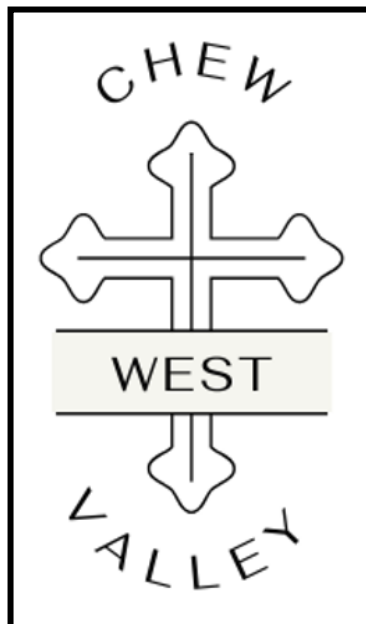


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Troup, Kilroy, Power and Down

Messrs: Jameson, Soper, Kilroy, Poynter 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](http://www.chewvalleywest.org)

## Letter from our Rector, the Rev. Dr. Ian Mills

Dear Friends,

One of the privileges of being a priest is being recognised. This takes a bit of getting used to, but throughout my ministry I have been blessed by so many interesting conversations in the most unexpected places—all thanks to the piece of white plastic I wear as a collar. Whether in our hospitals, our schools, the pub, or the petrol station, it seems we still want to talk about faith. People have shared with me their fears, vulnerabilities, and concerns as well as their stories of answered prayer.

It is sad that we have fewer priests serving our villages than we once did. Our Diocese is under severe financial strain and, to quote Bishop Michael, we have had to find ways to cover many more slices of toast with the same amount of butter! But it is worth remembering that ministry is something that we can and should all be part of. Our churches are full of hardworking and hard-pressed volunteers who serve God and their communities not because they wear a collar, but because they carry a much more important sign—the sign of the cross which they received at their baptism.

As our group expands to welcome the parishes of Bishop Sutton and Stowey over the coming months, it is a good opportunity to thank God for those who carry that sign of ministry into their communities in gentle, every-day, unassuming ways.

Soon we will celebrate Christmas in our homes, churches and schools. At its heart, Christmas is about being able to recognise someone in the most unexpected of places. Jesus, the Son of God, came to earth, not wearing distinctive robes or even a collar — he came as a vulnerable child, born in the squalor of a cattle shed.

I pray that amid the busyness of the season we will be able to recognise the Christ Child and take time to join the shepherds, wise men and angels in worshipping him.

I wish you God's richest blessing for a peaceful Christmas.

Wishing you a Happy and Blessed Christmas,

Ian K. Mills +



A Prayer Request Box is located in St Andrew's. Requests can be left confidentially at any stage. If you would like to speak with the Rector, please leave a contact number on the reverse. Alternatively, you can submit a Prayer Request online via our website:

[www.chewvalleywest.org/prayer](http://www.chewvalleywest.org/prayer)

Our Contemplative Prayer Group will meet in St Andrew's, Chew Stoke on **Monday 4th December and Monday 8th January at 10am.**



### Midweek Holy Communion

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 6th December FELTON St Katharine  
 Wednesday 20th December CHEW STOKE St Andrew  
 Wednesday 3rd January FELTON St Katharine  
 Wednesday 17th January CHEW STOKE St Andrew

*'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 meet on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** in **Winford Church** at **1.45pm**. Join us for an hour of fellowship, craft, activities, conversation, and refreshments.

Due to expected restoration work in Winford Church, Sparklers will not meet in January 2024.

### Let's make it an Eco Advent!

This year across Bath and Wells, church and school communities, as well as families, are being encouraged to have an Eco Advent. You can join in and combine the spirit of Advent with a commitment to the environment as you enjoy an eco-friendly journey to the manger... from the comfort of your own home.

A helpful guide to joining in with Eco Advent is available to download from [bathand-wells.org.uk/eco-advent](http://bathand-wells.org.uk/eco-advent), where you will also find the daily Advent tasks. They will also be shared on our diocesan [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#) feeds.



### PARISH OF ST ANDREW, CHEW STOKE PARISH REGISTER Funeral

30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 **Edward Michael Petty**  
*'The Lord is my Shepherd'*

It is with deep regret to advise that Chris Keel, whose family managed Church Farm, Chew Stoke for many years. passed away on Saturday after a long illness.





## Advent Carols & Christingle

The beginning of the season of Advent will be marked with a special service of Carols, Readings and Christingles

on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 3 pm** in

**St Mary's, Nempnett Thrubwell.**

Come along to this beautiful service by candlelight.



## Christmas Eve Crib Service at 4.00pm

A short Crib Service for families will be held at St Andrew's but we need YOUR help with acting out the Nativity. Everyone is welcome, particularly families with children, to this joyous celebration of the Christmas Story.

## Chew Valley West Community Choirs

The next rehearsal for **Chew Valley West Community Choir** will be held on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** in **Winford Church** at **7.00pm**. New members are always welcome. The atmosphere is relaxed, the music is fun, and membership is free! Our choirs are looking forward to performing at **A Village Christmas**. Details may be found below. [www.chewvalleywest.org/community-choir](http://www.chewvalleywest.org/community-choir)



## *A Village Christmas*



***Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm***

***A popular carol concert will return in Winford Church.***

***Come along and enjoy songs and carols from our Benefice Community Choir and Children's Choirs. Admission is free with a retiring collection in support of St Mary & St Peter's, Winford Restoration Appeal.***



# St Andrew's Church Charity Soup Lunches 6th December & 3rd January

in the village hall, first Wednesday of the month  
from 12.30 - 1.30pm, £6 on the door, kids £1

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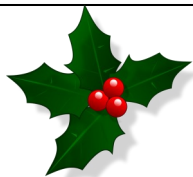
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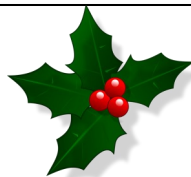
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Last month £350 was raised for Youth Matters—Thank you!  
December charity will be Crisis



## Christmas Cheer 9th December



Please save the date for a special Christmas Cheer in the village hall  
on the 9th December involving all generations!

Tickets at £15 each include a two course hot supper and  
entertainment and are available

from [chewstokecommunity@gmail.com](mailto:chewstokecommunity@gmail.com)

or Suzanne McDonald (333130) or Ruth Donlevy

When they are gone they are gone.....!



### OPERATION XMAS CHILD

Thank you to everyone who came to our coffee  
morning. We raised £330 which we have asked to be put  
towards the transport costs for the shoe boxes.

We took 39 filled boxes to the collection point.

Mel and Penny

**Benefice of Chew Valley West**  
Diocese of Bath & Wells December Services

	Sunday 3 December Advent 1	Sunday 10 December Advent 2	Sunday 17 Dec. Advent 3	Sunday 24 Dec. Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Sunday 31 Dec. Christmas 1
<b>CHEW STOKE</b> St Andrew		10.30am Eucharist	6.30pm Carol Service	4.00pm Crib Service	10.30am Eucharist	
<b>NEMPNETT THRUBWELL</b> The Blessed Virgin Mary	3.00pm Advent Carols & Christingle	9.00am Eucharist		6.30pm Carol Service	9.00am Eucharist	
<b>FELTON</b> St Katharine	9.00am Morning Worship		11.00am Eucharist	11.00am Carol Service		11.00am Benefice Eucharist
<b>WINFORD</b> St Mary & St Peter	11.00am Eucharist		3.00pm Carol Service	2.00pm Crib Ser- vice 9.00pm First Eu- charist of Christmas		
<b>REGIL</b> St James		6.00pm Carol Service			8.00am Holy Commun- ion (BCP)	

**St Andrews December Rota**

**Flowers:** No flowers as it is Advent, but all are welcome to join in decorating the church for Christmas on the **morning of the 23rd December.**

**Cleaning & Brass: December:** Hazel P & Jan Osborne

**Readers & Sidespeople**

**Sunday 10th Dec. 10.30am Eucharist**

Readers: Sue Cook & Celebrant 2Peter 3 vv8-15a Mark i vv1-8

Sidespeople: Jessica & Cynthia

**Sunday 17th Dec. 6.30pm Carol Service**

Sidespeople: Sheila and Clare

**Christmas Eve: Crib Service 4pm**

Sidespeople: Tina & Laura

**Christmas Day 10.30am Eucharist**

Readers: Jerry & Celebrant Titus 2 vv11-14 Luke 2 vv1-14

Sidespeople: Sara Hindle & Tina

## Benefice of Chew Valley West

### Diocese of Bath & Wells January Services

	Sunday 7 January The Epiphany	Sunday 14 January Epiphany 2	Sunday 21 January Epiphany 3	Sunday 28 January Epiphany 4
<b>CHEW STOKE</b> St Andrew	10.30am Eucharist		6.30pm Evensong	
<b>NEMPNETT THRUBWELL</b> The Blessed Virgin Mary		9.30am Eucharist		6.30pm Evensong
<b>FELTON</b> St Katharine		11.00am Eucharist		9.00am Morning Worship
<b>WINFORD</b> St Mary & St Peter	Church closed to allow restoration work • Services will be held in St James', Regil			
<b>REGIL</b> St James	9.00am Morning Worship		8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	11.00am Eucharist
<b>STOWEY</b> St Nicholas & The Blessed Virgin Mary	10.30am Plough Sunday Service REVD TREVOR STUBBS 6.30pm Evensong	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)		6.30pm Evensong VEN TONY WILDS
<b>BISHOP SUTTON</b> Holy Trinity		10.30am Morning Worship MRS SANDRA EDGERTON	10.30am Eucharist	

### St Andrews January Rota

**Flowers: Altar & Lady Chapel:** Hazel Wedlake : 8th and 15th Liz W. 22nd & 29th

**Cleaning & Brass:** Gill Wring & Debbie Alford

**Sunday 7th January 10.30am Eucharist**

Raeders: Jerry & Celebrant      Ephesians 3 vv1-12      Matthew 2 vv1-12

Sidespeople: Jessica & Sheila

**Sunday 21st January 6.30pm Evensong**

Raeders: Sue Cook & Liz      Genesis 14 vv17-20      John 2 vv1-11

Sidespeople: Peter J. & Tina

### Church Cleaning & Flowers Coffee Morning



The coffee morning for setting up 2024 rotas for church cleaning and flowers will be at Liz Wormald's house, Nutgrove, Pilgrims Way, on Saturday 13th January from 10.30.

Hazel and Liz will be delighted to see you.

Coffee, tea and cake will be served.



**Ward Councillors report:** Bristol Airport have made changes to waiting areas along the A38 restricting waiting times.

Fly-tipping on private land on Walley Court Road. CSPC to contact B&NES again to ask about enforcement, and the landowner to enquire about removal of waste.

**Parking and traffic issues in the village** – feedback about the Autospeedwatch cameras is very positive, and shows they help to decrease traffic speeds in rural villages. Agreed to look into funding help from B&NES initially, Also, members of the parish council to meet representatives from Chew Stoke Church School on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. The police have been posting notices on cars parked on the pavements, this has been circulated on Facebook to raise awareness to residents. Clerk to contact Rugby Club re signage at the entrance.

**Rectory Field and tree planting:** A meeting took place with residents, members of the WI, Chew Valley Plants Trees and the Parish Council in Rectory Field on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October to discuss recent plans to improve the field. The WI will choose a tree to be added to mark their centenary, this will be discreet and towards the top left corner. Agreed the need for openness to be maintained, with good sightlines, as mentioned by neighbours. Agreed to contact the manager of the Forest Club for input, agreed to a mixed orchard in the top right corner which will be a community asset, a more detailed design will be provided for that corner. Also discussed the areas that have been allowed to grow long grass over the last couple of years, this has not been popular especially with dog owners, agreed to cut these areas shorter again in future. The wildflower meadow has not flowered satisfactorily for the last few years, agreed to remove this and replace with more trees that would create a barrier between the road and field. To also plant a low mixed hedge near the gate. Plan to put stakes in the ground to review layout of new trees and to keep the parish updated, and to engage with neighbours again and at key times.

**Village Hall:** All forms are back with the solicitors, and we are awaiting details of the completion date.

**Village upkeep:** discussed previous plans to create a cage to cover the ends of the pipes under the ford to keep them clear and free flowing. Recent high rainfall has evidenced that the pipes remained clear and the river level dropped to below the road very quickly, suggesting keeping the pipes clear is very important. The resident who designed the cage to look at prices of materials and construction.

The pavement on Stoke Hill has recently been swept of leaves but it remains dangerous with overhanging hedges and the falling bank making the pavement very narrow. CSPC to contact relevant landowners.

**Village shop** – the lettings agent website states the shop is now let, but no change within the premises. *Since the meeting, activity has been noted in the shop, information received that a convenience shop to open shortly. This was warmly welcomed.*

**Next monthly meeting Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**January meeting Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

## Clubs & Societies



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

#### **Chew Stoke Film Film Club Celebrates 10 Years**

Nationwide many of the large cinemas are closing but grass roots cinema is thriving. The charity Cinema for All estimates that there are 1500 independent cinemas staffed by volunteers, one of which is The Majestic operated by the Chew Stoke Film Club now celebrating its tenth season.

A conversation over a charity soup lunch in 2013 led a small team to set up the film club to share the delights of the cinema with a local audience. Advice and generous support from the British Film Institute (BFI) and help from the National Lottery helped to get the club on a sound footing and to become an official Neighbourhood Cinema.

Once a month in little over an hour the church hall is transformed into an Art Deco cinema. 'We are open to all' says John Bone, one of the founding members and committee member. 'We pride ourselves in showing a wide range of films and have now screened 100 films ranging from current blockbusters to all time classics.'

Operating as a charity the film club also seeks to make regular donations to local people and causes and to date has donated over £7000.

'We've come back strongly after the pandemic' adds membership secretary Shirley Marsh, 'we are open to all, it's great to see a steady stream of new members and an increased number of visitors.' If you haven't tried your local cinema yet, perhaps it's time? The Majestic screening for December is Greta Gerwig's enchanting adaptation of

**Thursday 14 December: Little Women (PG)**

**Thursday 25 January: Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (15)**  
**Doors 7pm for 7:30 start.**

### **Chew Valley U3A**

Chew Valley U3A will hold its monthly meeting on **Monday, 18th December 2023** at 10.30am at Ubley Parish Hall, when we shall have our Christmas meeting, with some entertainment, accompanied by festive drinks and nibbles.

All members and guests welcome.

Chew Valley U3A will hold its monthly meeting on **Monday, 15th January 2024** at 10.30am at Ubley Parish Hall, when Caroline Duckworth will present a talk entitled "The Society of Merchant Venturers".

All members and guests welcome.

Friendly Keep-Fit class at 10am on Tuesday mornings at Chew Stoke Village Hall.  
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### **CHEW VALLEY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY MEETING Wednesday 6th December**

Everyone is warmly welcome to our Christmas meeting at 7.30pm, in the Old School Room Chew Magna. The talk will be **Witchcraft and Magic, given by the very popular Prof. Ronald Hutton**. For further details on the above please contact Robin Cade:

[rcade47@gmail.com](mailto:rcade47@gmail.com)/ 01275 333450.



**Tuesday 5th December: *The Art of the Cartoonist***. Harry Venning, a practising and award-winning cartoonist, looks at the early cartoon icons of Cruickshank and Hogarth and follows the development of the art form to more modern artists like Schultz and Giles. He will also demonstrate some of the tricks of the trade.

**Tuesday 9th January: *The Two Gustavs: Mahler and Klimt***. Gavin Plumley, writer and broadcaster, will describe how Klimt and colleagues broke with the imperial institutions of Vienna in the same year that Mahler took over the Opera House. He examines these two talents asking, within their contexts, what links or divides their art. These talks will begin at 11.00am in Croscombe Village Hall (**please** note that these lectures will not be available on Zoom). Guests are welcome for a fee of £10. Alternatively, annual membership covering 10 lectures is £53pp or £102 for a couple. Further details and full programme available on our website; [www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk](http://www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk).

### **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.

On the **14<sup>th</sup> December** it will be the AGM with no produce competition, but a gardening quiz.

On **11th January 2024** Adam Alexander (the Seed Detective) will talk on his mission to keep alive the heritage of seeds he has saved from around the world. The competition will be: 3 Seedheads.

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



### **Harptrees History Society at West Harptree Memorial Hall**

**Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> Traditional Craft in Somerset** by Kate Lynch followed by a supper with cash bar. 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £9.50 to be pre booked: on [info@harptreeshistorysociety.org](mailto:info@harptreeshistorysociety.org) with subject line 'Dec 2023'

**Wednesday January 31<sup>st</sup> 2024 Reflections on Coal mining in the Pensford area** by Garry Atterton. 7.15pm for 7.30pm.

Booking: please email: [info@harptreeshistorysociety.org](mailto:info@harptreeshistorysociety.org) with subject line "January 2024"

### **Avon Wildlife Trust - Chew Valley Group:**

**SATURDAY 13th JANUARY 2024 Fund Raising Jumble Sale for Avon Wildlife Trust** in The Old Schoolroom, Chew Magna. We should be most grateful for offers of help and also for donations of Jumble and White Elephant. Please deliver donations between 4pm & 8pm on Friday 12th evening to the Old Schoolroom. FFI please call 01275 332482.

**THURSDAY 25th JANUARY: BEAVERS IN AVON.** Illustrated talk by Bevis Watts & Rob Stephens. **7:45 Chew Magna Old School Room, £2.50** on the door.



At our Annual Meeting we were pleased to welcome Pat Yeo on to the committee. The President thanked last year's committee for their work and support, and also acknowledged the help from many others who had enabled the organisation of a busy and enjoyable centenary year. She felt the WI's associated activities, such as outings and events, nurtured friendship and created community.

After the AGM we were privileged to welcome local professional folk singer, Kit Hawes, to entertain us. Kit is very keen to gain knowledge of local folk singers and dancers from the last century and showed us slides of people from whom the music historian Cecil Sharpe had collected songs in the early 1900's. In Chew Stoke Cecil Sharpe had found William Stokes and Sarah Sage and from Somerton, Betsy



Pike.

We then listened enthralled to his beautiful rendition of some of their songs.

Members had previously voted to plant a tree, if we could, in the Recreation Ground to mark our Centenary. After a meeting with the Parish Council on site, a spot was suggested in a niche just below the Old Rectory where it will not impact on the sports or play area but we hope will be a peaceful area to sit in the future.

**Mon Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> is our Christmas Supper at Chew Kitchen 7 p.m.**

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. Carol Service at St Andrew's 7p.m.** Refreshments afterwards and a

collection for local foodbank: Carpenter's Food & Support.

**Our Christmas Members meeting on Wed.13<sup>th</sup> Dec.** ( not 11<sup>th</sup> as in programme) consists of Cocktails, Mocktails, Mince pies and Christmas craft! A time to dress up in celebratory style! There will be the option to join in the Christmas hat competition "Crowning Glory" or just to sport a bit of tinsel! - and, of course, there will be the usual opportunity to exchange Christmas cards.

Programmes for 2024 are now available from Pat Peel. We start the New Year with a Ceramic painting workshop at our meeting on **Wednesday January 17<sup>th</sup>**. Pottery of your choice is purchased on the night.



## School News

It has been a very busy start to Term 2 at Chew Stoke Church School.

Earlier this term Mr Hewett (headteacher), Miss Hennessy and the PE Council attended the Team Modeshift Stars School of the Region event. We can proudly announce that Chew Stoke Church School has won both the Local Authority and the South West Region of the Year Awards for our commitment to promoting sustainable and active travel, especially for journeys to and from school. There are over 1,000 schools nationally who hold accreditations with Modeshift Stars and only 104 are put forward for these awards. It is an amazing achievement! We will now progress to the National Awards which will take place in London in March.

Our youngest children went on their very first trip to Wells Cathedral in November and they were an absolute credit to our school. The staff received many comments from the public about their behaviour and moved the vicar so much so with their singing of their class prayer, that she welled up! Their questions throughout the day were inquisitive and they made so many links to their previous visits to our church in Chew Stoke. The class took part in tours around the cathedral, watched the special clock chime, toured the 'Threads through Creation' Exhibition, had the chance to sketch and take part in a collage activity.



*A pupil in  
Wells  
Cathedral  
cloisters*



Chew Valley Choral Society

Come and join us for an evening of Christmas music! We will be singing *The First Nowell*, a lovely piece by Vaughan Williams which includes some well-known tunes. We will also be singing a short and joyful mass by George Malcolm, *Missa ad Praesepe* ("Mass at the Crib"). And of course no Christmas concert would be complete without some carols!

**Saturday 2nd December at 7.30pm Holy Trinity Church, Bishop Sutton, BS39 5XS**

Tickets: £15 (£6 for children and students) on the door or from website below

**Calling all singers!**

We would love to see you at our next taster session on **Tuesday 30 January from 7.30 – 9.30pm, at Church Hall, Church Lane, Chew Stoke, BS40 8TX.**

We are looking for new members for all parts: soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. The taster session is a chance for you to sing alongside regular members to see how you get on. Some music-reading ability is an advantage but support will be given to those with less confidence. The session is free of charge. You are welcome to turn up on the night - no need to register in advance, but to give us some idea of numbers it will be helpful if you let us know if you plan to attend.

FFI: <http://www.chewvalleychoral.org.uk> or email: [info@chewvalleychoral.org.uk](mailto:info@chewvalleychoral.org.uk)



## CHEW VALLEY FLOWER CLUB

We have a practice class on December 4th entitled "Christmas Special".

This will bring us to the end of our calendar for this year, as we look forward to our A.G.M. on January 22nd.

Our club meets fortnightly, on Monday evenings at 7.30pm, in Compton Martin Village Hall, and we would love to welcome you to join us, to have fun and friendship with flowers. We are a friendly group, so give us a try!

Joyce Burton. 01761. 462560

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