

## The Benefice of Chew Valley West

comprising

### Winford with Regil, Felton, Chew Stoke and Nempnett Thrubwell

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Diocese of Bath & Wells

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### Sunday 6 February

9.00 am	St. Mary & St. Peter, Winford
11.00 am	St. Katharine, Felton
6.30 pm	St. Andrew, Chew Stoke

### Fourth Sunday before Lent

Morning Prayer  
Eucharist  
Evensong

### Sunday 13 February

9.00 am	The Blessed Virgin Mary Nempnett Thrubwell
11.00 am	St. Mary & St. Peter, Winford
3.00 pm	St. Katharine, Felton

### Third Sunday before Lent

Eucharist  
  
Eucharist  
A Service of Wholeness and  
Healing

### Sunday 20 February

8.30 am	St. James, Regil
11.00 am	St. Katharine, Felton
6.30 pm	St. Andrew, Chew Stoke

### Second Sunday before Lent

Eucharist  
Eucharist  
Evensong

### Sunday 27 February

10.30 am	St. Andrew, Chew Stoke
3.00 pm	St. Mary & St. Peter, Winford
6.30 pm	The Blessed Virgin Mary Nempnett Thrubwell

### Sunday next before Lent

Eucharist  
Songs of Praise: 'Alleluia!'  
Evensong

### Wednesday 2 March

10.30 am	St. Katharine, Felton	}
7.00 pm	St. Andrew, Chew Stoke	}

### Ash Wednesday

Eucharist with the  
Imposition of Ashes

**Sunday 6 March**

11.00 am  
 5.00 pm  
 6.30 pm

St. Mary & St. Peter, Winford  
 St. James, Regil  
 St. Andrew, Chew Stoke

**Lent 1**

Eucharist  
 Evensong  
 Evensong

**Sunday 13 March**

9.00 am  
  
 10.30 am  
  
 11.00 am

The Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Nempnett Thrubwell  
 St. Andrew, Chew Stoke  
  
 St. Katharine, Felton

**Lent 2**

Eucharist  
  
 Morning Prayer &  
 Holy Baptism  
 Eucharist

**Sunday 20 March**

8.30 am  
 11.00 am  
 3.00 pm

St. James, Regil  
 St. Mary & St. Peter, Winford  
 St. Katharine, Felton

**Lent 3**

Holy Communion  
 Eucharist  
 Evensong

**Sunday 27 March**

9.00 am  
 10.30 am  
 3.00 pm  
 6.30 pm

St. Katharine, Felton  
 St. Andrew, Chew Stoke  
 St. Mary & St. Peter, Winford  
 The Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Nempnett Thrubwell

**Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday**

Morning Prayer  
 Family Eucharist  
 Evensong  
 Evensong

**Midweek Eucharist**

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. Do consider joining our faithful group of midweek worshippers as we take time to pause, to pray and to share the Sacrament.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 (The Presentation of Christ in the Temple)**

St Katharine's, Felton at 10.30am

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

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)

**Prayer Chain**

For confidential prayer requests a Prayer Chain is in operation  
 Ring **01275 472820**  
 and within hours a number of people,  
 who value prayer and want in praying to help people in need,  
 will be praying for you.

## Ash Wednesday



The Penitential Season of **Lent** begins on **Ash Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022**. Lent is an important time which prepares us for the great celebration of Easter. It is a season when we should take seriously our duty repent of the sins which separate us from God, to receive the assurance of God's forgiveness, and to grow in faith and devotion to the Lord.

We will mark Ash Wednesday—the beginning of Lent—with the following services in our group of parishes:

### **Ash Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022**

St Katharine's, Felton – Holy Communion at 10.30am

St Andrew's, Chew Stoke – Holy Communion at 7.00pm

Ashes will be available at the end of these services, if it is your custom and tradition to receive them

### Lent Bible Study

A **Lent Bible Study** focusing on **St Mark's Gospel** will be held on Monday nights during Lent. We will be exploring this fascinating Gospel using a devotional study guide by Rowan Williams, *Meeting God in Mark*. The book, like the Gospel itself, is short and accessible, and I am confident that you will find this course engaging, stimulating and spiritually refreshing.

Bible Study sessions will be held at The Rectory, 4 Parsonage Lane, Winford on the following dates, beginning at 7.00 pm and lasting one hour:

**Monday 7 March 2022**

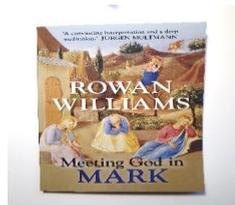
**Monday 14 March 2022**

**Monday 21 March 2022**

**Monday 28 March 2022**

**Monday 4 April 2022**

**Monday 11 April 2022**



However, you may wish to participate in these sessions by joining us live on **Zoom**. Whatever way you wish to participate, please register your interest by contacting Rev Ian at [chewvalleywest@gmail.com](mailto:chewvalleywest@gmail.com) or by phone: **01275 474504** on, or before **Sunday 27 February 2022**.

Copies of the study guide (as shown above) *Meeting God in Mark* cost £5 and can be ordered by contacting Rev Ian.

## **From the Rector**

Dear Friends,

One of the Church's lesser-known festivals falls on 2<sup>nd</sup> February: the Feast of **Candlemas**. It is the official end of the season of Christmastide, and a midpoint in our journey through the Church Year. On Candlemas Day, we find ourselves 40 days after the great Festival of Christmas, and 40 days away from the approaching season of Lent. As the manger in Bethlehem disappears in our rear-view mirrors, the cross of Good Friday and Resurrection of Easter comes into view.

As the name Candlemas suggests, this Feast Day has a strong connection with light. As people walking in darkness, we have seen a great light: the light of God revealed to us in Jesus. And yet, as St John's Gospel tells us, that light shone in our darkness and we did not understand it; this world of darkness could not bear the light of Christ, and tried to extinguish it on the cross.

There is a temptation in the way we use light in church and in our homes at this time of year that makes us associate light only with things that are cosy and comfortable. The glow of a candle-lit carol service, a roaring fire, or the joy of a Christingle candle reflected in the faces of children—yes, these are important lights that say something about who we are as a community of faith—beacons to others, drawing their senses and ours into a deeper, richer understanding of that faith. But those words of Saint John in the Christmas Gospel—the Light shining in darkness, and the darkness failing to understand it—speak to me of a very different sort of light. Those words speak of a searchlight; a powerful spotlight, a beam interrogating and penetrating the darkness of the world—a light shining fearlessly into the unknown.

We must remember that to sit in the light of Christ is often far from a cosy experience. This is a light that exposes us for what we really are; a light that shines on those parts of our lives that we would rather people didn't see—the parts that we would prefer to keep hidden from God. Rather than providing a comfortable hiding place, the Light of Christ forces us into a full-beam, head-on encounter with God. We see ourselves for what we really are, and we realise how much we need God's help in putting it right.

At Candlemas we read about Jesus being Presented in the Temple according to Jewish custom (St Luke 2: 22–40). Here, the Holy Family meet Anna and Simeon, two people who, after a lifetime of devotion and prayer, finally discover what it is like to have a close-up encounter with God in Jesus. The sort of encounter where, caught in the searchlight, we have nowhere to hide. The sort of encounter that made both of them take Jesus into their arms and praise God for the gift of Jesus.

For us, today, perhaps the thought of such an intimate encounter with God is terrifying. We're not ready! There are parts of our lives, like the corner of the attic, that need a good sorting out. We need to shine Christ's light upon it, and ask God to help us sort out the mess.

At Candlemas, we stand forty days away from Lent, the season where we traditionally give something up. Perhaps we might use this festival of Candlemas to get a head-start—we could, for a season, give up seeing God in the cosy candle-glow of a winter, and instead allow his light to search and uncover those broken relationships, our abuse of His creation, the staleness of our prayer lives—whatever the loving light of Christ will show up when we let it in.

So, the countdown to Lent begins. Let's let the light shine in so that we too, like Simeon and Anna can take Christ in our arms with rejoicing.

*Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God and our God. Amen.*

In Christ,

Tan K. Mills +

### **Sparklers**

The next session of our pre-school group, Sparklers, will be held on **Monday 14 February** 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.



### **Community Choir**

**Chew Valley West Community Choir** will return on **Thursday 24 February 2022 at 7.00pm**. (Please note the change from our usual day for this month only).

Our March session will be held on **Wednesday 16 March 2022**.

The Community Choir meets in **St Mary & St Peter's Church, Winford at 7.00pm**. There is no cost, and all voice types and abilities are most welcome.

### **Service of Wholeness and Healing**

A special service of **Wholeness and Healing** for our group of parishes will be held on **Sunday 13 February in St Katharine's Church, Felton at 3.00 pm**. This will be a quiet, contemplative service of readings, hymns and prayers through which we invite God's healing presence on those who are sick or in any kind of special need. You may wish to attend in person, or on behalf of a friend or family member who is housebound, or in nursing home, hospital or hospice care. Please be assured of a warm welcome.

### **Songs of Praise: Alleluia!**

During the season of Lent, the Church traditionally strips back its joyful expressions of worship for forty days and nights. We do so to journey with Jesus through his temptation and fasting in the wilderness, through the events of Holy Week and towards the cross of Good Friday. Only then does the joy of the resurrection on Easter Day come into view!

Flowers are not displayed in church during Lent, and our hymns reflect the solemnity of the season. As such, we don't sing or say 'Alleluia!' between Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

So, on the last Sunday before Lent begins—**Sunday 27 February**—we want to sing as many hymns which contain the word 'Alleluia' as possible! Join us for **Songs of Praise: Alleluia!** in St Mary & St Peter's Church at **3.00 pm**. How many can you think of?

### **Evensong in Regil**

Advance notice that, in addition to the regular service of Holy Communion at 8.30am on the third Sunday of each month, there will be a service of **Evensong in St James' Church, Regil** on The First Sunday in Lent, **Sunday 6 March 2022** at **5.00 pm**.

### **Website**

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

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

### **St. James Church, Regil – Cleaning and Flower Rota – February**

Yvonne Chapman & Miranda Roberts

### **A Signpost to God**

2022 has begun, with all its potential for joy and for sorrow. What lies ahead I wonder? Will Covid define us, as it continues to exert its baleful influence and disrupt our plans? Or will the joy of faith-filled lives trump the gloom? Rejoice in the Lord always, begins our key passage from Philipians. Amen!

New Year resolutions - have you made any? They are rooted in a godly desire to improve our lives. They say 60% of us make them, but only 8% stick with them! I'm part of the 92% who try, but usually give up. Sometimes something sticks.

Two years ago, following a diocesan initiative to encourage more prayer, I resolved to get the Lectio 365 app. It has helped me ever since. I am guided to sit, read, reflect and prepare for my day's activities. It's a form of Lectio Divina, similar to Dwelling in the Word used in Bath and Wells, which encourages us to mull over God's word, in our own personal time and in the company of others, allowing God to speak to us.

Lectio 365 ends in this prayer: "Father help me to live this day to the full, being true to you in every way. Jesus, help me to give myself away to others, being kind to all I meet. Spirit, help me to love the lost, proclaiming Christ in all I do and say. "

Our pioneers reach out to those around them, building relationships and using ever more creative ways to point people to God. Cocktail bars, art work, pizza evenings, outdoor activities, pilgrim walkways... the list is gloriously endless! The Lectio prayer reminds us that everyone is a channel for God's grace, a signpost to God. By encouraging others to grow in spiritual awareness, we can all be pioneers in our own situation.

**Bishop Rob**

**Hon Assistant Bishop, Bath and Wells**

### **North Somerset Rights of Way Improvements Plan**

Winford Parish Council has liaised closely over ten years with North Somerset Council to upgrade the parish footpath network. Work has been very gradual, due to the limited resources of NSC, even with assistance from WPC's footpath budget.

I was very pleased therefore to receive this statement from NSC:

"North Somerset Council has received funding to improve the Public Rights of Way network. The improvements would normally take the form of changing stiles to gates to increase access to a wider section of the public, but can also include improving surfaces depending on the site. North Somerset work with the landowners (who have the final decision) to discuss these possible changes".

As my highest priority is to enable people of limited physical ability and children to be able to walk freely, unimpeded by heavy difficult-to-open farm gates or challenging stiles, I have already spoken with the Project Access Officer regarding the installation of metal pedestrian or Bristol gates (metal farm gates containing a pedestrian gate), on what I regard as priority routes.

Now is your opportunity: if there are any footpaths you use, or would like to be able to use if improved, please contact me via email [jim.footpaths@gmail.com](mailto:jim.footpaths@gmail.com)

We are so fortunate to live in a country where we are allowed to walk across fields for exercise and to breathe fresh air, all thanks to rights of way. However, it is important to understand that farmland is a work place and frequently contains valuable livestock. Please obey the Countryside code and enable us to maintain the goodwill of all landowners.

And, always remember: the law only allows you to walk along defined rights of way, with accompanying dogs under close control. A right of way through a field does not convert it to parkland.

**Jim Webster**

### **Felton/Regil/Winford Community Transport**

Sorry, but the trips to March 2022 have not yet been scheduled because I am not sure how many to run. Most of the trips last quarter were not well taken up and I don't know if it is the weather, Covid or just not enough people interested. As soon as it is decided then regular users will get a letter giving all the details.

**Jan Longden 472440**

## **February Diary at a Glance**

Wed 2	Mobile Library*	Winford Bus Stop	11.35 am – 12.20 pm
Fri 4	Craft	Winford Village Hall	1.00 – 4.00 pm

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Tues 8	Coffee Morning	Prince of Waterloo	11.00 am
Tues 8	Felton & Winford Tues Group	Felton Village Hall	7.45 pm
Wed 9	Mobile Library*	Lulsgate, Coombe Dale	10.40 – 11.00 am
		Felton, George & Dragon	11.05 – 11.25 am
		Regil, Regil Green	11.40 am – 12.00 noon

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Mon 14	Sparklers	Winford Church	1.45 – 2.45 pm
Tues 15	Tea and Tech	Winford Village Hall	2.00 – 4.00 pm
Wed 16	Mobile Library*	Winford Bus Stop	11.35 am – 12.20 pm
Fri 18	Craft	Winford Village Hall	1.00 – 4.00 pm
Fri 18	Film Night	Felton Village Hall	See Page 11

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Mon 21	Winford Parish Council	Felton Village Hall	7.30 pm
Wed 23	Mobile Library*	Lulsgate, Coombe Dale	10.40 – 11.00 am
		Felton, George & Dragon	11.05 – 11.25 am
		Regil, Regil Green	11.40 am – 12.00 noon
Thurs 24	Community Choir	Winford Church	7.00 pm

## **Regular weekly activities**

Mon	Pilates	Winford Village Hall	9.30 – 10.30 am
Mon	Line Dancing	Felton Village Hall	2.00 – 4.00 pm
Tues	Table Tennis	Winford Village Hall	8.00 – 10.00 pm
Wed	Winford Youth Theatre	Winford Village Hall	4.15 – 5.15 pm
Wed	Dog Training	Felton Village Hall	7.00 – 9.30 pm
Thurs	Art	Winford Village Hall	10.30 am – 1.00 pm
Thurs	Dance Class	Winford Village Hall	7.00 – 8.30 pm
Fri	Yoga	Winford Village Hall	9.15 – 10.15 am

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**\*Please refer to North Somerset's web page for any changes to the mobile library's usual rota.**

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## **Winford Coffee Morning.**

Next coffee morning will be **Tuesday 8 February at The Prince of Waterloo from 11.00 am**. Do come along to meet old friends and make new ones. This is a regular event held on the second Tuesday of the month.

**Contact Lyndsay Newman, Village Agent 07967 345559.**

## **Tea and Tech sessions in Winford Village Hall**

Have you been given or acquired a “smart” phone, “tablet” or laptop and don't know how to use it? Are you aware of all the things you can now do? Emails, look things up on-line, do shopping on-line etc, etc. If the answer is no or if you just fancy some company with tea, coffee and cake, then come to one of our free, monthly tea and tech session in Winford village hall.

This has been made possible with funding from the lottery's community fund to make technology more accessible to people in rural communities. We are now running monthly sessions in Winford Village hall where we have wifi and a team of very helpful volunteers who do an amazing job helping people with their phones etc. **Join us on 15 February 2.00 – 4.00 pm**

We have been running the project since September and the sessions have been well attended and are proving to be much appreciated by the participants. Interested? Then phone **Lynne Barnes on 01275 472628** or **Denise Poole on 01275 472797** for information or to book a place.

### **Winford Village Hall**

We wish you all a Happy New Year and hope that we are all gradually getting through this pandemic! Bookings are going well for the hall at present but, as always, we really need more people on the committee to reduce the work load on the present members. It involves a short meeting every 6 weeks when we decide on events etc and discuss any problems.

We have decided to delay the promised social events until March, when we hope that you will all be more confident to come out. Maybe another Bingo session first and then, if everyone feels comfortable, a dance. But we are happy to have suggestions for what you would like. We will advertise the events on our website **[www.winfordvillagehall.org](http://www.winfordvillagehall.org)** and on the village Facebook pages.

Please see the article about the **Tea and Tech sessions**.

**Denise Poole**

### **Winford Community Shop – An Invitation to join our community of Volunteers**

The village shop and post office has now been in community ownership for nearly 3 years. During this time the shop has developed a strong customer base and network of volunteers. We continue to stock a wide range of essential food and other items. Freshly baked bread is available daily and, along with fresh meat and fish can be ordered in advance. The Post Office was exceptionally busy over the Christmas period and our stationery and cards proved very popular.

New people are always welcome to join our growing community of volunteers. If you are new to the village, or find you are spending more time at home, it is a very good way to get out of the house and get to know people. If you think it might be for you, do please call into the shop for a chat.

We need help with cleaning the shelves and keeping them well stocked, serving at the till (which is quickly mastered) and also unpacking deliveries when they come in. For the cleaning you can do it when the shop is quiet and when it is convenient for you. Serving in the shop involves shadowing someone else until you feel confident and then sign up for shifts that you can do. You will always have a more experienced volunteer or a member of staff to ask if you need help. Thank you again for your support, because without our volunteers and customers there would be no Post Office or shop.

We do hope that you have had a lovely Christmas and let's look forward to a healthy new year.

**Denise Poole and Jane Thompson on behalf of the steering group**

### **Felton & Winford Tuesday Group**

Due to the increasing numbers of Covid and the fact we would be sharing food, the January meeting was cancelled. It is more hopeful for this month's skittles evening at the Village Hall on **8 February at 7.45pm**. All are welcome.

Just a reminder that on 8 March, we have the wonderful Emma Britton returning (ex - radio Bristol). Definitely one for the diary. **Anne Cantwell**

### **Felton Village Hall**

Important information for people who belong to the **Felton 100 club**. **Great news** - starting from February there is the usual £50 winner each month and now we have added a £25 second prize. If you would like to join this monthly draw, costing just £2.00 each month, please email Nigel at **[nmcmmain@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nmcmmain@hotmail.co.uk)**

The winner for January was G Ladd Number 193, well done.

Next **Film Night is Friday 18 February screening 'Jungle Cruise' starting at 7.30pm**. This is a comedy adventure film starring Dwayne Johnson and Emily Blunt. The bar will be open, also tea coffee and biscuits available. No fixed entry fee but if you wish to make a donation it would be appreciated.

We have a new weekly user group on a **Wednesday evening** doing **dog training**. If you would like further information please contact Meg at **[K9meg@overhill.co.uk](mailto:K9meg@overhill.co.uk)** (Meg Purnell Carpenter 07836 212375)

The bookings for the hall are very buoyant especially with children's parties and band practice. If you would to make an enquiry to hire please **contact Angela on 472223** or **e mail [r.britton151@btinternet.com](mailto:r.britton151@btinternet.com)** also via the web page

### **Felton Flower Show Society**

A happy New Year to everyone.

After a difficult 2021 we are hopeful 2022 will be a better year for us all. With that in mind this is an advance notice of our first event of the year, our Spring Gathering, which will be held at Felton Village Hall at **7.30pm on Tuesday 15 March**.

By popular demand we are pleased to announce our Guest Speaker will be **Mary Payne**. This is sure to be a popular evening and tickets can be obtained from our Secretaries Viv Etheridge or Anne Cantwell at **£3.00** for non-members. There will be our usual bargain book stall and refreshments available. Do come along and enjoy an interesting evening.

### **Here in Redwood we have a great Policing Team.**

Facebook and Twitter are great ways to keep up to date with your local Neighbourhood Policing team. You can follow us on:

**Facebook:** Portishead, Clevedon & Nailsea Neighbourhood Policing.

**Twitter:** @ASPNorthSom

Get in touch. **In an emergency always call 999 For non-emergency matters call us on 101**

You can report a crime or incidents of ASB online by visiting:

**[www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report)**

To report a crime anonymously, contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit

**[www.crimestoppersuk.org](http://www.crimestoppersuk.org)**

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**Children's Hospice**

The last couple of years have been difficult and isolating for so many people, and particularly so for the children and families that we care for at Children's Hospice South West. Many of the families we support have been shielding their children. Many have been too scared to leave their homes, but are still desperately in need of support and help to make special memories at a time when it is very difficult to do so. In order to adapt to families' needs, our care team now provides care for children and families in their homes, as well as providing emergency care and end of life care at the children's hospice.

For many of us, our gardens have been a sanctuary throughout the coronavirus pandemic, as are the gardens at Charlton Farm for the children and families who visit. Not only do these outdoor areas provide a safe space in which families can spend precious moments together but they also present the opportunity to enjoy sensory experiences, which can often bring joy or comfort.

We rely on voluntary donations to continue to care for local children with life-limiting conditions and their families and, due to the pandemic, many of our usual fundraising events have been unable to go ahead. Could you help by opening your garden to visitors and asking for a donation to enter? Alternatively, if you would prefer to offer free entry, you could still fundraise by offering a cream tea or refreshments for visitors to enjoy once inside.

If you are able to help by holding an open garden in 2022 in aid of the children and families we support, please get in touch with Somerset Fundraiser Emma Parker ([emma.parker@chsw.org.uk](mailto:emma.parker@chsw.org.uk)), call the local Children's Hospice Charlton Farm (**01275 866600**), or register on our website: <https://www.chsw.org.uk/event/group/open-gardens>

**Calling all Singers – Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Bass**

Join us for a **Taster Session** singing choral classics from the cathedral tradition.

**Tuesday 8 February 7.30 – 9.30 pm, Church Hall, Church Lane, Chew Stoke, BS40 8T**  
**Admission Free.**



Chew Valley Choral Society

The taster session is a chance to sit alongside experienced regular members of the choral society and participate in the fascinating experience of singing in four parts to learn pieces from scratch. The session is free of charge and all sheet music will be provided. Some music-reading ability would be an advantage.

There is no need to register in advance and you may just turn up on the night but, to give us some idea of numbers, it would be helpful to let us know if you are coming and which voice you prefer to sing.

For more details, including Covid safety measures, visit our website: <http://www.chewvalleychoral.org.uk> or **email: [info@chewvalleychoral.org.uk](mailto:info@chewvalleychoral.org.uk)**

### **Supporting the Valley's School Children - Chew Valley School Society (PTA) 500 Club Lottery**

Do you have a child or a grandchild at Chew Valley School? Or would you simply like to support the educational needs of the local children in the Valley, whilst being in with a chance of winning our monthly jackpot? Supporting your local charity, the Chew Valley School Society (PTA), is simple. Just sign up to be a part of our Monthly 500 Club Lottery

Like other charities, fundraising has been extremely hard due to the Covid pandemic, so we are extremely keen to boost our 500 club membership as this can continue through all Covid restrictions and also gives a nice bonus to our 3 winners each month, a real win-win situation!

From as little as **£2.00 per month**, you could be in the monthly draw. For an application form or if you have any questions, please contact us at [cvssociety@chewvalleyschool.co.uk](mailto:cvssociety@chewvalleyschool.co.uk) or download an application form from the Society page under 'Parents' on the school website. No funds go to third-party lottery organisers. It is all run by a committee of local volunteers.

We have helped to support our children's education in many ways over the years - for example, funding learning software, media equipment, counselling, revision sessions, educational and sporting equipment and laptops for home learning. Many thanks for your support.

### **Hello, and a Happy New Year to you from Chew Valley Flower Club.**

Our next meeting will be on 7 February and will be a demonstration evening, presented by Sally Taylor and entitled "Sallying Forth Once More". Following this on 21 February we will hold a practice class tutored by Elaine Barwick, under the title of 'Grab and Go' - mmm, sounds most interesting!

We are always open to welcome new members to our Club and normally meet twice a month (with the exception of Bank Holidays) in Compton Martin Village Hall, at 7.30 pm. Coffee and tea available. Information regarding meetings can always be found in The Chew Valley Gazette under "What's On" Do come along - we would love to see you. If you would like further information do give me a ring on 01275 332054, or email me on [price8pn@btinternet.com](mailto:price8pn@btinternet.com) Take Care. Christine Macmullen-Price

### **Chew Valley Gardening Society**

This friendly society meets on the second Thursday of the month at 8.00 pm at Stanton Drew Village Hall where there is easy access and parking.

On **Thursday 10 February**, **John Tucker** will talk on 'Right Plant, Wrong Place' and there will be a competition for the loveliest pot plant. New members very welcome, just come along!  
For further information: [jill.broadhead@cpsoutlook.co.uk](mailto:jill.broadhead@cpsoutlook.co.uk)

### **Avon Wildlife Trust - Chew Valley Group: Thursday 24 February**

**Morocco - Birds & Scenes - an illustrated talk by Mike Landen and Mark Watson.**

Mike and Mark talk about their travels in Morocco. Starting from Marrakesh we journey through the Atlas Mountains, on to the Sahara Desert, and then west to the Atlantic coast. The talk is illustrated with spectacular landscape photographs and shots of a variety of native birds.

Chew Magna Old School Room, **7.45pm. Admission £2.50.**

### **Winford Parish Council Meeting - Monday 20 December 2021**

**Bristol Clean Air Zone:** It was agreed to write to Bristol City Council, copying in Dr Liam Fox MP and members of the Airport Transport Forum, seeking further information on the Bristol Clean Air Zone. In particular whether the design had taken into account the potential increase in traffic on minor roads leading to the airport, including the increased potential for congestion and accidents on roads that had not

been designed to take that volume of traffic. The Parish Council also wanted more information on whether there would be exemptions for travellers to Bristol Southmead Hospital from the south.

**Highways and Footpaths:** A highway engineer's visit would be requested to inspect the carriageway of Lower Strode, between Lower Strode and Manor Farms. Potholes on the edge of Upper Town Lane would be reported.

A resident had made representations about the Parish Council's desire to see the right of way LA7/3/10 (off Littleton Lane) reopened. It was noted that this was in the hands of North Somerset Council (NSC). The Clerk would send her copies of any paperwork held by the Parish Council regarding the status of this footpath.

There had been positive indications that funding might be available for some footpath works under the NSC Rights of Way Improvements Plan. The Footpaths Working Party would continue to liaise with the Project Access Officer on possible improvements to the accessibility of Parish walks, and would welcome input from members of public on stiles etc that were currently difficult to use. An article would be placed in the Parish Magazine seeking feedback.

**Planning:** It was noted that an application had been approved on the basis of revised plans that, despite the Parish Council's earlier objection, had not been referred back for comment before a decision was made. It was agreed to seek clarity from a senior planning officer on the circumstances under which revised applications were usually to be referred back to consultees for comment. As a result of a complaint from the Parish Council, excessive lighting had been removed from a fence on Currells Lane.

**Felton Common:** It was agreed to accept a quote of £846 including VAT to replace the "No driving on the Common" signs at the five entrances. The signs would be larger than the existing ones and moved to more visible locations where necessary. A grant would be sought from the Bristol Airport Environmental Effects Fund to cover the cost.

Twice weekly bin emptying still appeared to be necessary, but the schedule would be revisited again at the January meeting.

**Compost Site:** Assurances had been received that NSC would honour their commitment to cover the cost to the Parish Council of running the site until a new policy for community compost sites was established. Due to the sizeable amounts involved, it was agreed to write to NSC setting out again exactly how much the Parish Council had incurred to keep the site running in the months since the last claim was accepted, and asking for confirmation that this would all be reimbursed, and when. Following meetings with the tenant and owner of the neighbouring property, a proposal for a boundary fence matching the existing 6ft one had been received from the home owner. It was agreed that this was acceptable to the Parish Council, and to ask NSC to proceed with the application to divert the compost site footpath onto the adjacent public open space.

**Airport Parking/Airport:** The Clerk would continue to seek a date for a meeting with the Airport and NSC to discuss possible solutions to the parking issues.

**AOB:** It was agreed to seek a suitably qualified contractor to treat the rot on the Angel.

**Next meeting: Monday 21 February at 7.30 pm**

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## **Chew Stoke Methodist Church**

[www.chewstoke-methodistchurch.co.uk](http://www.chewstoke-methodistchurch.co.uk)

**Minister:** Reverend Martin Slocombe Tel 01761 411858

**Email:** [Martin.slocombe@methodist.org.uk](mailto:Martin.slocombe@methodist.org.uk)

**Senior Steward:** Denise Cutlan Tel. 01761 463139

**Sunday Services at 10.30 am**

A warm welcome awaits. Do come and join us.

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## Winford Baptist Chapel

Pastor  
Secretary Alan Parker 01275 472149

**Sunday:** Evening Service 6.15 pm  
**Monday:** Prayer & Bible Study 7.00 pm  
**Friday:** Friday Club (7-11 years) Contact E. Parker 01275 472149

Communion Service third Sunday in the month  
Coffee and biscuits served after every evening service.  
Contact Pastor or Secretary for details

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

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## Sacred Heart Catholic Church

**High Street, Chew Magna BS40 8PR**

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Healy Deacon: Rev Mark Forge

**Holy Mass** is celebrated every **Friday** morning at **10.30 am** followed by coffee.  
**Sunday Mass** is at **St Pius X<sup>th</sup>**, Gatehouse Ave, Withywood, BS13 9AB at **9.00 am**

Contact the parish office on 0117 9646922 or Debbie Forge (Pastoral Assistant) on 07729 833779 for more information. Also, see St Pius X Catholic Church: Home (sacredheart-stpius-clifton.org) for news and events

Having been closed due to the pandemic, Sacred Heart Church is now open for private prayer during the day as well as Friday morning Mass.

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**Winford Parish Community Cars.** For medical and care appointments: please call  
**01275 333430** (Mon – Fri) 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

### **Winford Parish Community Transport. (Mini Bus)**

Jan Longden 01275 472440

### **Winford Parish Council**

<b>Chair</b>	Paul Hatherell	472802
<b>Clerk</b>	Paula Shelley	clerk@winfordpc.org.uk (01761) 453046
<b>Felton</b>	Paul Hatherell	472802
	Glenis Shiner	472564
		Helen Ingram
<b>Regil</b>	Simon Banks (01761) 462357	Margaret Murphy (01761) 462979
<b>Winford</b>	Karen Bye	474063
	Gillian Patch	474196
	James Webster	472818
	Phillip Febrey	472325
	Alison Johnson	474676
	Peter Longden	472440

Website - [www.winfordpc.org.uk](http://www.winfordpc.org.uk)

Airport Working Party Gill Patch 474196

Compost Sales Bridget Smith 472798

### Some Useful Telephone Numbers

<b>Police</b>	<b>Non emergency</b>	<b>dial 101</b>
<b>Bristol Airport Community Relations Officer</b>	Jacqui Mills	01275 473615
<b>District Councillors:</b> Winford Parish	Hugh Gregor	472603
	Email: hugh.gregor@n-somerset.gov.uk	
Backwell Parish	Bridget Petty	
Wrington Parish	Steve Hogg	01934 863283
<b>Backwell Parish Council Clerk</b>	Jane Stone	464653
<b>North Somerset Council Emergency Number</b>		
(for use out of hours, weekends and Bank Holidays)		<b>01934 622669</b>
<b>Doctors</b> Chew Medical Practice		<b>01275 332420</b>
Prescriptions (12 noon to 2.00 pm)	Please choose Option 3 on main phone line	
Wrington		<b>01934 852906</b>
Downside (Flax Bourton)		<b>01275 850600</b>

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<b>Avon Wildlife Trust</b>	Annie Stewart	332482
<b>Bristol Airport "Dedicated Noise Line"</b>		473799
<b>Bristol Airport Complaints</b> (Emma Thomas)	customerrelations@bristolairport.com	
<b>Chew Valley Choral Society</b>	Catherine Hunt	07814 098 457
<b>Chew Valley Children's Centre/Health Visitors</b>		01225 395455
<b>Chew Valley School</b> – Head Teacher	Gareth Beynon	332272
<b>Community Shop</b>		472222
<b>Cricket Club</b>	Rory Gunter	01934 832383
<b>Felton Evergreens</b>	Tina Clements	01179 645668
<b>Felton Flower Show Society</b>	Viv Etheridge	472921
	Anne Cantwell	474647
<b>Felton &amp; Winford Tuesday Group</b>	Anne Cantwell	474647
	Jackie Budd	472483
<b>Felton Village Hall Committee Sec.</b>	Paul Hatherell	472802
<b>Felton Village Hall Cttee. Letting Secretary</b>	Angela Britton	472223
<b>Floodline (24 hour)</b>		0345 988 1188
<b>Friday Club (7-11 years)</b>	Elizabeth Parker	472149
<b>Guides and Brownies</b>	Sue Curtis	333361
<b>Rainbow Guides</b>	Jackie Morris	474858
<b>Regil Village Hall</b>	Sally Clements	472095
<b>Sparklers</b> for mums, carers & young babies	Sonia Clark	472019
<b>Table Tennis</b>	Len Budd	472483
<b>Tug-of-War Day Committee</b>	Pete Dyer	01934 823462
<b>Village Agent</b>	Lyndsay Newman	07967 345559
<b>WI Market</b>	Tamsin Free	01761 221674
<b>Winford &amp; Felton Craft</b>	Elizabeth Parker	472149
	Shelagh Sutton	472641
<b>Winford Pre-school</b>	Maria Cross	472742
<b>Winford Produce Show</b>	Hugh Gregor	472603
<b>Winford C of E Primary School</b>		
Head Teacher	Nik Gardner	472730
Chair of Governors	John Miles	07427 191898
<b>Winford Village Hall Bookings</b>	www.winfordvillagehall.org	
<b>Winford Village Hall Secretary</b>	Denise Poole	472797