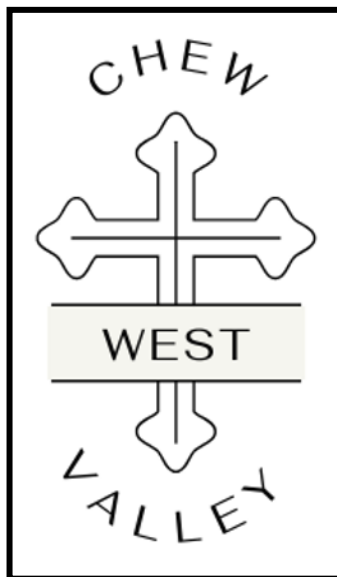


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Website

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,

There is an old Jewish proverb about a man who drew water every day from a well and carried it home in two buckets slung on a bamboo pole across his shoulders. One of the buckets was brand new, while the other was an old, leaky thing with several holes.

Every day the man would fill both buckets to the brim and set off home. When he reached home the new bucket would still be full, but the old bucket would have lost most of its contents along the way.

This made the old bucket sad, so it plucked up the courage and said to the man 'Sir, I'm so sorry that I'm old, full of holes, and I can't keep water from sprinkling out on to the ground'. The old man smiled, nodded his head, but said nothing.

The next day the old man took his buckets to the well as usual. On the return journey, he said to the leaky bucket, 'Look to the side of the road where the new, perfect bucket has passed over. It is barren and dry – not a single blade of grass grows there'.

Pointing to the beautiful wildflowers on the other side of the road, the old man said to the leaky bucket, 'See these beautiful flowers? They are only here because you watered them every day. They owe their existence and their beauty to you. Your imperfection has brought so much life and colour to those around you'.

You may have heard this story before. Its lesson? We are all imperfect, but we all have gifts. Often, our imperfections are the channels that allow our gifts to flow and reach others. God gave us these gifts when he made us as unique individuals. God takes us as we are and uses us as we are—imperfections and all!

Yours in Christ,

Ian K. Mills +

Wanted: Chew Stoke Village Hall Bookings Person

Christine, our lovely bookings person, is moving north! Could you spare a few hours to become the new bookings person for the village hall? The system is on line so can be done remotely and Christine is able to give a handover. You don't need to be a committee member either. Please consider this position to allow us to continue bookings for our village hall for everyone to use. If you would like to find out more please contact Ruth Donlevy 333106 or Suzanne McDonald 333130.

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 5th July 2023

FELTON St Katharine

Wednesday 19th July 2023

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Wednesday 2nd August 2023

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‘Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.’
(Matthew 11:18)



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

Our Contemplative Prayer Group will meet in St Andrew’s, Chew Stoke on Monday 3rd July, Monday 7th August, and Monday 4th September 2023 at 10.00am.



Sparklers

Our pre-school group, **Sparklers**, will meet on **Monday 17th July** and **Monday 21st August** in **Winford Church** at **1.45pm**.

Join us for an hour of fellowship, craft, activities, conversation, and refreshments.



Chew Valley West Community Choirs

Chew Valley West Community Choir will take a break during July and August before a busy September. We will be singing at Chew Stoke Harvest Home on **Saturday 9th September** and the Chew Valley Big Sing on **Saturday 30th September**.

Rehearsals resume on Wednesday 13th September.

Congratulations to our Youth Choirs **Mini Melodies** and **Jubilee** who will be giving a performance in Wells Cathedral on **Saturday 22 July**



Hymns & Pimms

Sunday 2nd July at 6.30pm

In St Andrews Church

Choose your favourite hymn and enjoy a drink of
fruity pimms!



SUNDAY

First

Sunday, not First, but Second! Back to School Sunday

We look forward to a special 'Back to School' Sunday on
Sunday 10 September 2023.

This will take the format of our popular 'Sunday First' services - (on the
second Sunday for this month only!). Come and enjoy a (free!) light
breakfast in St Andrew's at 10.00am, followed by a short time of worship for
All Ages. Please help spread the word.



PARISH REGISTER of St Andrew's, Chew Stoke 2023

JUNE 2023

Funeral

7th June 2023

Richard (Dick) Tovey

Funeral at South Bristol Crematorium

27th June 2023

Juliet Petty

Service of Thanksgiving, St Andrew's Church

May they rest in peace

St Andrew's Church Rota for July

Flowers: July Altar & lady Chapel: 2nd-& 9th: Joan W. 16th-& 23rd Cynthia T 30th Liz W.

August Altar: Liz W. Lady Chapel: Maggie B. & Mel J.

Cleaning July: Joan W. & Di A. **August:** Mel J & Maggie B.

Brass: July: Anne S. **August:** Mel J & Maggie B.

Sidespeople and Readers : Please see notice board in the church porch for both July and August

Benefice of Chew Valley West

Diocese of Bath & Wells July & August Services

	Sunday 2 July Trinity 4	Sunday 9 July Trinity 5	Sunday 16 July Trinity 6	Sunday 23 July Trinity 7	Sunday 30 July Trinity 8
CHEW STOKE St Andrew	6.30pm 'Hymns & Pimms'		6.30pm Evensong		CHEW STOKE St Andrew 10.30am Combined Benefice Eucharist
NEMPNETT THRUBWELL The Blessed Virgin Mary		9.00am Eucharist		6.30pm Evensong	
FELTON St Katharine	11.00am Founder's Day Service of Thanksgiving	5.00pm Evensong		11.00am Eucharist	
WINFORD St Mary & St Peter	9.00am Eucharist	11.00am Eucharist	11.00am Morning Worship		
REGIL St James			8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)		

	Sunday 6 August Trans figuration of our Lord	Sunday 13 August Trinity 10	Sunday 20 August Trinity 11	Sunday 27 August Trinity 12
CHEW STOKE St Andrew	6.30pm Evensong	10.30am Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong	
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Chew Stoke Parish Council News www.chewstoke.org.uk

The local Beat Officer, Ross Cudd attended the meeting and gave a police update.

Road safety: the police have been patrolling the roads through the village regularly during school drop-off and pick-up times, and they have spoken to parents about the dangers for pedestrians and school children of parking on the pavements. They have been liaising with the managers at The Stoke, Rugby Club and other organisations to ask for assistance in reducing visitors parking on pavements and obstructing the way for pedestrians. They have been communicating with B&NES about extending the 20mph zone and the footpath further up Stoke Hill. The Ward Councillors have been asking B&NES about recommissioning the speed activation device on Stoke Hill, but have been told there are no funds to facilitate this.

The Community Speedwatch training has now been given, but **we need more volunteers**. If you are able to give a few hours to help make the village safer, please contact the clerk clerk@chewstoke.org.uk for more information. Monitoring to commence shortly.

Beat Surgeries - the PCSOs will be trialling monthly pop-up community engagement sessions at unannounced times at various villages and other locations around the Chew Valley beat. Next Surgery 5th July 2023 at Chew Valley Rugby Club.

Our new Ward Councillors, Dave Harding and Anna Box were welcomed to the meeting. Please see noticeboards or website for their full report. Dave Harding will be the first point of contact for Chew Stoke dave_harding@bathnes.gov.uk

Chew Stoke Parish Council resolved that from 1st June 2023 until the next relevant Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, that having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, to adopt the General Power of Competence.

CSPC are finalising plans to enable the public to dedicate a tree in Cooks Meadow. There are approximately 40 new trees available. The village website is being updated to provide further information to the public. To agree terms and conditions at July PC meeting. The Village Hall lease remains with the solicitors, agreed Clerk to contact solicitors and church representative for update, and to request quote for work to date.

Shop facilities, to note the council has been contacted by another interested party to rent the shop should it become available. Advised to contact agent.

Bus services changes in the area – leaflets promoting the new WESTlink service are now available, Clerk to ask that a leaflet is included in the parish magazine door delivery next month, so going to every household in the parish.

The Clean and Green Team were in the village the w/c 12th June. Please continue to report any highway priorities and reports of overhanging vegetation or cleaning of signs on fix my street: <https://fix.bathnes.gov.uk/>

Next Parish Council meeting Thursday 6th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall



Nempnett Thrubwell

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Sunday 16th July

From 2pm – 5pm



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Vacancy for Parish Councillor

Nempnett Thrubwell PC need more people to join the team.

This is an ideal opportunity for anybody who cares about where they live to get involved in local decision making. No obligations beyond attending a monthly meeting with your views and opinions.

Phone 01761 462039 or 01761 462748 for an initial chat.



National Garden Scheme

Stowey Open Gardens

On **Sunday 23rd July**, from 2 pm to 6 pm, 3 gardens in Stowey will be opening once again under the National Garden Scheme. Dormers, Stowey Mead and Manor Farm will be welcoming you and inviting you to enjoy the tranquillity and beauty of their gardens and the surrounding countryside. An extensive selection of plants will be on sale at Dormers. Many of these have been propagated by Graham and can be seen in the garden at Dormers. Others have been donated by gardeners locally. There will be a wide selection, all representing very good value for money. Home-made Teas will be on sale at Stowey Mead. And it's an easy walk from the car park opposite Dormers to the other gardens.

We've been working very hard to ensure everything looks its best on 23rd July, though there may be areas which appear unkempt, but serve a very useful purpose for wildlife. Each of the gardens is very different in character, reflecting the interests and skills of its owners, past and present. The 3 gardens have many features, including wildlife ponds, vegetable gardens, orchards, exuberant flower-packed borders, interesting trees and shrubs and lots of seating with wonderful views!

There is ample off-road parking at Dormers in Stowey Bottom, (BS39 5TL). Admission is £6 per adult, with accompanied children under 16 being free. You can either pay by cash or card, (the latter at Dormers only), or you can pre-book on the NGS website, www.ngs.org.uk All admission fees are given to the National Garden Scheme, which distributes the money to various healthcare charities, amongst them Macmillan Cancer, Parkinsons UK and Marie Curie. Plant and Tea sales are in aid of Stowey Church.

Please come along and support this event. You'll be benefiting some very worthwhile causes and having an enjoyable afternoon looking at some delightful gardens which aren't normally open to the public. We shall look forward to seeing you!

Jill and Graham Nicol

St Andrew's Churchyard.

Sadly there was no response to last month's request for new volunteers, but we have had some welcome practical help: At the instigation of Nigel Roberts and Peter Caple, the maintenance team at the Stoke Inn came and strimmed a large area on the East side. It looks so much better, and complements the hard work of our volunteers.

We are extremely grateful to Lee Lashenko for his kind generosity.

We still need volunteers!

Clubs & Societies

Friendly Keep-Fit class at 10am on Tuesday mornings at Chew Stoke Village Hall. Just bring a mat to join in aerobic movement to music followed by floor exercises.

Only £4 a session!

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.

There will be a meeting on **Thursday 13th July** where Brian Jacques will talk on 'Outdoor Exotic Gardening'.

The competition will be: Three Clematis flowers.

Also there will be a Zoom Talk on **10th August** at Stanton Drew Village Hall when George Lockwood will talk on 'Ornamental Grasses'. For further details please contact the number below.

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.



RNLI Curry Lunch 17th November 2023

Curry Lunch – good news! We are holding this iconic fundraising event again this year. Please note the date – Friday 17 November.

As ever, the event will be held at the Ubley Parish Hall. We don't have the tickets yet but they will be the same price as last year at £15 and we will send out details about how you can reserve your place at the lunch in the near future.

A new song called 'The Shout' has been written and released specifically for the RNLI and you can listen to it via the YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M67ws69-epw> We think it is a great initiative and will be grateful if you can support it by circulating the details or just talking about it with your friends and family (and by donating, of course!).

In June after our informative talk on Climate Change and River Pollution, we enjoyed a visit to Yeo Valley Garden taking along several friends, some of whom were former WI members.

After an introductory talk by Sarah Mead, we meandered around the garden enjoying the lovely contrast of colours in the rose garden and the stunning effect of white foxgloves in the silver birch copse. We finished a very pleasant outing with a delicious tea.



Wednesday July 19th brings our **Members show** with lots of classes in preserves, cookery, floral arrangements, photography, craft, flowers, vegetables, fruit and of course that potato in a pot that we planted in March, or some of you may still have chitting on your windowsill! Entries between 1p.m. and 2p.m. please or arrange to leave entries with a committee member if you are working. There will be an hour for guests to view in the afternoon and again at our meeting in the evening when presentations will be made. We look forward to a bumper entry! There is no formal meeting in August, but any social events will be informed by email.



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£3 members, £7 guests

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SUNSHINE ON LEITH – PG Doors/Bar open at 7.00pm Thursday 31st August £3 members, £7 guests

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Both struggle to learn to live a life outside the army and to deal with the everyday struggles of family, jobs and relationships. A must-see film!

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Chew Valley Big Sing!

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Existing Valley choirs will also showcase some of their repertoire so you know what's on your doorstep.

When and where 30 September 2023, 10am – 5pm

Venue: Chew Valley School

Tickets: £12 available through Eventbrite

For more information and booking:

www.voxinfrox.co.uk

<https://www.chewvalleychoral.org.uk/>

Or search for The Chew Valley Big Sing on Facebook



School News

It's been a busy month at Chew Stoke Church School. It was a beautiful sunny day for our annual sports day. During the morning the children took part in 4 participation activities, where all took part in every task and earned points for their house team.



The afternoon comprised our more traditional competitive races at Rectory Field. It was wonderful to see every child taking part and having a lot of fun whilst also keeping active.

Congratulations went to Mercer Team, who scored the most points on the day.

As part of a joint Geography project, Kingfisher Class walked to Chew Valley Lake to look at the flora and fauna. They counted animals, insects, trees and flowers. This was part of a joint project with our partner school in Uganda, who are also next to a lake - Lake Mutanda. The children compared the two lakes and completed some sketches, which they later turned into watercolour paintings.



Mrs Hope treated all of the children to an ice cream, which the children thought was the best part of their visit!

We wish all the children and staff a happy and refreshing summer holidays! Ed.

Chew Valley Gadget Busters



July 5th, The Queens, Chew Magna
July 19th, Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke
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August 16th, Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke

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We are still looking for more volunteers, so if you would like to become a Gadget Busters volunteer, please email cvgadgetbusters@gmail.com for more information



CHEW VALLEY FLOWER CLUB

. We are looking forward to a special demonstration evening on July 3rd, when we will be entertained by Pam Lewis, a talented National demonstrator from Devizes. Pam's title is 'Summer's Bounty', and I know that much of the plant material she will use will come from her beautiful garden. This is an open meeting for members and friends, so we would love to welcome you to this special evening. Pam is a great entertainer, and her talent is well known in the floral art world.

This special event will begin at 7 for 7.30 pm, at Compton Martin Village Hall. Tickets will be available at the door, at a cost of £5 for members, and £10 for visitors. There will be a glass of fizz and some nibbles, and the arrangements will be raffled at the conclusion of what I know will be a spectacular event. Do come!

Our last practice class before our Summer break will be on July 17th, and is entitled 'Picnic in the Park', when we will bring our own ideas to the table.

We have no meetings in August, and our sessions begin again on September 4th, with a demonstration by Yvonne Berry, "Any Old Iron", at Compton Martin Village Hall, at 7.30 pm

Joyce Burton. 01761 462560

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.

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Please contact the volunteer coordinators for more information:

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