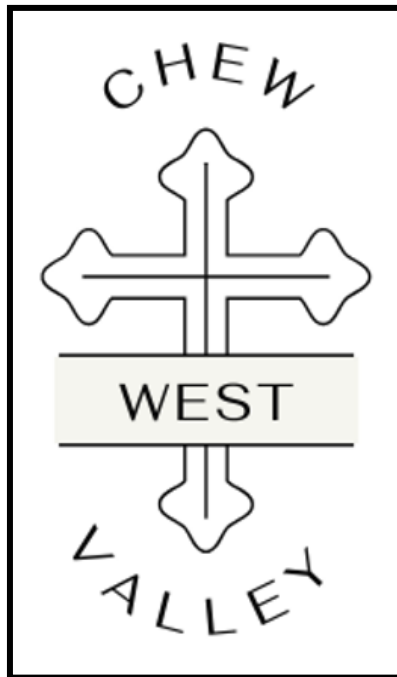


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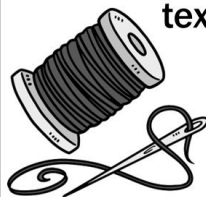
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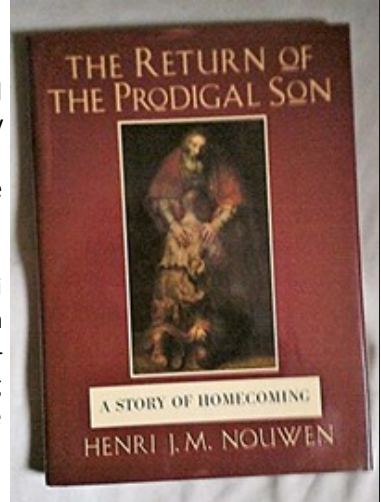
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## Letter from our Rector, the Rev. Dr. Ian Mills

Dear Friends,

Recently I have been re-reading one of the most famous religious books of recent times. First published over 30 years ago, *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen is a reflection on a powerful Gospel story, viewed through a celebrated painting of the same title by Rembrandt.

As well as being a best-selling writer, the author, Henri J. M. Nouwen, was an inspiring pastor of an inter-faith community in Toronto, Canada called L'Arche Day-break. L'Arche is now a worldwide community, helping adults with disabilities grow in faith surrounded by love and support.



You might be familiar with the Gospel story of The Prodigal Son (Luke 15: 11–32). In brief, a father has two sons. The younger son asks for his inheritance and goes off and squanders it. He must return empty handed and beg his father to take him back as a servant. However, when he was still some distance away his father spots him and runs to him. He is welcomed home with open arms and a lavish celebration. The older son is furious and envious. After all, he has been working diligently with his father the whole time. But the father tells the older son: "you are ever with me, and all that I have is yours, but your younger brother was lost and now he is found".

Nouwen's book invites us to see this rich story from three perspectives: the younger son; the older son, and the father. As such it reveals the heart of this Gospel story—that God our Father is more forgiving and merciful than we can ever comprehend. Offering and receiving forgiveness is never easy, but God sees it as a cause for celebration. What a challenge for us to love in the way the father did, and to accept that love like the son.

The themes in this parable will resonate with all of us. We have all felt dejection, jealousy, loneliness and anger. We would not be human if we didn't. Yet Jesus' story of The Prodigal Son reminds us that the love of God brings healing, reconciliation and peace. That forgiveness is ours to receive when we take a few tentative steps towards God. Then he comes to meet us, even when we are 'still far off'.

Yours in Christ,

Tan K. Mills +

# Church News

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 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

St Katharine's, Felton at 10.30am

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

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)

## Sparklers pre-school group



Sparklers will be held on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

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.

## **Chew Valley West Community Choirs**



CHEW VALLEY WEST  
COMMUNITY CHOIR

The next Community Choir session will be held on  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm** in **St Mary & St Peter's, Winford.**

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](http://www.chewvalleywest.org/community-choir)

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

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 next meetings will be held in St Andrew's on **Monday 3rd June and Monday 1st July at 10.00am**



# Sunday First – 2nd June & Sunday 7th July

## Our popular all-age ‘Sunday First’ worship

continues at St Andrew’s, Chew Stoke at 10.00am.

Coffee, buns and craft activities will be provided followed by a short act of worship

## Fran’s Ordination & First Eucharist

Our Curate, Revd Fran Smettem will be ordained Priest by Bishop Michael in **Wells Cathedral on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024** at 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and support Fran on this important step.

One of the joyful duties of a priest is to celebrate Holy Communion (Eucharist). Fran’s first celebration of the Eucharist will be at St Andrew’s, Chew Stoke on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 10.30am**. This will be the only service in our group of parishes on that Sunday, so please come along and celebrate with Fran as we worship God by gathering around his table.

Tea, coffee & cake will be served after the service.



## Mind and Spirit

continues on **Wednesday 12th June** at 10.30 in Felton Village Hall.

**Church and Community conversations around memory loss**

If you live with any condition causing memory loss, or care for someone with memory loss, you are very welcome for some spiritual support and connection with people who know what it’s like. Contact Fran for more information at [curatechewvalleywest@gmail.com](mailto:curatechewvalleywest@gmail.com), or on 01934 340682.

## SAVE THE DATE!

The Teddy Zip Wire with Teas in St Andrews churchyard: Sat. 6th July 2pm  
Bridge Tea in aid of the Church in the Village Hall: Wed. 7th August 2pm.

We are sad to announce the death of Eileen Durbin, a stalwart member of St Andrew's Church. May she rest in peace..

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

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<b>CHEW STOKE</b> St Andrew	10.00am 'Sunday First'		6.30pm Evensong		10.30am Eucharist
<b>NEMPNETT THRUBWELL</b> The Blessed Virgin Mary		9.30am Eucharist		6.30pm Evensong	
<b>FELTON</b> St Katharine	9.00am Eucharist	11.00am Eucharist		9.00am Morning Worship MRS SANDRA EDGERTON	
<b>WINFORD</b> St Mary & St Peter	11.00am 'Sunday First'			11.00am Eucharist	
<b>REGIL</b> St James			8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)		
<b>STOWEY</b> St Nicholas & The Blessed Virgin Mary	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		

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**Sunday 2nd June 10am Sunday First**

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**Sunday 16th Evensong 6.30pm**

**Readers:** Hazel P & Andrew Ezekiel 17: 22 to end, Mark4: 26-34

**Sidespeople:** Jessica & Laura

**Sunday 30th Eucharist 10.30am**

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HS Community Bloom (CSCB) update: residents have been working hard tidying up the ford, and other parts of the village, new helpers are very welcome to join, there are regular times when groups are meeting, but residents are very welcome to take ownership of a specific site or project if that is easier. Please liaise with Nicola Ainger [nicolaaigner@chewstoke.org.uk](mailto:nicolaaigner@chewstoke.org.uk). CSPC have applied for £250 from the Ward Councillors Empowerment Fund for money towards the Community Bloom. Curio have also offered funds to assist with tidying up the area at the top of Bilbie Road. Discussed latest ideas which include planting bulbs in several locations around the village, a planter outside Webbs Mead and wild flowers beside the phone box.

Parking along one side of Chew Lane (near junction with Winford Rd to just north of the Rugby Club) before the end of the Chew Valley School day is causing traffic congestion issues, due to a lack of passing places for long stretches, and coaches driving to the school. A map showing potential areas for double yellow lines or time specific no stopping areas has been shared with CSPC. Councillors agreed further consideration of the areas is needed. Also to ask B&NES to discuss with the local farmer who has issues turning farm machinery into fields on either side of the road due to parked cars outside the school. Highways advice to be sought on best options, and to ask them to liaise with Chew Valley School, the Rugby Club and Chew Medical Practice.

National Grid need to replace a telegraph pole close to the ford/Pilgrims Way. CSPC has objected to the proposed location. This will be a larger steel pole. National Grid are still looking at options including an underground solution, but this is likely to be too costly. Awaiting further details.

The newly formed Chew Valley Flood Group, (part of CV Area Forum), is looking at ways to disseminate information about flooded and blocked roads when there are travel issues. They are also creating a map to show where roads regularly flood and are meeting with Dan Parr from B&NES to highlight areas in the hope some of these are blocked drains and can be resolved over the summer, before the next winter.

Chew Stoke Church School and CSPC are working together and discussing access to the school when the ford is flooded. Various walking route options have been suggested, B&NES Footpath Officer has said the footpath to Stoke Hill could be improved if this option was pursued. Parking solutions would need to be considered. Advised the ford is not flooding any higher than it has in the past, but it is more frequent, causing increased number of school day closures. The frequency is considered to be climate change related, but CSPC are keen to work with the school to see if alternative solutions can be found to prevent closures.

CSPC are setting up a mailing list to share information such as news and events, road closures, planning applications etc. If you would like to receive this, please either use this link [Newsletter sign up](#) or contact the Clerk [clerk@chewstoke.org.uk](mailto:clerk@chewstoke.org.uk)

Next meeting Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



## School News

At the beginning of May the school held its annual PTA Duck Race on the stretch of river that runs alongside Rectory Field. It was a beautiful afternoon and there were well over 100 ducks in the race.

It was a great event for the community and over £500 was raised for the school.



Earlier on the same day you may have seen the pupils taking part in the school's Fun Run. The pupils (and a few of the staff) spent the afternoon running around Rectory Field to raise money for a number of school projects. The children certainly showed great stamina and perseverance with a few completing over 20 laps of the field.

## Clubs & Societies



### Tuesday 4th June

*Gloriana: Elizabeth I and the Art of Queenship.* Siobhan Clarke, a staff member at Historic Royal Palaces will reveal how the cult of Gloriana with its increasing dependence on associated imagery, glittering jewels and intricate gowns was employed by Elizabeth as propaganda to maintain her reputation and influence. The talk will begin at 11.00am in Croscombe Village Hall (and simultaneously via Zoom – a link will be sent to members and guests). Guests are welcome for a fee of £10. Further details, including information about becoming a member and full programme available on our website; [www.theartsocietymendip.org.uk](http://www.theartsocietymendip.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 13<sup>th</sup> June, John Tucker will talk on  
'Shrubs for all Seasons'.

The competition will be: 3 stems of flowering shrubs.



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

## **CHEW VALLEY HISTORY SOCIETY**

### **50th ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON**

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Following lunch there will be a lecture by Colin Budge entitled "Sutton Court and the St.Loe Family". - and, of course there are connections between our venue Folly Farm, Sutton Court and the Stowey Manor House. Colin is a long standing member of this Society and a very keen local historian with a long history of research and this will be a hugely interesting talk about history on our doorstep. The cost will be £26 per person, this will cover the luncheon and gratuities.

I shall circulate full details to all members including an application form by email or post.

The forms should be returned to Jim Farmer, who has done all the organising for this event. There will be no restriction on numbers and friends, family and visitors will all be welcome to this event to celebrate 50 very successful years of our History Society.

Should anyone have any questions please call or email me.

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Doors/Bar open at 7.00pm

**Thursday 27th June**

The true story of Sir Nicholas 'Nicky' Winton, a young London broker who, in the months leading up to World War 11, rescued 669 predominately Jewish children from the Nazis. Nicky visited Prague in December 1938 and found families who had fled the rise of the Nazis in Germany and Austria living in desperate conditions with little or no shelter or food, and under the threat of Nazi invasion. Fifty years later, it's 1988 and Nicky lives haunted by the fate of the children he wasn't able to bring to safety in England: always blaming himself for not doing more. However, surprise events help him to come to terms with the guilt and grief he had carried for five decades—starring Anthony Hopkins and Johnny Flynn.



### **CHEW VALLEY FLOWER CLUB**

On June 3rd, the demonstration will be by Selena Denham, "My favourite things", and the next practice session after that is on June 17th.

If you or your friends would like to come along and join us, you would be very welcome.

Give us a try! We meet fortnightly, on Monday evenings, at Compton Martin Village hall, at 7.30pm.

Joyce Burton. 01761. 462560

**STOP PRESS:** Chew Stoke Grocortree: the new shop is still in the process of being fitted out but at time of print is very close to completion. Opening day yet to be confirmed. Watch out for further updates!

In April we enjoyed an informative talk from Charlotte Brockley on her herd of Alpacas.

An amusing detail I learned when I visited her was that when alpacas give birth it is called “unpacking” and she also told us of a current problem which was birds pulling out the precious alpaca fibre for their nests!

May brought us Martin Grass, Chairman of the Mendip Cave Rescue, giving us an insight of the difficulties of rescuing injured people many miles down a cave structure. By the time the alert has been raised it could take 6 hours to reach the casualty and even more to return to the surface allowing for careful handling through difficult narrow passages. However Mendip have a good record of success and this self-funded voluntary organisation was one of the first to be formed in the country.



In May also, twelve members enjoyed a very interesting visit to the American Museum, where Gill Beard, took us through the centuries from 1600's to 1800's describing the style of quilting and decoration at that time, what people wore, what materials they had to work with, the style of furniture and what they ate – squirrel pie and turtle soup were some of the least appealing! A most enjoyable outing, added to by the bonus of Helen and the Blagdon mini-bus taking any stress out of driving.

We have another outing planned on **Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> June 11.a.m. - 4p.m to the Wirth & Hauser Gallery at Bruton.** As well as the modern art gallery there is a large perennial garden, highly recommended. Please book asap if you wish to join us. We will have lunch out nearby. Minibus cost approx £10. Gallery- please make a donation.

**Centenary Tree Picnic** – this to be a lunchtime event in mid August. Date to be confirmed **August 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Resolution “Dental Health Matters”** was carried and will go forward to the National AGM.

Our next meeting on **Wed 19<sup>th</sup> June is with Delyse Taylor from Uncle Paul's Chilli charity. A local charity supporting Mental Well-being. Plenty of Chilli preserves that Delyse makes, for sale!** Please come along, you will have a warm welcome.

Hazel Wedlake, President

# Update from Dan Norris, Mayor of the West of England

## New grants for freelancers

Culture West is offering £2,000 grants to local artists, technicians, designers, curators, producers, writers and other freelancers working in the arts. Full details can be found at: [www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/innovation/culture-west/creative-freelancer-grants/](http://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/innovation/culture-west/creative-freelancer-grants/).

## Last Bus Guarantee

Agreement has been reached with all bus operators to ensure no one is ever stranded by last bus of the day being cancelled. If for any reason a bus does not run, operators must now provide reimbursement for a taxi home.

## Slow Mow Summer?

Last month many of you put away your lawnmower and gave nature a month off by taking part in No Mow May. Why not go one step further?

Experts say mowing less and at different lengths and frequencies through the summer is also really important in terms of helping more wildflowers to flourish, providing extra food for pollinators and becoming a haven for West of England wildlife big and small.

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## Jump on a June Ride

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**June 19th, Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke**

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