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**www.chewvalleywest.org**

***From the Rector***

**Dear Friends,**

June is the month in which the Church celebrates its ‘birthday’. In the New Testament we read that fifty days after Easter, the Apostles had gathered in Jerusalem when suddenly they experienced the Holy Spirit among them in the form of a violent wind and tongues of fire. Everyone present was filled with the power of this mysterious Holy Spirit. They found they could speak in new languages and felt compelled to go out into the world and share the good news of the risen Jesus (you can read the full account in Acts 2: 1–13).

As we approach the Feast of Pentecost 2025 on Sunday 8th June, we might be encouraged by new church attendance figures which have just been released. According to the Church of England's latest Statistics for Mission (its annual census), regular worshippers have increased to over 1.02 million, marking the fourth consecutive year of growth.

I am pleased that we are seeing some of this encouraging trend reflected locally in our churches here in the Chew Valley. Each of our six parishes have welcomed new members this year. There are times during the year, like Christmas, when we are exceptionally busy; but the overall trend is one of new people of all ages seeking to come and worship as part of a congregation. On Easter Day 2025, some 180 people were present at our services.

Of course, church attendance on Sundays is only part of the picture. We are blessed with a strong Christian presence in our two Church of England Primary Schools. In January we welcomed Verity Eastwood Dewing as our Flourish Chaplain working two days per week with the students at Chew Valley School. We offer choirs, concerts, space for prayer; a Christian presence in life events such as baptism, weddings and funerals; hospitality; this (free) magazine! Being part of that same Church which the Holy Spirit inspired on the Day of Pentecost two-thousand years ago, now involves relationship, partnership and community—so much more than what happens inside our church buildings.

There are challenges too, of course. The expense of maintaining historic church buildings is enormous. Our PCCs are charities run by a small number of local volunteers who carry a considerable burden on a few shoulders. But Pentecost serves as a timely reminder of our calling to mission and evangelism. As the disciples were empowered by the Holy Spirit to spread the Gospel, so too are we invited to share the love and message of Jesus Christ with those around us. The growth in church attendance is not merely a statistic but a testament to the transformative power of faith and community.

We should be inspired by the Pentecost story to continue our mission with renewed vigour. So, let us pray for the continued growth of our congregations and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our endeavours.

Yours in Christ,

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***Services in Your Parish Church in June 2025***

**SUNDAY 1st JUNE 7th Sunday of Easter**

9.00am WINFORD St Mary & St Peter Eucharist

10.00am CHEW STOKE St Andrew ‘Sunday First’

6.30pm STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary Evensong

**SUNDAY 8th JUNE Pentecost**

8.30am STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am NEMPNETT THRUBWELL St Mary Eucharist

10.30am BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity Morning Worship

11.00am FELTON St Katharine Eucharist

**SUNDAY 15th JUNE Trinity Sunday**

8.30am REGIL St James Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity Eucharist

6.30pm CHEW STOKE St Andrew Evensong

**SUNDAY 22nd JUNE Trinity 1**

9.00am FELTON St Katharine Morning Worship

11.00am WINFORD St Mary & St Peter Eucharist

6.30pm NEMPNETT THRUBWELL St Mary Evensong

6.30pm STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary Evensong

**SUNDAY 29th JUNE St Peter & St Paul**

10.30am CHEW STOKE St Andrew Eucharist

**SUNDAY 6th JULY Trinity 3**

9.00am WINFORD St Mary & St Peter Eucharist

10.00am CHEW STOKE St Andrew ‘Sunday First’

6.30pm STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary Evensong

***Midweek Holy Communion***



**Holy Communion** with **Prayers for Healing** is celebrated in our group of parishes on the

**1st** and **3rd** Wednesdays of each month

**Wednesday 4th June Wednesday 18th June**

**St Katharine’s, Felton** at **10.30am** **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)*

***Sunday First – 1st June & 6th July***

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Our popular all-age ‘Sunday First’ worship will continue on **Sunday 1st June** at **St Andrew’s, Chew Stoke** at **10.00am**. Breakfast and craft activities will be provided, followed by a short act of worship for all ages.

Next month, ‘Sunday First’ will be held on **Sunday 6th July** at the same time.

***Mind & Spirit***

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Mind & Spirit will be held on **Wednesday 11th June** at **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 and connection with people who know what it’s like.

**Contact Revd Fran for more details**.

***Sparklers***



For parents, carers, toddlers and babies

Sparklers will be held on **Monday 16th June** 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.

***Weekly 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**

***Community Choir***

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The next Community Choir rehearsal will be held on **Wednesday 11th June** 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.

***Winford Church Community Fun Day***

Save the Date! – We will be holding a Fun Day for families on **Saturday 12th July** at **Winford Church** between **1.00pm** and **4.00pm**. There will be plenty of fun activities inside and outside church. Refreshments will be available and we will hold a raffle for church funds. This will be a free event. Please see the flier accompanying your magazine for more details.

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**St. James Church, Regil – Cleaning & Flower Rota**

June – Barbara Mabbutt and Ali Simmons ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

**Dean’s Letter - Christ beside us in the joys and sorrows of life**

One of the great gifts of the Church, and to the Church, is the way in which we are invited to share in the significant life events of our communities. As we share in baptisms, confirmations and weddings, there is a great opportunity for us to be a part of people’s real lives in real ways.

A key moment in the Christian journey is the moment of baptism. John Chrysostom in the 4th Century said, *“When we immerse our head in water, just as if in a grave, the old man is buried, and having sunk down, is entirely hidden once for all; that, when we emerge, a new man arises again. Just as it is easy for us to be immersed and to emerge, so it is easy for God to bury the old man and raise up the new.”*

For Christians baptism is important as we start a new way of life and become part of Christ’s body. Titus 3:5 describes baptism as ‘the laver of regeneration’, and John 3:5, to being born again from above. Above all, baptism is the giving of the Spirit – the principle of the Christian Life.

We are united to God by adoption, having access to the divine life by the death and resurrection of Christ; and find ways of sustaining ourselves on the journey of life. As Lancelot Andrewes put it, “*By Him taught all our life long that we know not, put in mind of what we forget, stirred up in what we are dull, helped in our prayers, relieved in our infirmities, comforted in our heaviness.”*

**Toby Wright, Dean of Wells**

**N O T I C E B O A R D**

**A Thank You: from Bishop Ruth**

Following her farewell service at Wells Cathedral in April, Bishop Ruth sent a message of thanks to the Diocese of Bath and Wells for the wonderful farewell she received and for all the cards and gifts she was sent. Bishop Ruth was welcomed by the people of Liverpool in a service at Liverpool, led by Archbishop Stephen.

In her letter Bishop Ruth said, “I will be holding you in my prayers in the coming months and ask that you do the same for me. Never forget that you are ‘God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved’ and keep on living and telling the story of Jesus! With much love and gratitude for you all.”

**+Ruth**

**A Tribute: Remembering Pat Thomas**

Sadly Pat Thomas died at the end of March. On the 19th May her funeral was held, and afterwards we celebrated her life at the Village Hall. She had especially requested a proper party with good food and lots of gin!

She’ll be fondly remembered by many villagers, and all the Barnes family who had known her all their lives. She especially loved the Garden Society in the village, with its Plant Sale and main show in August. She loved cooking and entered many categories, also her garden. The Tuesday Group and the Coffee Mornings at the pub were always popular. When Gerry died, she learned to play Bridge and travelled to many competitions.

After leaving school she was a dancer, did admin in various transport firms, ending-up as a bookkeeper. She also worked for CLIC for 11 years.

She was a very kind and thoughtful lady, but one who made sure things were done properly, and we shall all miss her.

Jenny Barnes

**An Appointment: Winford C of E Primary School**

Winford School is very pleased to have appointed a new Headteacher against a backdrop of strong candidates: **Jenny Campbell** will take-up her post in September.

Jenny’s track record at Blagdon School is a remarkable one, achieving some of the strongest pupil outcomes in N. Somerset. We believe Jenny will maintain the family feel and ethos of Winford Primary, whilst leading positive developments in teaching and learning. Her experience and integrity give us the greatest confidence that the school will flourish in her care, and we look forward to extending a warm welcome to her.

Meanwhile…**Yr 6 pupils** are looking forward to heading-off on their **Residential Trip** from 4th to 6th June, anticipating lots of good experiences and fun.

On behalf of Winford School

**A Conversation** in a Supermarket went like this…

”Excuse me, can you tell me where the lentils are, please?”

“Yes, I’ll slow you. Follow me.”

“I will, but I follow Jesus.”

“So do I.” Follow the Shepherd not the flock

**Welcome Wednesdays**

Do come along to the friendly coffee mornings at the **George & Dragon Pub** in **Felton**

every **Wednesday** from **11.00am – 12.00-ish**.

 We look forward to seeing you there.

**Winford Coffee Morning**

Next Coffee Morning will be **Tuesday 10th June** at **The Prince of Waterloo Pub** from **11.00am**.

Do come along to meet old friends and make new ones.

This is a regular event held **2nd Tuesday** of the  month.

For either contact **Lyndsay Newman**, Village Agent, **07967 345559.**

**Felton Village Hall**

Thank you to everyone who supported the VE Day Celebrations in the hall and also at the Beacon. I appreciated all the support from committee members, Pete Longden for the building of the beacon and cleaning-up afterwards, help in the kitchen with hot dogs also decorating the hall with bunting and flags, also the bar staff.

We are planning a few more events possibly in September and November so keep watching your Parish Magazine.

If there are any suggestions for future fund-raising events please contact:

**Angela Britton** **(01275) 472223.**

**100 Club** **winners** were: Mr P Dibble number 174 (£50) and Mr R Perry number 273 (£25).

The draw was made at the VE Day Celebration.

The refurbishment of the ladies and gents toilets is almost complete and has certainly enhanced the hall for bookings. We also have baby changing facilities in the disabled toilet.

Angela Britton

**Felton Flower Show Society**

Back in April we had a very successful Plant Sale, the weather held and a nice lot of people turned up.

Our grateful thanks to Rob and Terri for hosting the Plant Sale once again.

The tours of Felton House were very popular, and we would like to thank Rob for his enthusiastic guiding.

Overall takings were up on last year and as in the previous 3 years, the proceeds from the tours and refreshments of £220 will be split between The Flower Show Society, Felton Village Hall and St Katharine’s Church.

Our next event will be **Felton Flower Show** on **Saturday 23rd August** at **Felton Village Hall**.

More details next month.

Anne Cantwell

**Felton & Winford Tuesday Group**

**Visit** to **Yew Tree Farm,**

Bridgewater Road, BS13 8AJ

**Tuesday 3rd June** at **2.30pm**



This exciting outing has been planned to include a tour of the animals, vegetable plot and viewpoint followed by refreshments, to be paid for at the time.

There will be an opportunity to stock-up on Catherine’s sausages, bacon and much more.

**Directions**: Just off the A38, before the King’s Head roundabout, on the left. Footpath sign by the turning into a narrow lane.

**Please contact**: **Anne Cantwell (01275) 474647** **if you would like to join the group as numbers are limited.**

Last month’s meeting was also well attended. Lindsay gave a very informative talk about Hand Spinning which was enjoyed by all. With the sale of handmade items and wool, plus a donation, she was delighted to be able to send £135 to The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity.

Anne Cantwell

[Note: You may recall that The Royal Marsden Hospital was where the Princess of Wales received her cancer treatment in 2024, and visited again in 2025 to express her heartfelt thanks.]

**News from Winford Village Hall** (written on 14th May)

There hasn’t been much news from us, but we did have a successful Bingo evening in February yet again. Thank you all those who bought tickets.

We are holding our **AGM** on **Friday 6th June** at **7.30pm** in the hall.

There will be free tea, coffee and biscuits. The meeting does not take very long but we would really appreciate it if you could come along, especially if you use the hall or are thinking of booking us for an event.

We really need suggestions for entertainments that we can provide. The murder/mystery evening is on hold at the moment but we do need ideas of events that you might like to attend.

Come and tell us your ideas, or email them to: **Denise Poole** on [**denise.poole@hotmail.co.uk**](mailto:denise.poole@hotmail.co.uk)

or to **Karen Holliday** on [**kaholliday@btinternet.com**](mailto:kaholliday@btinternet.com)

Don’t forget we have a regular art group, a craft group, yoga, Tae kwon do, dance lessons and children’s drama classes, and we have room for more regular bookings.

Hoping to see you at the AGM or to hear from you with ideas.

Denise Poole (hon. Secretary)

**Diary at a Glance – June 2025**

Tue 3 Felton & Winford Tues Group Visit to Yew Tree Farm 2.30pm

Thur 5 Mobile Library [\*see below] Winford/Redhill 10.00am – 1.00pm

Fri 6 Craft Group Winford Village Hall 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Winford Village Hall AGM Winford Village Hall 7.30pm

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Tue 10 Winford Coffee Morning Prince of Waterloo 11.00am

Wed 11 Community Minibus Trip Cardiff Whole day

Mind & Spirit Felton Village Hall 10.30am

Community Choir Winford Church 7.00pm

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Mon 16 Sparklers Winford Church 1.45pm

Thur 19 Mobile Library [\*see below] Lulsgate/Felton/Regil/Butcombe 10.00am – 1.00pm

Fri 20 Craft Group Winford Village Hall 1.00pm – 4.00pm

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Mon 23 Winford Parish Council Meeting Felton Village Hall 7.30pm

Fri 27 Community Minibus Trip Salisbury Whole day

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**Welcome Wednesdays** are weekly [see **p7**].

**\*Mobile Library** is running a Home Delivery Service only for this month.

Customers can continue to reserve/return items in the usual way and will be contacted when they are available.

**A New Timetable**, along with a new van, will start in July, so watch this space.

**See Mobile Library Route Review** [p**11**]

For more details or assistance, please contact:

**Mobile Library Service (01275) 888864** or email[**mobile.library@n-somerset.gov.uk**](mailto:mobile.library@n-somerset.gov.uk)

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**Community Minibus Trips**

**\*We are keen to recruit some more drivers for these popular trips.\***

Please consider if you are able to help in this way.

**Date Destination**

**Wednesday 11th June** Cardiff Whole day

**Friday 27th June** Salisbury Whole day

And looking ahead…

**Monday 7th July** Clarks Village ½ day

**Thursday 24th July** Stratford-upon-Avon Whole day

**Bookings**: ring Maggie on **01761 462979** (leave message)

or email **maggiemurphy1944@hotmail.co.uk**

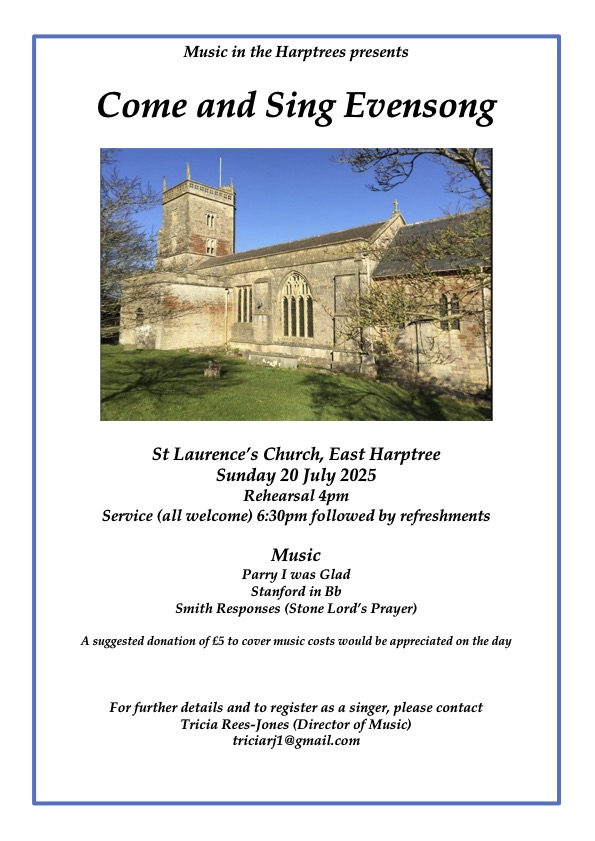
Comments and/or suggestions may be fed-back to Maggie.

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***Anne Wawn (01275) 474442*** *or email* ***jwc.239.weu@gmail.com***



**Happening in July but you can sing-up [sorry, sign-up] for it now 😊**

***North Somerset Council – Open, Fairer, Greener***

**Mobile Library Route Review**

We would like to invite your feedback on our proposed updates to the Mobile Library timetable.

The current timetable has been created over the course of several years to accommodate changes to the mobile library service as they’ve happened and includes a lot of time spent driving between stops in different parts of North Somerset.

This proposed timetable review has allowed us to streamline the timetable and group stops in similar areas together, meaning less travelling and more time spent with customers.

We have used usage data from the past two years to determine demand across the stops, and stops have been adjusted to better meet this demand. Other stops have been moved to reach specific demographics, such as to align with school day timings.

This review of the Mobile Library timetable is separate from any review of the library service as a whole (which will be taking place over the summer), and any feedback you give will be used to inform the changes made to the Mobile Library timetable only.

The feedback survey can be accessed from Monday 5th May until **Sunday 15th June** using this link [**https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/NvSFx4Vjr9**](https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/NvSFx4Vjr9)**.**

You can also give feedback directly to the mobile driver at your next visit.

Many thanks, Sarah S, Richard & Francesca - The Mobile Library Team

Francesca Warren, Community Services Officer

**Tel:** **01934 426748/ (01275) 888864**. **Web**: [**www.n-somerset.gov.uk**](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/)

**Post:** Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1UJ

**Harptrees History Society**

**Visit to Compton Martin Church, Wednesday 25th June, 6.30pm**

**Meet at the Old Schoolroom**, **adjacent to the church**, at **6.00pm** for **6.30pm** **start**.  
A chance for a conducted tour of this 900-year old church.  
Pevsner wrote that it is *'perhaps the best Norman church in Somerset'*.  
Please bring a torch and binoculars to gain full advantage of the detailed architecture.

Numbers attending are limited, so **if you would like to book a place** (£4), **please contact the society as soon as possible** to get all the details on: [**info@harptreeshistorysociety.org**](mailto:info@harptreeshistorysociety.org)

**Valley Arts**

Local performing arts charity Valley Arts are celebrating their **10 Year Anniversary** this year with a packed schedule of events:

* **Midsummer Magic**: **Obscure Desires** from **Many Hands**  - a breathtaking contemporary circus and music experience.

**Tuesday 10th June**, **7.00pm**, **Yeo Valley Organic Garden.**

* **Jazz Jam** - monthly jam with the Valley Arts House band, all levels welcome.

**Tuesday 10th June**, **8.00pm,** **The Pelican**, **Chew Magna**.

* **Much Ado About Nothing** by **The Handlebards**. High energy spin on the Shakespearean classic.

**Friday 20th June**, **7.00pm**, **Yeo Valley Organic Garden**.

* **Open Mic Music Night at The Pony** - great night of local music right on the doorstep. **Tuesday 24th June**, **7.45pm**, **The Pony**, **Chew Magna.**

**Tickets for all events** can be booked via the Valley Arts website[**www.valley-arts.co.uk.**](http://www.valleyartscentre.co.uk./)

**Chew Valley Gardening Society**

This friendly society meets on the **2nd Thursday** of the monthat **8.00pm** in **Stanton Drew Village Hall**, where there is easy access and parking.

There will be a meeting on **Thursday 12th June** where **Nick Morgan** will talk on **'Making the most of your Greenhouse'.**

**The competition will be** **a rose stem**.

If you would like to become a member please contact **Graham Nicol**, our Chairman, on

**(01275) 333456**or just come along, you are warmly invited.

**Chew Valley Gadget Busters - here to help with digital devices**

**Wednesday 11th June The Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke 12.30pm** – **2.30pm**

**Wednesday 9th July The Queens, Chew Magna 12.30pm** – **2.30pm**

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.

Chew Valley Gadget Bustershold one, 2-hour face-to-face session, every **2nd Wednesday** of the month, alternating between Chew Magna and Chew Stoke – **thanks to The Queens** pub **in Chew Magna** and **The Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke.**

Either **book an appointment** by e-mailing[**cvgadgetbusters@gmail.com**](mailto:cvgadgetbusters@gmail.com)or turn up on the day**.**

It costs **£3** per appointment, all of which goes to charity.

So do visit **Gadget Busters** who are here to help.

**Redhill Village Hall/Club Events 2025**

**Church Road, Redhill, North Somerset BS40 5SG.  Tel: 01934 862619.**

Follow us on Facebook[**Redhillvillagehall@gmail.com**](mailto:Redhillvillagehall@gmail.com)

**Redstock Music, Cider & Beer Festival:  Saturday 21st June** from**12 noon.**

Live Bands. Local traders. Food Stalls. Craft Breweries. Kids Zone. Further details to follow.

**Book tickets online** at **Redstock.live**

£20 per person purchased in advance or £25 per person on the day.

**Bingo Night: Friday 27th June**.  Eyes down at **8 o’clock**.£6 a book of 6.

**Classic Car Meets**

**Thursday 26th June 6.30pm – 9.00pm**

Thursday 24th July 6.30pm – 9.00pm

Thursday 21st August 6.30pm – 9.00pm

**Coffee Room - Opening days & times**

Wednesdays: 10.00am – 1.00pm

Every other Sunday: 2.00pm – 4.00pm

**Redhill.Live**  -for event details -online ticketing (where applicable) -latest news, updates etc.

**Dorothy House Hospice Care: What is Dying Matters?**



Dying Matters is a national campaign run by the charity, Hospice UK. They work with local organisations, like Dorothy House, and partners from across all sectors of health, social care and voluntary organisations, to make things better for people who are dying or grieving; to share vital resources to support people in having difficult conversations, and in planning for the end-of-life.

Because of our ageing population, the number of deaths in the UK is projected to increase by 25% by 2048. According to the latest research, nearly 90% of respondents agreed that planning for end-of-life was essential, but just 14% of people had formally done so.

**What free events and resources are available?**

They include interviews and blogs, [Death Cafés](https://deathcafe.com/deathcafe/5463/), [Bereavement Help Points](https://www.dorothyhouse.org.uk/what-we-do/groups-and-workshops/bereavement-help-point/), events, [free will writing](https://www.dorothyhouse.org.uk/information-hub/free-wills/), [podcasts](https://partoflife.podbean.com/), and free [funeral planning tools](https://www.dorothyhouse.org.uk/news/dorothy-houses-peace-of-mind-planner/).

Health professionals focus on, ‘what matters to you?’ rather than, ‘what IS the matter with you?’ The resources reflect the ways that different cultures and faiths approach and mark death and dying. But at their core, feelings about dying, and our experiences of grief, are universal emotions that all share, no matter who we are or where we live.

**Parish Council News from Annemieke Waite, District Councillor**

**Dear All**,

As part of my role on North Somerset Council, I help oversee our household waste collections. Every month, our crews empty over **1.1 million** bins – and **99.8%** are collected on time. That’s something we’re proud of, even though occasional slip-ups happen.

We’re now entering an exciting new phase that makes recycling easier and even more valuable!

**♻️ Your New Red Bag**You should have received a red recycling bag for **hard plastics and tins**. Please keep using your two existing boxes for a) **Paper & Cardboard** b) **Glass**

Sorting recycling like this makes collection quicker and reduces contamination – which means we can sell more high-quality materials and bring in extra income for local services.

**🛍️ Soft Plastics – Coming in June!**From early June, you can recycle soft plastics like crisp packets, carrier bags, and cling film. Just pop them in a bread bag, tie it shut, and leave it on top of your recycling box.

**🍎 Don’t Waste Food Waste**Producing food uses huge amounts of water, land and energy. And yet, globally, around 40% of food is wasted, and we find it a lot in our black bins. If we collect it in your brown caddy, we can turn it into **compost or renewable energy** – and even make money doing it. Let’s keep food out of black bins!

**🗑️ What’s in Your Black Bin?**Unlike recycling or food waste, everything in your black bin ends up in landfill, which is not only expensive, but very bad for the environment. To cut this down, we’re expanding what you can recycle – including textiles, soft plastics, and small electricals – and from June, black bins will be collected every 3 weeks. **Your recycling and food waste will still be collected weekly.**

🚛**Updating Our Waste Collection Routes**

It’s been 10 years since we last reviewed our waste collection routes – and a lot has changed! With so many new homes built across North Somerset, our current routes are no longer as efficient as they could be. To keep collections running smoothly, we’re re-routing our rounds. This means **some households will have new collection days**.

If your collection day is changing, **don’t worry** – you’ll receive a letter with all the details in advance.

**📱 Download Our Free App**

Our new app gives you bin day reminders, and soon you’ll be able to report fly-tipping, potholes or view planning applications too. **Search for *North Somerset Council* in your app store.**

**Let’s Make Recycling Easier**Change takes time. That’s why staff are there to help, but our approach is to encourage everyone to **“give it a go”** before asking for help.

Need more support? Visit the dedicated website:

[**https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/bins-recycling/three-weekly-waste-collections**](https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/bins-recycling/three-weekly-waste-collections)

Thank you for doing your bit – it really does make a difference for our community and our planet!

**Annemieke**[**Annemieke.waite@n-somerset.gov.uk**](mailto:Annemieke.waite@n-somerset.gov.uk)

**Winford Parish Council Meeting**

**Date held: Tuesday 22nd April 2025**

**Highways and Footpaths.** The Clerk would continue to seek an update from North Somerset Council (NSC) regarding road safety improvements in Winford.

The Clerk had received a complaint regarding overgrown hedgerows alongside the Brooke in Winford. It was noted that as riparian owners of the embankment, maintenance is the responsibility of the owners of the properties adjacent to the Brooke. It wasagreed that the Clerk would write to the occupants of all relevant properties reminding them of this responsibility.

**Felton Common.** Enquiries were ongoing regarding whether a neighbouring land owner had access rights over the Common. A member of the public had reported that motorbikes were seen riding on the Common. The Parish Council requested that in future, photographs and number plates be obtained in order to appropriately respond to the matter.

The Clerk would write to the Airport to inform them about the Beacon that would be lit on the Common to celebrate VE Day at 9.30pm on 8th May 2025.

**Airport.** The Parish Council received an update from representatives who attended meetings to discuss its Environmental Effects and Passengers with Reduced Mobility.

The Noise Insulation Scheme is now open and the application form is available on the Airport’s website.

A positive meeting had taken place between representative from the Parish Council, senior members of NSC Highways Department, Avon & Somerset Police and Bristol Airport on 3rd April 2025, to seek resolution to a number of problems raised. A further meeting with representatives from the Airport and the Parish Council would take place on 14th May 2025.

**Compost Site and Allotments.** The Community Payback Scheme had commenced their maintenance programme at Felton Allotments on 22nd April 2025. Two further dates were in the process of being arranged.

The Parish Council would seek an update from the instructed fencing contractor as to when work would commence at the Compost Site.

**Parish Property.** Pollarding of the willow tree in Winford High Street would now take place in winter, due to the nesting season. As a result of a tomography report, a quote would be sought to remove the decaying beech tree near to St Katharine’s Church.

**Any other business.** Information welcoming new residents to the Parish was due to resume distribution.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 28th May,Combined Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting**.**

**Upcoming meeting: Monday 23rd June**, **7.30pm** at **Felton Village Hall.**

**Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team – Redwood**

PCSO 9382 Connor Aitken

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**Chew Stoke Methodist Church**

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**Minister** Reverend John Hayes 07341 628932

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**Senior Steward** Denise Cutlan   [01761](tel:01761%20463139) 347287

**Sunday Services at 10.30am**

A warm welcome awaits. Do come and join us**.**

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**Winford Baptist Chapel – part of the Chew and Yeo Valley Network**

**Trustee** (contact for details) Alan Parker (01275) 472149

**Sundays**  Evening Service 5.00pm

**Wednesdays** Prayer & Bible Study 2.30pm

**Every 3rd Thursday** Renew Wellbeing Coffee Morning 10.30am

**Communion Service 3rd Sunday in the month**

You will receive a very warm welcome to all our meetings and services

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**Roman Catholic Churches Covering the Chew Valley**

**South Bristol Mission Area**

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Our family of Catholic Parishes: St Bernadette, Whitchurch; St Dunstan, Keynsham St Pius Xth, Withywood; (also incorporating The Sacred Heart, Chew Magna, now closed)

**In the name of Jesus: Welcomed, Loved, Sent**

**Parish Priest**: Fr Matt Anscombe (01275) 833699 matt.anscombe@cliftondiocese.com

**Deacons:** Rev Mark Forge and Lester Yeo (contact via Parish Office)

Sunday Masses:

9.00am St. Pius Xth, Gatehouse Avenue, Bristol BS13 9AB

5.30pm (Sat) and 11.00am St. Bernadette’s, 731, Wells Road, Whitchurch BS14 9HU

11.00am St. Dunstan’s, 20 Bristol Road, Keynsham BS31 2BQ

For other services (including Christmas and Easter) see our website: **www.calledtomorebristol.org.uk**

**For pastoral care, home communions or other enquiries please contact the Mission Area Office:**

c/o St Pius Xth Church, Gatehouse Avenue, Withywood, Bristol BS13 9AB

Tel: 0117 964 6922 (out of hours mobile 07729 833779)

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**Winford Parish Community Cars For medical and care appointments.**

Please call: (**01275) 333430** (Mon – Fri) 9.00am – 5.00pm

**Winford Parish Community Minibus For trips**.Please call: Maggie Murphy **01761 462979**

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**Airport Working Party** Gill Patch 474196

**Some Useful Telephone Numbers**

**Police Non-emergency dial 101**

**Bristol Airport Community Relations Officer** Tracy Comer 0117 4575027

**Bristol Airport Complaints** https://www.bristolairport.co.uk/contact-and-help/complaints/

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- Backwell Parish Bridget Petty

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**Backwell Parish Council** Clerk Clare Melton  **464653**

**North Somerset Council Emergency Number 01934 622669**

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**Floodline (24 hour) 0345 988 1188**

**Doctors -Chew Medical Practice 01275 332420**

**-Wrington 01934 852906**

**-Downside (Flax Bourton) 01275 850600**

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**Avon Wildlife Trust** Annie Sewart 332482

**Chew Stoke Bowling Club** Phil Gullam 472605

**Chew Valley Children’s Centre/Health Visitors** 01225 395455

**Chew Valley Choral Society** Catherine Hunt 07814 098457

**Chew Valley School** – Head Teacher Gareth Beynon 332272

**Community Minibus** for trips Maggie Murphy 01761 462979

**Community Shop**  472222

**Cricket Clubs -** Barrow Gurney Mark Forge 07884 122301

- Winford [Shaftesbury]Jake Mawford 07824 808098

**Felton Evergreens** Tina Clements 01179 645668

**Felton Flower Show Society** Viv Etheridge 472921

Anne Cantwell 474647

**Felton & Winford Tuesday Group** Anne Cantwell 474647

**Felton Village Hall Committee Secretary** Angela Britton 472223

**Felton Village Hall Letting Secretary**  Gordon Ladd 07887 607294

**Guides and Brownies** Sue Curtis 333361

**Rainbow Guides** Jackie Morris 474858

**Regil Village Hall** Daisy George 07766 084762

**Tug-of-War Day Committee** Pete Dyer 01934 823462

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**WI Market** Tamsin Free 01761 221674

**Winford & Felton Craft** Elizabeth Parker 472149

Shelagh Sutton 472641

**Winford Pre-school**  Claire House 472742

**Winford Produce Show** Philippa Herring 474270

**Winford C of E Primary School**

Office Karen Hobson 472730

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**Winford Village Hall Secretary** Denise Poole 472797