduct the service ourselves (please bear with us!!)

Eucharist and other services held at all benefice churches will be published in the parish magazine. The schedule is likely to differ from the historic pattern, so please keep an eye out.

P.T.O.

St Andrews during Vacancy contd.

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 and Andrew Troup (Churchwardens)

Revd Ian's Final Service & Farewell Lunch

on Sunday 6th September

**Please note that the Rector's final service in these parishes will be held at
10.30am in St Andrew's, Chew Stoke**

on Sunday 6th September

**.At 12.30pm a Buffet Lunch will be provided by all the parishes which will
take place at Felton Village Hall
for which you will be asked for a donation.**

The Licensing & Institution of

**The Revd Dr Ian Mills as Rector of Bath Abbey
at Evensong on Thursday 24th September 2024
beginning at 7.00pm (Holy Communion)**

**Numbers in the Abbey are limited to 800 with no standing permitted. As
there is some concern that the number wishing to attend may exceed
capacity, admission for members of the Abbey congregation
and Chew Valley West
will be by ticket only.**

**Tickets are, of course, free, but those wishing to attend need to
email ChurchWardens@bathabbey.org indicating which parish they are
from and how many tickets they require.**

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 2nd September – there will not be a service

Wednesday 16th September – St Andrew's, Chew Stoke

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>

Fundraising success!

£1062 was raised for the Church at the Bridge Tea that was held on 12th August.

This event was started by Dorothy Thompson many years ago and continues to be very popular. Thank you so much to Hazel Wedlake for organizing the sumptuous tea along with Jessica McInnis, Sheila Limburn, Lindsey Suenson Taylor and Liz Botham and all the others who made the cakes and sandwiches.

Cynthia

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

FFI 07470 201246



Mind and Spirit Care Café

Mind and spirit care cafe 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



Services in Chew Valley West Benefice during September and October 2026

SUNDAY 6 th SEPTEMBER		Trinity 14
10.30 am	CHEW STOKE, St. Andrew	Eucharist
SUNDAY 13 th SEPTEMBER		Trinity 15
8.30 am	STOWEY, St. Nicholas & St Mary	Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00 am	WINFORD, St. Mary & St. Peter	Eucharist
SUNDAY 20 th SEPTEMBER		Trinity 16
10.30 am	BISHOP SUTTON, Holy Trinity	Eucharist
4.00 pm	NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, St. Mary	Evensong
FRIDAY 25 th SEPTEMBER		
6.30 pm	REGIL, St. James	Harvest Thanksgiving
SUNDAY 27 th SEPTEMBER		Trinity 17
9.00 am	WINFORD, St. Mary & St. Peter	Morning Worship
11.00 am	FELTON, St Katharine	Eucharist
6.30 pm	STOWEY, St. Nicholas & St Mary	Evensong
6.30 pm	CHEW STOKE, St Andrew	Evensong
SUNDAY 4 th OCTOBER		Trinity 18
8.30 am	REGIL, St. James	Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00 am	FELTON, St Katharine	Harvest Thanksgiving
6.30 pm	CHEW STOKE, St Andrew	Evensong
6.30 pm	STOWEY, St. Nicholas & St. Mary	Harvest Choral Evensong
SUNDAY 11 th OCTOBER		Trinity 19
8.30 am	STOWEY, St. Nicholas & St. Mary	Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00 am	WINFORD, St. Mary & St. Peter	Harvest Thanksgiving
SUNDAY 18 th OCTOBER		Luke the Evangelist
9.30 am	NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, St. Mary	Harvest Eucharist
10.30 am	BISHOP SUTTON, Holy Trinity	Harvest Thanksgiving
SUNDAY 25 th OCTOBER		Last Sunday after Trinity
9.00 am	FELTON, St. Katharine	Morning Worship
11.00 am	WINFORD, St. Mary & St. Peter	Eucharist
6.30 pm	STOWEY, St. Nicholas & St Mary	Evensong

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St Andrews Duty Rota for September

Flowers Altar & Lady Chapel: Weeks1 &2 Hazel Wedlake

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Cleaning & Brass: Ruth Donlevy & Tina Kilroy

Services

Sunday 6th September 10.30 Eucharist

Sidespeople: Jessica & Lindsey

Reader: Hazel Poynter Romans 13: 8-end

27th September 6.30 Evensong

Sidespeople: Jessica & Cynthia

Readers: Sue C. & Andrew

Nempnett Church Duty Rota

13th September Cleaner: Kathleen Reader: James Romans 14: 1-12

27th September: Cleaner: Gerry Reader: Hugo Ezekial 18: 1-4, 25-end

Matthew 21: 23-32

Churchyard Maintenance

September 1-13th David Howard

September 14th-27th Debbie Kelly

Save Felton Common News – September 2026

What has happened to the Airport Application over the summer?

The deadline for comments on North Somerset Council's (NSC) planning portal was 28 June. However, the portal remains open, and objections can still be submitted. We would encourage anyone who has not yet commented to do so.

As of 14 August, there have been 6,584 comments on the application, with more than 75% opposing it. Many of the supportive submissions appear to come from organisations within the airport's supply chain, pro-business lobbying groups, or airport users.

The Airport's land agent, Dalcour Maclaren
(Land.Referencing@dalcourmaclaren.com)

has placed notices around the Common. These include a small-scale map showing the Common and other land affected by the proposals. The purpose is to identify anyone with an "interest" in the land.

It could reasonably be argued that everyone who values and uses Felton Common has an interest in its future. We therefore encourage anyone who shares this view to contact Dalcour Maclaren, quoting reference 118.

Airport Closure

On 6 and 7 August, local communities experienced around 14 hours of peace when Airport operations were suspended following an emergency caused by what was described as a "runway surface defect".

The Airport has denied any connection between this incident and the ground stability concerns raised by some objectors

In Conclusion

The situation remains complex and continually evolving. We encourage everyone to make their views known to national and local politicians, councils, and other relevant organisations.

If you have not already done so, please send your email address to savefeltoncommon@gmail.com so that we can add you to our mailing list and keep you informed of future developments.

Simon Martin on behalf of Save Felton Common. savefeltoncommon.org



SCHOOL NEWS



Chew Stoke Church School is a Single Academy Trust admitting children from 4-11 years of age. In creating a secure, happy and vibrant environment within our small school, where everyone knows each other, we aim to nurture and develop each child's potential and talents, so when they leave us at the end of Year 6, they do so with high levels of self-confidence, self-esteem and a set of values which will equip them to deal with the future.

Our values are based on mutual respect, tolerance and consideration towards others and within our community each child finds his or her unique place. Whilst we achieve outstanding academic results, enabling our pupils to move on with confidence at the age of 11 to the senior school of their choice, we believe education is about far more than examinations; our children learn to become part of a community, they develop confidence, their own opinions and an understanding of the modern world.

We also provide a broad programme of extra-curricular activities including: Choir, Drama, Sailing, Skiing, Art, Climbing, Korean, Netball and Football.

The school has a trained Forest School Leader and regular sessions are held in the school grounds and in the local area. We also have a trained Thrive practitioner who provides pastoral and well-being support across the school.

The school prides itself on its sporting achievements and holds the PE Platinum Award, we are also one of only a handful of schools in the South West to be awarded the Platinum Modeshift Stars Award, the highest accolade for excellence in promoting walking, cycling and other forms of sustainable travel. We have recently been awarded the accolade of the South West Modeshift Stars Primary School of the Year.

The school received a glowing report from Ofsted in 2024, the report can be viewed on the school's website. At the last SIAMS inspection the school achieved the highest grading of 'excellence' in all areas.

The school's vision statement is 'Confident in Learning, Caring in Life' and we aim to give every child an outstanding, well rounded education, within a caring Christian environment.

The school's Breakfast Club and Out of School Club offer wrap around care from 7.30am to 6pm.

If you are a prospective parent we warmly invite you to come and spend some time with us, meet our pupils and staff, and discover for yourself just how enriching life at Chew Stoke Church School can be. You can arrange a personal tour by contacting our Office on 01275 332354 or email us: office@chewstokeacademy.org.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to our school. When they leave us at the end of Year 6, they do so with high levels of self-confidence, self-esteem and a set of values which will equip them to deal with the future.

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Chew Stoke Parish Council News

www.chewstokeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Dangerous driving and racing in the valley

Whilst dangerous driving and racing continues in the valley, please be assured that Chew Stoke Parish Council is working hard over the summer with our Ward Councillors, residents, our MP and key personnel at B&NES and Avon & Somerset Police to find a solution to this serious issue affecting the safety of our roads. A campaign group has been formed to raise this at the highest levels to secure adequate funding and resources. The Police still need data, so please continue to report any information you have, particularly registration plates or dashcam videos. This can be via 101 online, or call 101, or 999 if there is an immediate danger to life.

Councillor vacancies

We currently have 2 councillor vacancies on the Parish Council. Now is a great time to give being a councillor a go, we have a great team, there are plenty of issues to get involved in, and an opportunity to give back and help our great community. Please email clerk@chewstokeparishcouncil.gov.uk to find out more.

Bilbie Play Park

PLEASE STOP LITTERING IN BILBIE PLAYPARK

Bilbie Play Park is persistently being left covered in
litter, graffiti and broken glass.
Please clear up after using the park and
leave it safe and welcoming for others.



Recently Bilbie Play Park is being left covered in litter, graffiti and even broken glass has been left in the grass. If you meet friends there, please clear up afterwards. Please pass on this message to anyone you know who uses the park, - our youngest residents should be able to play safely.

Buses update

The X91 will serve the Chew Valley and on into Imperial Park, Parson Street Station, Bedminster, Redcliffe, Temple Meads, Broadmead and the Centre.

The 100 bus is new and travels between Bristol and Bath as an hourly service.

The 101 is another new service and travels between Bishop Sutton and Radstock taking in Bishop Sutton, Chew Valley Lake, Chew Stoke etc

<https://journeyplanner.travelwest.info/routes/region/1/upcoming?>

Clubs and Societies



At the MAJESTIC

Aka Chew Stoke Village Hall

Thursday 24th September

Doors open 7pm for 7:30 screening

Glastonbury The Movie: The 30th Anniversary Cut (12A)

2026 has been a fallow year at Worthy Farm but this summer marks the 30th anniversary of the original cinema release of "Glastonbury - The Movie". The year is 1993, the last Glastonbury before the BBC arrived, before phone masts, smartphones, biometric tickets and wall-to-wall coverage, before it all changed. Robin Mahoney's film puts you and a hundred thousand people back in that Somerset field, in a detail and quality the film has never been seen in before. The only film that puts you inside the real Glastonbury, shot in Panavision CinemaScope and now rebuilt in 4K for the big screen. No voiceover. No talking heads. Nobody telling you how to feel. Just Glastonbury, as it was. Unfiltered, unnarrated, and unlike anything else in British music film. Hailed as "a masterpiece" by Mike Leigh and selected for eight international film festivals. We had to postpone the planned screening in June due to the extreme heat so hopefully this time round will be more comfortable. Come along to remember in September, no ticket required.

<https://vimeo.com/1184025419?msocid=3291b09fa39764bf39faa515a22c65fe>

Chew Valley Choral Society

50th Anniversary Year

**We still have some places left to sing in Handel's Messiah
in St Johns Church, Keynsham on November 28th 2026.**

Lower voices particularly welcome.

Rehearsals start on Tuesday 8th September at 7.30pm

in Bishop Sutton Village Hall BS39 5XQ

FFI www.chewvalleychoral.org.uk/sing-messiah

The Chew Stoke WI Annual Members' Show this July was well supported with the Village Hall filled with colour and scent from the fabulous floral entries. Members managed to find Sweet Peas, Roses, Perennial flowers and a few vegetables despite the difficult dry conditions. The biggest crop of potatoes from one tu-



ber cosseted in a container again exceeded all expectations! Some elegant table arrangements, extensive baking entries, preserves, art, crafts and photographs all received great praise from our local judges.

In August, we gathered around the Oak Tree in Rectory Field planted to mark the Chew Stoke WI Centenary. A Bring your own Picnic, Pimm's and chat were the order of the afternoon.



September brings an OPEN MEETING, inviting partners, friends and family to hear the excellent speaker Richard Rickitt, author of the long standing Beekeeping Magazine, and his new talk, **"A Buzz in the Garden: Gardening for Bees"**

7.00pm for a 7.30pm start, on Wednesday 16 September, in Chew Stoke Village Hall. Guests are invited to make a donation to Chew Stoke WI.

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

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 September 10th** Barry Hamblin will talk on

'Lavender, the forgotten herb - the history, its uses and his experience of farming lavender'.

The competition will be for 3 dahlias.

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 at Chew Stoke Village Hall.

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

Harptrees History Society - Oliver Cromwell

Professor Ronald Hutton returns to open the Autumn programme of talks at the Harptrees History Society, continuing his popular series of lectures on the Tudor and Stuart eras with a talk on Oliver Cromwell. Professor Hutton has written an acclaimed biography of Cromwell, providing an important new interpretation of one of the major figures in our history. He is an engaging speaker and always popular. Book early!

Members benefit from free admission to all talks, apart from the winter supper, plus access to advance booking. They also receive a free copy of the Society's latest annual journal, the Harptreenian, which contains a variety of articles of local interest. The membership year starts in September and people may join at the first meeting. Visitors are also very welcome to this event, space permitting, with a donation of £3 a head. Booking in advance is essential, although you can pay on the night.

Wednesday 30th September 2026

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

Visitor booking opens on September 15th and closes at 5pm on September 29th. To book or request a membership form, please email: info@harptreeshistorysociety.org with subject line "September 2026"

A big thank you from the Hall Committee to Becky Lear who hosted a cream tea in August in aid of hall funds.

A relaxing afternoon was enjoyed in Becky's garden with a mountain of scones, cream and jam all served with vintage crockery and cake stands.

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