



3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

### **An Invitation to Sing!**

Two exciting new Children's Choirs will be launching soon in the Chew Valley: **Mini Melodies** and **Jubilee!** Run by churches in **Chew Valley West Benefice**, the choirs will provide music-making opportunities for children aged 7 to 14. There are so many benefits to singing and being part of a choir, so we hope you will enjoy finding out more and will be inspired to join us.

### **Who can join?**

Our choirs are open to everyone, whether you feel you have a connection with our churches or not. **Mini Melodies** is aimed at children between the ages of 7 and 9. **Jubilee!** is for an older age group, between 9/10 and 14 years old.

### **What will it involve?**

We will meet weekly during school term to make music together. **Mini Melodies** will introduce some of the basics of singing such as rhythm and melody through fun songs and activities. Members of **Jubilee!** will learn to sing music in a wide variety of styles.

### **When do you meet?**

**Mini Melodies** will meet at **Chew Stoke Church School** on Tuesdays, 3:30–4:30pm during school term. **Jubilee!** will meet at Chew Stoke Church School on Thursdays, 3:30–4:30pm during school term.

### **When are the first rehearsals?**

<b>Mini Melodies</b>	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2022, 3:30pm
<b>Jubilee!</b>	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2022, 3:30pm

### **How much does it cost?**

Both choirs are free. Tuition and resources are provided.

### **Who takes the rehearsals?**

Rehearsals will be run by our Vicar, **Rev Dr Ian Mills**. Ian was a full-time musician before he was ordained to the ministry and comes to us with years of experience of music-making

both in church and in the community. He has worked as a Cathedral Organist and with choirs such as the National Youth Choir of Northern Ireland as well as recording, broadcasting and giving recitals.

### What are the benefits of singing in a choir?

Lots! Increased confidence, help with literacy and numeracy, experience of working as part of a team, and a sense of achievement are just some of the proven advantages of singing together.

### What's the next step?

Please complete the attached Registration Form and either return it to your school office, or by email to [sing-chewvalleywest@gmail.com](mailto:sing-chewvalleywest@gmail.com)

You can download a copy of the registration form and find out more about the work of our group of churches on our website:

**[www.chewvalleywest.org/childrens-choir](http://www.chewvalleywest.org/childrens-choir)**

### Or for further information contact:

**Mrs Carole Hope**  
Chew Stoke Church School

**Mr Nik Gardner**  
Winford Primary School



**CHEW STOKE** St Andrew  
**FELTON** St Katharine  
**NEMPNETT THRUBWELL** St Mary  
**REGIL** St James  
**WINFORD** St Mary & St Peter  
[www.chewvalleywest.org](http://www.chewvalleywest.org)

### Registration Slip – Please detach & Return to School Office -----

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to collect my child promptly at 4.30pm signed \_\_\_\_\_

Please Tick preferred Choir Group:

Mini Melodies (Aged 7-9 Tuesdays) \_\_\_\_\_ Jubilee! (Ages 9+ Thursdays) \_\_\_\_\_