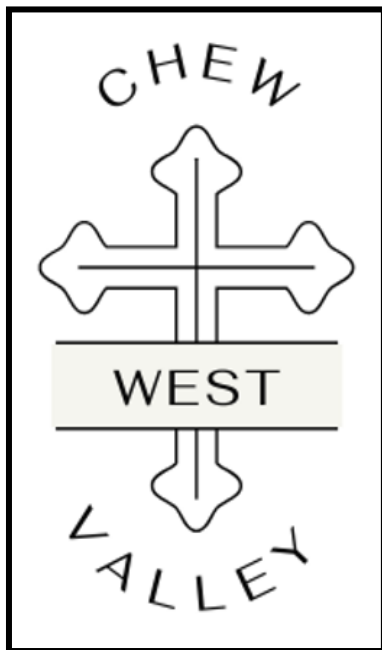


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A reminder that full details of forthcoming services and events in our benefice of Chew Valley West can be found on our website: www.chewvalleywest.org

Letter from our Rector, the Rev Dr Ian Mills

Dear Friends,

I was hooked on the news coverage of the recent NASA Artemis II mission and the images that were beamed back to us from such a distance in space. No matter how hard I try, I can't get my head around the fact that we are seeing our own planet, and that somewhere down there is me! ... and everywhere and everyone I've ever known.

You might remember similar images from the Apollo missions—our beautiful planet looking so peaceful, suspended in complete darkness, lit by the sun. These images reminded me of words from Psalm 8, 'when I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars... what is mankind that you are mindful of them?'

From such a distance the divisions that so often concern us seem to fade into insignificance. From space there are no borders and we can see no conflicts or differences. All we can see is a shared home which has been beautifully and wonderfully made. Genesis reminds us that, 'God saw all that he had made, and it was very good'. I think that beauty has not been undermined by scientific discovery but deepened by it.

Hopefully the Artemis missions will not only advance human exploration but also renew our sense of humility. To see our planet home from afar is to be reminded how vulnerable and precious it is. It challenges us to be good stewards of this wonderful, sacred creation.

Christians are called to see the world with fresh eyes. Our planet is not merely a place we inhabit; it is a gift we are called to cherish. In so doing we join both science and faith in a sense of wonder and gratitude.

Yours in Christ,

Ian K. Mills +

Church News



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

Wednesday 6th May 2026

St Katharine's, Felton at 10.30am

Wednesday 20th May 2026

St Andrew's, Chew Stoke at 10.30am

'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.'



Baby & Toddler Group 'Tuesday Tots'

You are welcome to join our Baby & Toddler group 'Tuesday Tots' but unfortunately it has closed for the moment in Chew Stoke owing to lack of attendees.

However, it is still happening at St Mary & St Peter's Church, Winford on the first and third Tuesdays of every month between 10.30am and midday. Please spread the word to mums, dads and carers and come along to enjoy some refreshments, conversation, music and sensory play.

Mind and Spirit Care Café



Mind and Spirit Care Cafe will be held on

Wednesday 13th May

from **10.30am** in **Felton Village Hall**.

If you live with any condition causing memory loss, or care for someone with memory loss, you are very welcome for some spiritual support, refreshments and connection with people who know what it's like.

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>



Sunday First – resumes Sunday 3rd May

SUNDAY

First

Our popular all-age 'Sunday First' will resume in St Andrew's on
Sunday 3rd May at 10.00.

Breakfast and craft activities will be provided
followed by a short act of worship for all ages.

This will be followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 11am

Sunday First will be held on the following Sundays during 2026:

Sunday 3rd May

Sunday 7th June

Sunday 5th July

Sunday 6th September (Back to School)

Sunday 4th October (Harvest Thanksgiving, at 10.30am)



Visit by Bishop of Bath & Wells

The Bishop of Bath & Wells, Rt Revd Michael Beasley,
will be
visiting our group of parishes this month.

On Sunday 17th May he will be joining us for worship at Regil (8.30am)
and Chew Stoke (10.30am) and you are most welcome to come along.

On Monday 18th May Bishop Michael will be visiting our Church Schools
and spending time with Churchwardens, Safeguarding Officers, Treasurers and
PCCs.

Ascension Day

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10.30am
on The Ascension Day, Thursday 14th May in St Mary & St Peter's, Winford.

The last St Andrew's Charity Soup Lunch (till October!)

on Wednesday 6th May

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 help Christian Aid

Last month 's proceeds of £316 went to help our 'Village in Bloom' entry.

There will be a seedling/plant stall too so we would be very grateful for any spare you might have.



Community Choir will be resuming on **Wednesday 13th May 2026 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.



Keep the date!

**The St Andrew's Church fete will be on
Saturday 6th June from 1.30 till 4.30pm
at the top of Church Lane, Chew Stoke**

The Rev Ian Mills and Mrs Sandra Edgerton at Winford Church with Shaney –Lee, Jesse and Cody Pool and their donkey on Palm Sunday.



May Services

	Sunday 3 May Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 10 May Sixth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 17 May Seventh Sunday of	Sunday 24 May Pentecost	Sunday 31 May Trinity Sunday
CHEW STOKE St Andrew	10.00am Sunday First		10.30am Eucharist (with Bishop Michael)		
NEMPNETT THRUBWELL The Blessed Virgin Mary		9.30am Eucharist		4.00pm Evensong	
FELTON St Katharine		11.00am Eucharist		9.00am Morning Worship	
WINFORD St Mary & St Peter	9.00am Eu- charist			11.00am Eucharist	
REGIL St James			8.30am Holy Communion (with Bishop)		
STOWEY St Nicholas & The Blessed Virgin Mary	6.30pm Even- song	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)		6.30pm Evensong VEN TONY WILDS	
BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity		10.30am Morning Worship MRS SANDRA EDGERTON			10.30am Eucharist

St Andrews Duty Rota for May

Flowers Altar & Lady Chapel: May 4th Joan Williams **11th and 18th** Amy Maggs

Cleaning & Brass: Di & Cynthia

Services:

3rd May Sunday First 10am

Jessica and Lindsey

17th May Holy Communion 10.30am

Sidespeople: Cynthia & Sheila

Reader: Jerry Acts 1 vv 6-14

Nempnett Duty Rota

10th May: Nick is cleaner and Gail is reader. Acts 17, 22-31

24th May: Gerry is cleaner and Kathleen is reader. Acts 2, 1-21, John 20, 19-23

Churchyard maintainance:

April 27th—May 10th Dorian & Kathleen Haskard

May 11th—24th James Everett

May 25th—7th June Debbie Kelly



Bishop Sutton Spring Fayre at Holy Trinity Church

Sat 16 May 1-4pm free entry.

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It costs £3 per appointment, all of which will go to charity.

Chew Stoke Bloom

Upcoming Fundraising Events



Bloom Plant Sale

10 to 12pm Saturday 9th May

The Stoke Inn Pub Garden, Chew Stoke

- A range of plants for sale: Perennials, bedding, veg, plants, wild flowers etc



'BEATING THE BOUNDS' 2026

From 12pm Sunday 17th May

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Our popular Rover Reporter is on holiday this month but we think Spotty well deserves the title: **Dog of the Month**

Age 15

Small terrier cross , quite deaf and almost blind

Likes : exploring

Last Monday on the farm with my three dogs, one went off chasing something and, in the struggle to hold the other, I dropped Spotty who ran off trailing the extending lead. She didn't come back that night and I went to Cornwall leaving the house sitter in charge; she searched every day all over the farm but when I got home on Thursday, still no Spotty.

Saturday evening Hazel asked if she could come with her labrador to look and we went through all the woods and brambles. It was getting dark, we were going home then Hazel heard ... was that whining? We pushed through the blackthorn towards the sound, 'She's here!' shouted Hazel. Caught by the cord wrapped round thorny shoots but wagging her tail until I could free her. She trotted home - not a bother on her! Five nights out there, no food or water, she is a miracle dog.

Grateful thanks to St Senara of Zenor





Easter Celebrations at Chew Stoke Church School

The final weeks of the Spring Term at Chew Stoke Church School were once again filled with colour, creativity and reflection, as pupils and staff came together to mark the Easter season in a variety of meaningful ways.

A highlight of the celebrations was the end-of-term Easter service, held at St Andrew's Church. This year Kingfisher Class led the service, presenting the Easter story through readings, acting and song. The children's confident performances and thoughtful reflections captured the true meaning of Easter.



Earlier in the week, the school community enjoyed its much loved Easter Craft Day.

The usual timetable was set aside as classrooms were transformed into creative workshops, filled with a wide range of Easter themed activities. Children worked collaboratively to produce Easter themed crafts, while parents were welcomed into school to support and share in the experience.

Another much anticipated event was the annual "Eggshibition". Pupils were invited to decorate eggs at home, alongside creating additional crafts made in school, which were then displayed together in the exhibition. The hall was filled with an impressive array of entries, showcasing the children's originality and effort. After judging, pupils had the opportunity to view each other's creations, and parents were invited in to admire the displays. Certificates were awarded to recognise outstanding entries in each class.

Annual Village Meeting

A village meeting for Chew Stoke residents



TOPICS:

Road safety/traffic

Beaver sitings

Youth provision - results of recent survey

Airport news & update

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Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 6pm



Chew Stoke Village Hall



HAVE YOUR SAY!

Chew Stoke PC Youth Survey

<https://bit.ly/CSYS2026>



We'd love to hear everyone's views in our short survey. It closes at the end of April so we can share the results in our Village Meeting at 6pm Tuesday 5 May.

CSPC would love to hear from Chew Stoke teens and parents! Please share your views on youth provision in the village by clicking on the link or scan the QR code here to take you to a short survey.

This is your opportunity to let us know
what you think!

We will be sharing the findings on May 5th at the AGM so please come along to continue the conversation!

Chew Stoke Parish Council have moved to a **new website** - all the same news can be found here: www.chewstokeparishcouncil.gov.uk

We are also moving to a **new facebook page**. Please find us via this link and like and follow us: Chew Stoke Parish Council Facebook page.¹⁹

Clubs and Societies



At the **MAJESTIC**

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28th May

Doors open 7pm for 7:30 screening

Bait (15)

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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 at **7.30 for 8pm** on **Thursday May 14th** where Imperial College Rheumatologist Dorian Haskard will talk on

'The Medicinal Properties of Plants'

which should prove to be very interesting.

The competition will be for a tulip.

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Guided tour of Cameley Church Wednesday 27 May, 2.30pm

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50th Anniversary Year

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