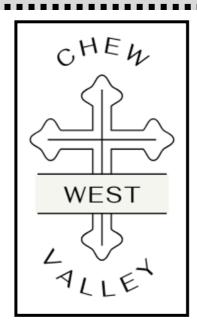
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#### Website

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

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

Dear Friends,

During these short, dull winter days, it is the sight of spring flowers poking through the cold soil that lifts the hearts of many gardeners. Those first colours—whites, purples and yellows—are always so welcome, whether you are able to enjoy them on a walk or in your own garden. We know that in time they will give way to even more colour as spring and summer arrive in all their splendour.

Just as these colours add joy to our surroundings, there are many things that can add warmth and joy to our own lives and the lives of others. One of the simplest ways of doing this is by sharing an act of kindness.

One of the many joys of living in small village communities is that many of us have a chance to get to know one another and to look out for each other. Because I have the privilege of getting to know so many of you, I know that there are so many small acts of kindness being shared in our villages each day. I have seen them! All these small acts add up to make kind communities—and that is what you are! So, thank you for all that you share with one another in so many ways, every day.

The Bible has a great deal to say about the importance of showing kindness and compassion to others.

We are instructed to 'Be devoted to one another in love' and to 'Honour one another above yourselves' (Romans 12:10). We must 'clothe [ourselves] with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience' (Colossians 3:12).

The greatest example of human kindness and love is found in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. In healing the broken-hearted, feeding the hungry, and speaking out for the oppressed, Jesus pointed us to a better way to live. Jesus told us that our actions speak louder than our words, and that we can only call ourselves his followers if we love our neighbours as much as we love ourselves: "by this shall everyone know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another" (John 13:35).

Kind-heartedness and selfless service to others are the marks of true faith. May we continue to share these gifts with others—especially those whose lives need the promise of brighter, sunnier days.

Yours in Christ,

Tan K. Mills +

#### **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 1st February 2023 St Katharine's, Felton at 10.30am Wednesday 15th February 2023 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)

#### **Community Choir & Children's Choirs**



Community Choir returns on Wednesday 8th February 2023 in St Mary & St Peter's Church, Winford at 7.00pm.

Our Children's Community Choirs Mini Melodies and Jubilee! meet in Chew Stoke Church School on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3.30–4.30pm. Please see Mrs Carol Hope or the Rector for more information.

More details about our choirs are available on our websites: www.chewvalleywest.org/community-choir www.chewvalleywest.org/childrens-choir



#### PARISH REGISTER of the parish of St Andrew's, Chew Stoke

Funeral 'The Lord is my shepherd'

13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 **Marjorie 'Cis' Croker** Funeral service and committal at St Andrew's, Chew Stoke

5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 **Brian Durbin** Funeral service at South Bristol Crematorium followed by Service of Thanksgiving in St Andrew's



#### **Sparklers**

It was wonderful to welcome two new members in January. The children learnt that God made everything—the animals, the plants, and you and me!

Sparklers will be held on Monday 20th February 2023 in Winford, St Mary & St Peter's Church at 1.45pm. Please spread the word to families who may be interested in an hour of fellowship, activities, conversation, and refreshments.

#### **Contemplative Prayer Group**

Our Contemplative Prayer Group meets on the first Monday of each month between 10.00am and 11.00am in St Andrew's Church, Chew Stoke, led by Rev Dr Victor Barley.

Contemplative Prayer focuses on stillness and silence—praying in a way that listens to God and seeks the direction of the Holy Spirit. Each session will include a reading from Scripture, a reflection, and a time of prayer.

The group may be of particular interest to those who are living with long-term illnesses, and those who support them. However, the group is open to everyone.

The next meeting will be held in St Andrew's on Monday 6th February 2023.

#### **Ash Wednesday**



The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 22nd February 2023. 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, 22nd February 2023

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.

#### St Andrew's Charity Soup Lunch

Every first Wednesday of the month from October to May hot homemade soups will be served at Chew Stoke Church Hall, together with bread, pate and cheese and a selection of homemade cakes with coffee and tea.

Only £5 entrance, everyone young and old warmly invited. There will be a Fairtade stall where you can do your shopping too!

Do come and join us on

Wednesday 1st February

#### SAVE THE DATE!

Men of Chew Concert in St Andrews Church, Chew Stoke at 7.30pm on Saturday 11th March.



#### **Lent Bible Study**

For our Lent 2023 Study we will be focusing on The Bible. Guided by a booklet called Pilgrim: A Course for the Christian Journey, we will spend six sessions looking at questions such as: What is the Bible? How was it given to us? How should we read it?

Each session begins with a simple prayer, followed by some Bible reflection, then we discuss our weekly theme before sharing questions and reflection. The course is open to everyone, whether the Bible is something very new to you or not.

The course will begin on Monday 27th February 2023 at 7.00pm and run for six weeks. In the six sessions we will cover the following topics:

Session One: What is the Bible?

Looks at a 'way in' to reading the Bible, thinking particularly about how to recognize what kind of writing the Bible is.

Session Two: The Bible as Breath

Reflects on what it means to say that the Bible is the breath of God.

Session Three: The Bible as a stream of living water

Explores how the Bible nourishes us.

Session Four: The Bible as a lamp

Looks at the Bible as something that enlightens and informs us as Christians.

Session Five: The Bible as a two-edged sword

Explores what it means to say that the Bible is living and active.

Session Six: Daily bread

Discusses more about making Bible-reading a part of our regular life and prayer.

To register your interest, please put your name on one of the pink registration forms in our churches, or email the Rector: chewvalleywest@gmail.com

The booklet costs £5.

#### **Benefice of Chew Valley West**

Diocese of Bath & Wells February Services

	Sunday 5 February Third Sun- day before Lent	Sunday 12 Feb Second Sunday before Lent	Sunday 19 February Sunday be- fore Lent	Sunday 26 Feb Lent 1	Sunday 5 March Lent 2
St Andrew	6.30pm Evensong		6.30pm Evensong	10.30am Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
NEMPNETT THRUBWELL The Blessed Virgin Mary		9.00am Eucharist		6.30pm Evensong	
FELTON St Katharine	11.00am Eucharist	3.00pm Evensong	11.00am Eucharist		11.00am Eucharist
WINFORD St Mary & St Peter	9.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Eucharist		3.00pm Songs of Praise	9.00am Morning Worship
REGIL St James			8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)		

#### St Andrew's Church December Rota

Flowers: 29th Jan & 5th Feb Liz Wormald, 12th & 19th Feb Sue Cook (Altar & Lady Chapel).

<u>Cleaning & Brass</u>: Poppy and Lilly will be cleaning the church (once a week) and the brass this month as part of their DofE voluntary work.

#### **Sidespeople and Readers**

Sun 5th Feb 2023 (3rd before Lent) Evensong 6.30pm

Readings: Isaiah 58:1-9a, St Matthew 5:13-20 Readers: Philippa Hawkins and Sue Cook

Sidespersons: Jessica McInnes and Sheila Limburn
Sun 12th Feb 2023 (Sun before Lent) Evensong 6.30pm

Readings: Exodus 24:12-end, St Matthew 17:1-9

Readers: Hazel Poynter, Liz Wormald

Sidespersons: Peter Jameson and Laura Down Sun 26th Feb 2023 (Lent 1) Eucharist 10.30am Readings: Romans 5:12-19, (Matthew 4:1-11)

Readers: Tina Kilroy and celebrant

Sidespersons: Sarah Manville and Anne Summers

#### **School News**

Chew Stoke Church School held their annual Christingle service at St Andrews Church in the village in December.

The service was led by Angela Fraser, who is the school's Youth Chaplain, and our local vicar, Rev Ian with the help of school staff and pupils. The school's Worship, Ethos and Equality Team told the Christmas story and also led the prayers.



Ben Hewett, headteacher, said, 'It was lovely to see the church full with parents, children and other family members, this is always a very magical way to begin our Christmas festivities'.

A collection for the Children's Society was held and over £145 was raised.

In January the children in Woodpecker, Fox and Badger Classes were visited by Corey Samuels, a basketball player from Bristol Flyers. This amazing event was organised through the schools link with **www.bristolsportfoundation.org** 

Corey spent time telling the children about his journey to playing basketball for Bristol Flyers and the England squad, his motivations and inspiration to continue within the sport, followed by a question and answer session. The children asked some very interesting and thought provoking questions, some Corey hadn't been asked before. He then spent some time in the playground with the children

playing basketball.

#### Chew Stoke Parish Council News www.chewstoke.org.uk

At the December meeting the Parish Council agreed the budget for 23-24 and set the precept at £22,000. This is the same as the current year, and we are pleased to be able to keep it at this rate, despite inflation. The Parish Council received a request from Bath & West Community Energy (BWCE) to review the use of the Westaway fields for solar panels, and to hold a public consultation. In December 2021 it was agreed to continue to farm the land, but to review this in 2 years' time. Agreed to stick with a review in December 23. Following a discussion, agreed that in the meantime BWCE would be welcome to talk to the PC if they have new information to share with us. The PC appreciate world events and the cost of energy etc may have changed some factors.

The Charities Commission and the lawyers for the PCC have now agreed to the lease for the Parish Council to take over the management of the village hall and it is now being checked by the solicitors for the Parish Council. To aim for the end of Feb as the date to take over the lease. Final arrangements are being put in place; further information will be shared with residents shortly.

The Parish Council has received further complaints about parking in the village, both parking on pavements and inconsiderately. Whether you live in the village or are visiting, please do not park on the pavements, or obstruct driveways.

Recreational Trail update – a bollard has been situated halfway up Woodford Lane to prevent cars driving beyond the turning to the tipis. Flooding was also noted at the end of the lane where it meets the trail. It is likely the drain under the path is blocked with mud which had been piled up at the end of the lane, and a washout of the drain is required. The PC to contact Bristol Water.

Next meeting Thursday 2nd February 2023 at 7.30pm

#### **Clubs & Societies**

#### Talks for The Arts Society Mendip (Live and online)

7th February

'The collections of Napoleon and Josephine in Chateau

Malmaison'. Carole Petipher uses the collection to gain an insight into the pair's appeal for The Arts Society Mendip on

7th February at 11.00am, in Croscombe Village Hall (and simultaneously via Zoom - links will be sent to all members).

Guests welcome for a fee of £6.

Full programme available on our website; www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk.

#### **Chew Valley Gardening Society**

This friendly society usually meets on the second Thursday of the month at 8pm at Stanton Drew Village Hall where there is easy access and parking.



There will be a meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February where Mary Payne will talk on 'Composts & Fertilisers'.

The competition will be for the best compost sample. If you would like to become a member please contact <a href="mailto:jill.broadhead@cpsoutlook.co.uk">jill.broadhead@cpsoutlook.co.uk</a> or just come along, you are warmly invited.

Friendly <u>Keep Fit Class</u> at 10am on Tuesday mornings at Chew Stoke Church Hall. Just bring a mat to join in aerobic movement to music and then floor exercises.

Only £4 a session!

**Chew Valley U3A** will hold its Monthly Meeting in Ubley Parish Hall at 10.00am on Monday, 20th February 2023 when Brian Butter will present a talk entitled Updated Legislation on Tax, Care and Toy Boys. Members and visitors will be most welcome.

## the WI

We look forward to new Events in our Centenary Year, in particular our 1920s Dance Evening on March 29th, hopefully sporting some 1920s glamour! Our 2023 programme can be viewed on Chew Stoke WI Facebook page or the Hall noticeboard. Anyone wishing to join our happy band should contact <a href="mailto:debbie.storey@uwclub.net">debbie.storey@uwclub.net</a>

Our Christmas paper-back Angel Workshop in December was a great success led by Suzanne McDonald and Becky Lear. It's amazing what you can do with 150 pages of an old book! The Christmas Hamper was won by Tracey Tylee.

Clothing items were collected for refugees at Winford Manor and an overflowing Food Box was received by Kate Tilley for Carpenters Food & Support Centre at Withywood. Thanks to all.

Jan Osborne was warmly thanked for being President for six years, with great efficiency and lots of behind the scenes work. Hazel Wedlake now takes over as President, and we welcome new Secretary, Debbie Storey.

January's meeting provided us with a most entertaining if somewhat violent history lesson as Duncan Bird revealed the true history behind the old Nursery Rhymes. Members browsed our new Events desk promoting Avon Federation events, social and craft activities enabling shared interests. March 15th brings us Sea Shanties with High & Dry. Hazel Wedlake.



#### Local charity calls on people to join a growing community of tree planters

Avon Needs Trees is a local charity that buys land in the Bristol-Avon river catchment area to create permanent woodlands. Over the coming two months, volunteers will help to plant thousands of native trees at two exciting new sites, one in the Chew Valley, just south of Bristol and the other near Shepton Mallet.

#### Get out on the land!

Dave Wood, Director of Avon Needs Trees, who lives in the Chew Valley, explained: "We are very excited to embark on these two new projects, and one of them is by far our most ambitious project to date. We need to mobilise hundreds of new volunteers to help us create woodlands that will stand for generations. So we are spreading the word and hope that people will sign up and become part of our growing community!"

#### How to get involved

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#### Chew Valley Gadget Busters now in Chew Stoke as well as Chew Magna

February 1st, The Queens, Chew Magna February 15th, Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke

Chew Valley Gadget Busters are holding face to face sessions, thanks to The Queens pub in Chew Magna and the Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke.

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.

Visit **Gadget Busters** who are here to help. Either book an appointment by e-mailing cvgadgetbusters@gmail.com, or turn up on the day. We hold two, 2-hour sessions a month on a Wednesday; the first Wednesday of each month is at The Queens pub, Silver Street, Chew Magna, and the third Wednesday of each month at the Stoke Inn, Bristol Road, Chew Stoke. Both sessions are from12.30-2.30 pm. It costs £3 per session, all of which will go to charity.

We are still looking for more volunteers, so if you would like to become a Gadget Busters volunteer, please email <a href="mailto:cvgadgetbusters@gmail.com">cvgadgetbusters@gmail.com</a> for more information.



#### SAVE THE DATE! \*Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March\*

An Irish Desert Island Discs.

With Marita Price, Chair of Chew Stoke Governors and Kelly-Anne Eastwood, Consultant Obstetrician at St Michaels Hospital.
Where: Chew Stoke Church Hall. At: 7.30 for 8pm.
Tickets £10 available from mid-February from Andrew Troup.

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#### Harptrees History Society—The Honiton Lace Industry

Lace made in Honiton, Devon, was famous from the seventeenth century onwards. Queen Victoria's wedding dress was made from it. On Wednesday 22nd February, Heather Toomer will be bringing a display of examples of the lace to the Harptrees History Society and talking about the industry and its products. Heather is an expert in the field - a freelance lecturer, author and consultant on antique lace and whitework embroideries, who has published a number of books on the subject.

Visitors are very welcome to this event at £3 a head. You need to book in advance but can pay on the night.

West Harptree Memorial Hall, BS40 6EG. Doors open at 7.15pm for 7.30pm.

Booking opens 1st February and closes at midday on February 22nd.

To book, please email: info@harptreeshistorysociety.org with subject line "Feb 23".

#### Volunteer Drivers needed – can you help?

Chew Valley Community Transport Scheme offers transport to essential medical appointments for people who have no other way to get to them.

Drivers use their own cars, with mileage reimbursed by the passenger. You can simply offer to do a journey if and when you wish to - there are no regular commitments.

You do not need to drive a minibus! (we don't have one...)

Please contact the volunteer coordinators for more information:

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With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Somerset https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/somerset has loads of walks to download and print, free. It also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Somerset (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris www.walkinginengland.co.uk john@walkinginengland.co.uk

#### **CHEW VALLEY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

A rather belated "Happy New Year" to everyone!

We look forward, now, to our next meeting. On Wednesday Feb 1st our speaker will be Jeff Lucas whose talk is entitled "Bristol's 45 Bridges".

Jeff has very kindly agreed to come at short notice after our original speaker had to cancel. Jeff's talk was highly recommended by one our regular speakers, Clive Boulton, who has talked to our Society on several occasions, so I think we should be in for a fine evening!

The meeting will be held in the Millennium Hall, Chew Magna, the lecture starting at 7.45 and the doors opening at 7.15.pm. Tea /coffee and biscuits will be available after the talk. Just a word or two about our meeting on 1st March, with those meetings on the first of the month many of you may not have received a Parish Mag or Gazette to get the details in time. The speaker for the March meeting is a mystery speaker but I am confident that his talk will be interesting and is very local in its theme. So please come and give him your support.

Again, the meeting will be in the Millennium Hall, with the lecture starting at 7.45.pm. Russell Peters. Tel: 01275332741 / 07976266427. Email: russpeters@btinternet.com



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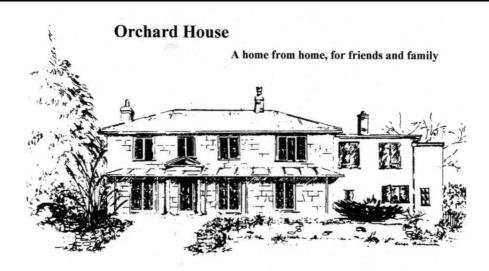
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