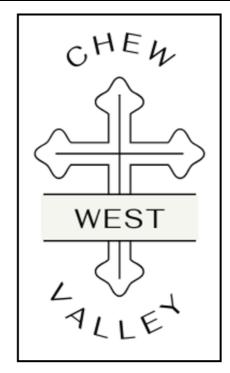
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Website

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**

Letter from our Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Ian Mills

Dear Friends,

Over the next few weeks many of us will begin the dreaded annual chore of Spring Cleaning. The brightness and freshness of this time of year encourages us to sort out the clutter that we have accumulated in the dark corners and cupboards over the past few months—or even longer!—ready for even sunnier seasons ahead. Deciding what to keep and what to recycle isn't anyone's favourite task, but nonetheless it's an important one.

The same can be said for this time of year in the church: the season of **Lent** which begins on **Ash Wednesday**, 2nd March 2022. During this season we are reminded that it's not just our homes and physical lives that need to be sorted out. Our spiritual lives need attention and refreshment too.

Lent is a season which allows us to pause and take a fresh look at our lives; a time to get rid of the things that are a hindrance to us and spoil our relationship with God, and to make room for what really matters. What are the thoughts and experiences that we are allowing to weigh us down? Do we really need to hold on to them? Are these burdens serving any purpose? What are the bad spiritual habits that are surplus to requirements, cluttering up valuable space in our hearts? Lent challenges us to make these difficult decisions so we can declutter and make room in our lives for God.

Christians respond to this special season in several ways. Traditionally, Lent was a time for giving things up; a time of penance and self-denial in which we would try to go without our favourite treats, or to cut down on things we really enjoyed.

More recently, Christians have responded positively to the season of Lent by taking something up. You might feel moved to give generously to a good cause during this time, allowing the discipline of regular giving to make a real difference to the lives of others. You might use Lent as an opportunity to deepen your faith by joining a bible study such as our series on St Mark's Gospel (details elsewhere in this Magazine). Likewise, you might make a special effort to be present in church each Sunday, or challenge yourself to pray more regularly.

All these things can make a positive impact on our lives this Lent, preparing our hearts and minds so that we can rejoice with our risen Saviour at the empty tomb on Easter Day.

Yours in Christ,



ROWAN WILLIAMS Meeting God in MARK

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 7pm 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 or by phone: 01275 474504 on, or before Sunday 27 February 2022.

Copies of the study guide *Meeting God in Mark* cost £5 and can be ordered by contacting Rev Ian or signing-up in church.

<u>Queen's Jubilee Celebrations at Nempnett Thrubwell</u> <u>Flower Festival at Nempnett Church.</u>

Preview Evening on Thursday June 2nd
Please come for Pimm's and canapes at 6pm
followed by Organ Recital from Rev Dr Ian Mills at 7.00pm
Tickets for preview and organ recital £10 from Jane Oosthuizen
Church will be open 10am to 5pm on Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th

NB If you would like to help decorate the church please let Jane Batten know (<u>battenjane9@gmail.com</u>) as we really do want as many people from the parish as possible to be involved. Children very welcome

Thursday June 2nd

From 8pm Barbecue at Village Hall. Lighting of the Beacon at 9.45pm

Sunday June 5th

2pm Parish Walk, from the hall, which will incorporate part of the Monarch's Way followed with a cream tea in the village hall.



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 2nd March 2022 (Ash Wednesday)

St Katharine's, Felton at 10.30am

Wednesday 16th March 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)



The Penitential Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 2nd 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, receive the assurance of God's forgiveness, and 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, 2nd 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.

Welcome Packs

Attractive Welcome Packs have been produced for new residents of the villages within our benefice. If you know someone who might benefit from receiving a Welcome Pack, which contains details of services and events in our churches in Chew Valley West, please contact the Rectory on 01275 474504 or at chewvalleywest@gmail.com

Confirmation

Advance notice that the next service of Confirmation will be held in Wells Cathedral on Saturday 5th November 2022. If you know a young person (aged 13/14 and above) who would like to explore the possibility of being confirmed, please contact Rev Ian. Confirmation is also open to adults, so please do get in touch if you would like to know more. Preparation sessions will be held in the autumn.

Chew Valley West Community Children's Choirs





We are thrilled to launch two new Children's Choirs in our benefice aimed at young singers between the ages of 6 and 14:

Mini Melodies (aimed at children between the ages of 6 and 9) will meet on Tuesday afternoons beginning on 1* March.

Jubilee! our new youth choir (for children aged 10 to 14) will launch on Thursday 3rd March.

This term's rehearsals will be held at Chew Stoke Church School, beginning at 3:30pm.

Parents and guardians of pupils at Winford Primary School and Chew Stoke Church School will already have received information about our new choirs. You can also find out more on our website:

www.chewvalleywest.org/childrens-choir

For more information, or to sign-up, please contact singchewvalleywest@gmail.com

Adult Community Choir



CHEW VALLEY WEST COMMUNITY CHOIR

Our March session will be held on Wednesday 16 March 2022

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



Mothering Sunday 27th March





10.30am St Andrew's, Chew Stoke Family Eucharist

6.30pm St Mary, Nempnett Thrubwell Evensong

Posies will be given to all mothers and carers



Sparklers

The next session of our pre-school group, Sparklers, will be held on

Monday 21st March 2022

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.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCHYARD BLITZ SATURDAY 5TH MARCH 10am.

As usual, we are planning to get together to tidy the churchyard after the ravages of winter. Grass is growing, bulbs are popping up and spring flowers are appearing.

All very welcome after the dreary time we have all had, but nature needs a bit of a hand to start the season clean and tidy. We are grateful to our small band of regular volunteers, but they need extra help to get ready for Easter. Apart from mowing and strimming, dead twigs need removing, gullies clearing.

Do come and join us, if only for coffee and cake. Bring a friend, child, grandchild, neighbour.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Anne Summers 333812.

An Opportunity to Join the Parish Electoral Roll

The electoral roll has to be updated every year in March; please let us know if you would like to join this year. *If you were enrolled last year, you do not need to apply again.* **Joining the roll** is a practical symbol



of commitment to our Church although there is no time or financial commitment involved.

We will contact you occasionally with information about services, in particular details of funerals, and you can vote at the Annual Meeting.

Further details & an application form can be found just inside the church door or by application to the Electoral Roll Officer, Sara Hindle on 01275 331795. Forms must be returned by the beginning of April.

If you would like to be 'In Association' with us but not actually join the roll, please email or phone Sara.



St Andrew's Soup Lunch Wednesday 2nd March

in the Church Hall Chew Stoke
from 12.30 till 2pm £5 (under 5's £1)
Home made soups and cakes
Fairtrade Stall

All ages welcome, high chairs available
Social distancing and masks on arrival please!

All proceeds to charity

Benefice of Chew Valley West

Diocese of Bath & Wells March Services

	Sunday 6 March Lent 1	Sunday 13 March Lent 2	Sunday 20 March Lent 3	Sunday 27 March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday
CHEW STOKE St Andrew	6.30pm Evensong	10.30am Morning Prayer & Holy Baptism		10.30am Family Eucharist
NEMPNETT THRUBWELL The Blessed Virgin Mary		9.00am Eucharist		6.30pm Evensong
FELTON St Katharine		11.00 Eucharist	3.00pm Evensong	9.00am Morning Prayer
WINFORD St Mary & St Peter	11.00am Eucharist		11.00am Eucharist	3.00pm Evensong
REGIL St James	5.00pm Evensong		8.30am Holy Communion	

St Andrew's Church March Rota

Flowers: No flowers as it is Lent

Cleaning: Suzanne Macdonald & Brass: Bethan and Lowri

Sunday 6th March 6.30pm Evensong

Readers: Liz: Deuteronomy 6: 1-11 Sidespeople: Jessica & Cynthia

Sue: St Luke 4: 1-13

Sunday 13th March 10.30am Morning Prayer & Baptism

Readers: Sara: Genesis 15: 1-12 **Sidespeople:** Sarah & Sheila

Gerry: St Luke 13: 31-end

<u>Sunday 27th March</u> 10.30 am Family Eucharist Mothering Sunday Readers: Sue: Exodus 2: 1-10 Sidespeople: Laura & Jessica

Celebrant: St Luke 2: 33-35

SCHOOL NEWS

Adventurous Outdoor Activities for Chew Stoke Pupils

Fox Class from Chew Stoke Church School have just returned from 2 days of out-door adventurous learning at the Mill-on-the-Brue Adventure Centre in Bruton. The School has been using the residential centre for many years to provide a challenging residential camp for the children and was delighted to be back at Mill-on-the-Brue following a 2 year absence due to COVID.

The children gain a great deal from the experience of pushing themselves outside of their comfort zones by taking part in such activities as: Zip Wire, Climbing, Obstacle Courses, Tunnelling, Rifle Shooting, Archery and Orienteering, as well as hugely important team-building and confidence building activities. Despite the inevitable mud a great time was had by all – pupils and staff alike!







Nempnett Thrubwell needs you!

After an absence of two years the Village Fete is back. It will take place on Sunday 7th August 2022. Could you help with a stall or game, serving teas or erecting tents?

If you have a bit of spare time (just a little is fine) and enjoy meeting others in the village we are looking for enthusiastic people to join the team. We would value your input and ideas. We want to make this Jubilee Year fete the best ever. Please contact Rosemary Porter:

telephone: 07525019066, or email: ubleypark@gmail.com

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Tree work in Rectory Field and Bilbie Road Playpark - the trees affected by ash die-back have been marked up for removal, which will happen in early March. Some timber will be retained for play equipment. The big ash will be felled and then a decision will be made about what it could be used for, once the ground has hardened and it can be moved to a more suitable location.

Westaway Field update – the grade of the soil (quality) and suitability or otherwise for a solar farm were discussed at the last PC meeting. Agreed that Cllrs would speak to the relevant person at B&NES to confirm whether planning permission would be given to install solar farms on Grade 3a land or not.

Councillors also reminded to continue to consider new locations within the parish that could be suitable for solar panels.

Update on current actions of the Westaway Field Working Group (WG)— the WG would like to purchase a memorial bench to be sited at the top of the lower field, in memory of Brian Westaway. The field will also be known as 'Cooks Meadow' (the Cooks being the family that Brian Westaway came to live with when he was evacuated here during the war). Councillors agreed this could be purchased using money raised by the field rent. A U-shaped path was suggested to run in the wooded area and along the top of the lower field with new trees (ideally including some fruit and nut) planted across that belt. The PC has been advised to apply for the path to be designated as a 'Permissive Path'. A path has been cleared through the trees, new gates are required, agreed to consider a wooden option. Discussed option to 'open' the field as part of the Jubilee celebrations, to be discussed with the Working Group.

Platinum Jubilee celebrations — Discussions are underway with members of the Harvest Home committee, and contacts at the Primary School, WI group, the PCC and others to ascertain any interest in arranging something. Events won't be organised by the PC. As noted above the PC will discuss with the Westaway WG regarding an event in the fields. The PC would really like to have a 'Social Committee' set up when the PC takes over the management of the village hall, please let us know if you are interested in being involved.

Continued overleaf

Speeding in the village -the PC have been considering ways to try and reduce speeding in the village but agreed that the PC does not have the funds available to purchase a 'speed indicator device' at present, (min cost approx. £2K). It was suggested there is a device on Stoke Hill, although not working, PC to check whether it is still there and if so to look at options to reinstate it. Also noted that many of the road signs in the village are dirty, PC to contact B&NES to request they are cleaned.

Date for the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – agreed to hold it after the monthly PC meeting on May 5th, in the Village Hall. All very welcome!

Update on the Chew Valley Recreational Trail –Cllr Warrington is arranging a meeting between B&NES, Bristol Water and Chew Stoke PC to discuss the access issue at the end of Woodford Lane, to request to have a gate added and the soil removed. The fencing at this point has now been repaired, but stock fencing and barbed wire have been added which is detrimental to wildlife movement. To be discussed with the above organisations when meeting is arranged.

Rectory Field update – the Working Group met last week. The group are keen not to change the field too much, it is popular as it is, but wish to improve biodiversity, and interest and enjoyment of the space. They plan to use some of the timber that is due to be felled for benches or play equipment, to replant trees and extend the size of the copses slightly. Possibly to plant a small orchard in the top corner. Cllr Baker is to meet with 2 residents to discuss planting plan. It may be possible to use trees that can be acquired via the Queen's Green Canopy.

Village Shop – a clock has been installed on the front, but it is not set to the correct time. A prospective tenant is seeking planning advice regarding their intended use of the premises, which needs to conform to specific retail usage of A1. The Community Shop Venture remain keen to discuss options of running a village shop if the current applicants do not proceed.



Chew Valley Gadget Busters are back!!

March 2nd and 16th, 12.30-2.30

and the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month thereafter

Chew Valley Gadget Busters have restarted face to face sessions, thanks to some new volunteer recruits and The Queens pub in Chew Magna.

Do you have problems using your laptop, iPad, tablet, phone or digital camera? Or do you want to make video calls, send photos or use WhatsApp to contact your friends and family, but don't know how? Perhaps you're worried about how to order supermarket and other goods on-line?

Visit **Gadget Busters** who are here to help. Either book an appointment by e-mailing <u>cvgadgetbusters@gmail.com</u>, or turn up on the day.

Masks to be worn and hand sanitiser will be available. 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 cvgadgetbusters@gmail.com for more information.

Clubs & Societies

Contemporary Artists: Anthony Gormley and Amish Kapoor.

Rosalind Whyte investigates comparative styles and techniques of selected works to the Arts Society Mendip on 1st March at 11.00 am in Croscombe Village Hall (and simultaneously via Zoom—links will be sent to all members). Guests welcome, on request to



tasmendip.comm@gmail.com. A guest donation of £6 will be requested.

Chew Valley Gardening Society

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

This month's meeting will take place on **Thursday 10th March at 8pm** A popular speaker Les Cloutsham will talk on 'Cretan Flora' and the competition will be '3 Stems of Spring Flowers'. Everyone is warmly invited.

New members very welcome, just come along! FFI jill.broadhead@cpsoutlook.co.uk



Chew Valley U3A will hold its Monthly Meeting in Ubley Parish Hall at 10.00am on Monday 21st March 2022

when Andy Lewis will give a talk entitled "Nought to Sixteen - A Granddad's Journey".

Members and visitors will be most welcome.



Avon

Thursday 24th March 2022: Avon Wildlife Trust Chew Valley Group SWIFTS – A LIFE ON THE WING an illustrated talk by Peter Bright observing these extraordinary birds which have nested around his house since 2006.

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

Harptrees History Society

The Winscombe Project

Teresa Hall, the landscape archaeologist who heads the project, will be the guest speaker at the March meeting at West Harptree Memorial Hall, BS40 6EG

Wednesday 30th March. 7.15pm for 7.30pm.

Visitors are very welcome at £3 a head. Chairs will be socially distanced and we ask everyone to wear a mask, please. Numbers are limited, so both members and visitors need to reserve a seat in advance. To book the available places, please email info@harptreeshistorysociety.org.



Chew Valley Flower Club

7th March: Demonstration by Caroline Cooper of an

arrangement called 'The Language of Flowers'

21st March: Practice class with a visiting tutor

Rosemary Kerr

The club meet twice a month at Compton Martin Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members welcome FFI: 01761 462560 joycefredabuton@gmail.com

For information on The Chew Valley Art Group (previously known as the Litton Art Group) who meet at Chew Stoke Church Hall on Monday mornings please contact: orchardhse@ukgateway.net



On a blustery February evening, we welcomed Reg King whose talk was entitled "Wash Day Blues". Not very exciting or interesting you might think but Reg entertained us with his relaxed and humorous delivery of the history of washing, bleaching, rinsing and ironing. These were almost 100% female occupations all over the world and through history, with some societies still today washing by hand and drying clothes on the local vegetation. How lucky are we to have machines to do the work!

After refreshments, Richard Osborne updated us on the "state of play" following the granting, on appeal, of Bristol Airport's expansion. This was granted despite the overwhelming evidence of the effect of increased carbon and other toxic emissions on the climate, and the effect on our health living close to the airport and the lives and futures of people near and far. Reassuringly there is a further rising tide of opposition to this decision and dismay at the lack of Government policy in the light of the declared climate emergency. He urged us not to sit back but to play our part wherever possible to stop the expansion and suggested, amongst other things, we write to our MPS who both along with Parish Councils and thousands of ordinary people declared their opposition **Saturday 4th June** - To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we shall be hosting and cream tea for members, their family and friends at the garden of our secretary Hazel, in Shoreditch Lane. (Details and tickets later)

16th March Members meeting 7.30 in the hall. We are hoping Debbie Dillon will be available to talk on "Pelvic Health". See Facebook and/or Village Telegraph for an update.

FFI on WI, please contact Hazel 01275 332812 or Jan 07940818984 and for Richard 07920447550.



Sacred Heart Catholic Church High Street Chew Magna BS40 8PR

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Holy Mass (with the liturgy of the following Sunday) is celebrated every Friday morning at 10-30am followed by coffee. All welcome. The church is also open for private prayer each day (typically between 10am to 3pm)

Sunday Mass is at St Pius Xth at 9am or St Dunstan's, Keynsham (11am).

All general enquiries to the Mission Area Office:

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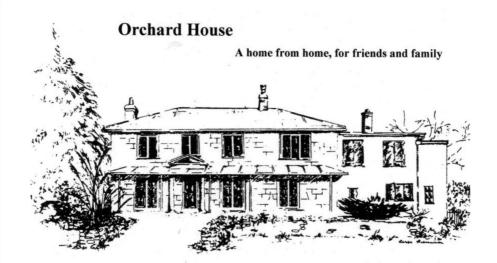
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