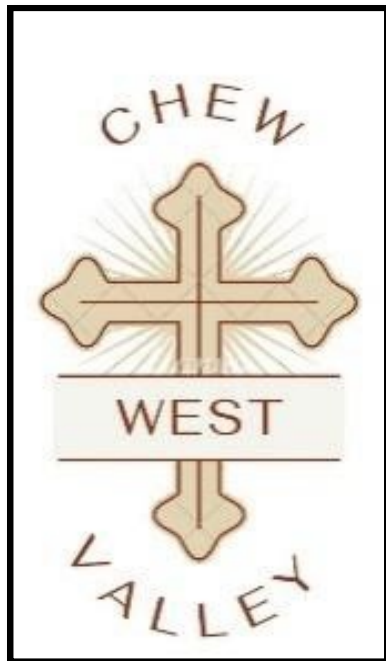


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Troup, Kilroy and Down

Messrs: Jameson, Murrant, Soper, Kilroy, Poynter and Moorhouse.

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

Dear Friends,

One of the greatest joys and privileges of being a priest is getting to know those who are preparing for **Holy Baptism** or a **Christening** (two different words for the same thing!). Within our tradition in the Church of England, most candidates for baptism—but by no means all!—are babies or infants. This means there is a huge responsibility placed on the parents and Godparents of the person being baptised to ensure that they are brought up in the Christian faith. Babies cannot speak for themselves, feed themselves or defend themselves, so they need the love, nurture and protection of their family to ensure their physical wellbeing. The same can be said for their spiritual welfare—they need the prayers and guidance of their parents and Godparents to lead them along the right path until they can make their own decisions. They need their family to read the bible to them, to pray with them and for them, and to lead them by example.

The church recognises this responsibility at Holy Baptism by asking serious questions of the parents and Godparents. Three times they are asked to turn away from what is wrong, and three times they are asked to turn towards Jesus, to accept him and follow him. It is a powerful moment which signifies the beginning of new life in Jesus. Our old life of sin has been washed away, and we are born again to live for God.

There are many baptisms planned across the churches in Chew Valley West over the coming months, so please do pray for those who are preparing for this important, life-changing event. Perhaps you are already a Godparent. If so, take time to pray for the person entrusted into your spiritual care, whatever age they may be now! And remember that no one makes this spiritual journey alone, but with the support and love of the church.

After his Resurrection, Jesus instructs his apostles to ‘go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit’ (Matthew 28: 19–20). Notice what Jesus says. He does not say to his apostles, ‘go and make **converts** of all [people]’, but to go and make **disciples**. There is an important difference, here. A disciple is someone who journeys alongside you; someone who walks **with** you and supports you, not someone who confronts you with religion until you surrender!

One of those apostles whose Feast Day we celebrate at the very end of November is Saint Andrew. Apart from what we are told in Scripture we know very little about Andrew’s life or ministry. His name has been associated with Scythia, Thrace and Greece, and it has been said that he suffered martyrdom at Patros in Achaia on a diagonally shaped cross. According to one legend his bones were finally laid to rest at Fife, thus his recognition as Scotland’s Patron Saint since 1320.

Holy Scripture gives us three important facts about Andrew: 1. He brought his brother, Peter, to Jesus (Saint John 1: 40-42). Continued overleaf;

2. In the story of the feeding of the 5,000 (Saint John 6: 8-9) Andrew brought the young boy to Jesus. 3. In Saint John 12: 20-22 we read that Andrew brought the Greeks to Jesus.

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What do you notice? On each of these occasions Andrew is introducing someone else to Jesus. This is our duty as Christians, to be true disciples of Jesus by bringing others to him. We do this not by standing in front of others, but by walking alongside them; by journeying with them.

If you feel your journey is leading you to consider Holy Baptism, I would be delighted to talk to you at any time.

Yours in Christ,

Ian K. Mills +

### **Nempnett Thrubwell Harvest Supper**

I wish to thank all those who organised and supported the Harvest Supper in Nempnett Thrubwell Village Hall on the evening of Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021. An evening of splendid food and conversation was enjoyed by villagers young and old, and much-needed funds were raised for the church. It was our pleasure to welcome Rev Dr Victor Barley and Mrs Anthea Barley as our guests.

Victor—no stranger to the parish—provided a most entertaining and informative talk on his long and distinguished career in medicine and ordained ministry.

Another pleasant aspect of the evening was the re-commissioning of the Nempnett Thrubwell Hand Bells. We look forward to hearing more of these delightful instruments in due course.

Rev Ian

### **Sisters of the Church, Bristol**

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to the Loaves and Fishes Ministry of the Community of the Sisters of the Church, Bristol, as part of our Harvest Thank-giving services. I also wish to thank the children from Chew Stoke Church School who helped bring forward the produce for blessing during the service—thank you, Albert, Beatrix, Tyra, Lola, Dolly, Belle, Nancy, Wensdae, Lottie and Eleanor! Finally, I am grateful to Laura Downs who organised delivery of goods to the Sisters.

Rev Ian

### **Organ Recital Thanks**

Thank you to everyone who supported the very successful Organ Recital in St Andrew's, Chew Stoke on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Around £600 was raised for parish funds.

## Sparklers

Our Chew Valley West pre-school group continues to meet in St Mary & St Peter's, Winford on the third Monday of each month at 1:45pm. Bring your little ones for an hour of fun, fellowship, music and activities (and a cup of tea!). Sparklers will meet on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November** and there will be a special Christmas Sparklers on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December** when, who knows, there may be a special guest!

## Chew Valley West Community Choir

The launch of Chew Valley West Community Choir on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September was a great success, with over 50 singers meeting for an hour of music-making in Winford Church. The November session will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.00pm. This is a free event. Bring your friends and your voice!

## New Website! Chew Valley West

A new website for our group of parishes has been launched. Visit [www.chewvalleywest.org](http://www.chewvalleywest.org) for details of services and special events, and keep up to date as more details are added over the coming weeks.

## 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 us as we take time to pause, to pray and to share the Sacrament.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021                      St Katharine's, Felton at 10.30am

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021    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)

## A Village Christmas

Advance notice that a **Celebration of Christmas** in traditional words and song will be held in St Mary & St Peter's Church, Winford on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.00pm. Our guests for the evening will be the ever-popular choir, Better Than Chocolate. Do put the date in your diary and join us for a special evening of traditional carols, readings and stories for Christmas. This will be a free event with a retiring collection. Festive refreshments included.

## Remembrance Sunday

A combined Service of Remembrance will be held in **Chew Stoke Methodist Church** at 10.30am on Remembrance Sunday. The service will be led by Rev Martin Slocombe and the preacher will be Rev Dr Ian Mills.

Elsewhere in our group of parishes, Acts of Remembrance will be held on Remembrance Sunday at the following times:

St Mary & St Peter, Winford                      9.00am

St Katharine's, Felton                              3.00pm

## Benefice of Chew Valley West

### Diocese of Bath & Wells November Services

	Sunday 7 November Third Sunday before Advent	Sunday 14 November Remembrance Sunday	Sunday 21 November Christ the King	Sunday 28 November Advent Sunday
<b>CHEW STOKE</b> St Andrew		10.30am Service of Remembrance <b>Chew Stoke Methodist Church</b>	6.30pm Evensong	10.30am Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism
<b>NEMPNETT THRUB- WELL</b> The Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00am Parish Eucharist		6.30pm Evensong & Dedication of Altar Frontal	
<b>FELTON</b> St Katharine	11.00am Parish Eucharist	3.00pm Evensong & Act of Remembrance		9.00am Morning Prayer
<b>WINFORD</b> St Mary & St Peter	3.00pm Evensong	9.00am Service of Remembrance	11.00am Parish Eucharist	
<b>REGIL</b> St James			8.30am Holy Communion	

### ST ANDREWS CHURCH DIARY

#### Nov.21st Evensong 6.30pm

Psalm 93 Readings: Daniel 7 vv 9-10,13-14 and John 18 vv 33-37

Readers: Sue Cook and Liz Wormald

Sidespersons: Peter Jameson and Laura Down

#### Nov.28th Parish Eucharist and Holy Baptism 10.30am

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 3 vv9-end and Luke 21 vv25-36

Reader Jerry Moorhouse

Sidespersons: Jessica McInnes and Sheila Limburn

**Cleaners for the month:** Heather Patch & Lizzie Langdon Brass: Cynthia Troup

**Church Flower rota for November**

7th & 14th Nov. Altar: Ruth Donlevy Lady Chapel: Liz Wormald

28th Nov. Altar & Lady Chapel; Liz Wormald



**Service of  
Remembrance  
at Chew Stoke  
Methodist Chapel**



**Sunday 14th November  
At 10.30am  
For all the village**

**CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, NEMPNETT THRUBWELL  
Cleaning List & Rota**

7/11/21	9.00	Jane B	Nick	Hebrews 9. 24-end Mark 1. 14-20	Green
28/11/21	6.30	Rosemary	Jane B	Jeremiah 33. 14- 16; Luke 21. 25-36	Violet
12/12/21	9.00	Alison	Rosemary	Philippians 4. 4-7	Violet
24/12/21	6.30	Nick	Jane O	Carol Service	White

**On Friday 12th November at 7pm  
The Rev. Dr Ian Mills will be providing entertainment  
on the fine old organ at St Mary's Church  
Nempnett Thrubwell.  
Everyone invited, refreshments will be provided.**



## **St Andrew's church tower** **has been restored**

During the work the Bell Openings in the belfry were exposed when the wire mesh covering was being replaced. As a result, the beautiful Somerset tracery was revealed as shown in this photo.

The mesh is necessary to keep the birds out of the belfry.

John Bone

The PCC would like to thank SSHC (Sally Strachey Historic Conservation) and their abseiling team for carrying out the work on budget and with little fuss and bother. Equally we would like to thank Les Poynter for masterminding the project.

With the work and covid restrictions behind us, the church is back to normal. Many thanks are due to Hazel Poynter and the cleaning team for all their hard work.

The church will now be open to all during daylight hours.

Nempnett Church wardens are pleased to announce the candlesticks and cross will be able to be transformed as a result of very generous sponsorship given after their plea for help. Many thanks to the benefactors.

### **The Diocese of Bath and Wells Manna Magazine**

The Editor has been asked to remind you that the Diocesan Manna magazine is still available online on the first of the month at

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-parishes/parish-communication/manna/>



Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October:

**Village shop:** (public participation) 18 members of the public attended this month's Parish Council meeting to discuss the absence of the village shop. There is a strong feeling amongst the residents that the village needs a shop, and many would benefit from it, from school age children to the elderly, who can't drive to other villages. It would be the focal meeting point of the village.

The Parish Council was presented with a petition containing 178 signatures from a group of parishioners, which asks the Parish Council to ensure B&NES enforce the planning permission to provide a shop on the site.

The shop is currently not being marketed, the current shop front does not conform to planning permission and needs to be corrected. A new frontage is on order.

Another group of residents have approached the owners to express an interest in renting the premises for a community shop enterprise.

The Parish Council is very keen to see a shop back in the village.

The owners have stated that there is a waiting list of interest to rent the shop.

Parish Council plans to investigate applying to register the shop as a Community Asset.

**Addressing flooding issues:** Bristol & Avon River Trust (BART) are working locally to prevent flooding from agricultural land onto highways. They are building bunds to manage this, which will also help to prevent loss of valuable minerals being washed off the fields. If anyone knows of an area that would benefit from this, to contact Cllr Warrington.

**Westaway fields & solar farm proposal –**

PC currently awaiting feasibility study for solar option on part of the land.

Confirmed councillors able to attend an EGM on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct at 7pm which will enable Bath & West Community Energy (BWCE) to update councillors and the Westaway Field Working Group of their findings. PC keen to look at use of fields in the whole, so resolved not to arrange the public consultation until the Working Group are able to present their findings to the councillors at the December PC meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

**Bristol Airport Expansion Inquiry –** no update at present. The Inquiry is due to close in mid Oct with a decision likely in the New Year.

**The Chew Valley Recreational Trail –** work has started on the section from Woodford Lodge to the dam. Cllr Baker is in communication with representatives from B&NES and Bristol Water concerning the omission of an access point on Woodford Lane for residents of Chew Stoke. Cllr Warrington to forward concerns to B&NES.

**The Queen's Green Canopy –** marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. – agreed to take part in this scheme. Cllr to liaise with "Chew Valley Needs Trees" group about what type of trees to source and where to plant them. PC to encourage residents to take part. Scheme is in conjunction with the Woodland Trust.

Cllr Hicks thanked Cllr Baker for a very successful and enjoyable Harvest Home this year.

Date of next meeting

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

# SCHOOL NEWS

Chew Stoke Church School are seeking new governors to join our friendly and committed team. A great opportunity to learn new skills and shape our children's future. We are particularly looking for members of the local community to join our team, especially if you have a background in accountancy, financial management, education or human resources.

Applications from all members of our community will be warmly welcomed and we particularly welcome applications from BAME and disabled candidates.

If you are interested in applying please email [clerk@chewstokeacademy.org](mailto:clerk@chewstokeacademy.org) or telephone Liz Dagger, School Secretary on 01275 332354 for more information.

## Harvest Celebrations

For the first time in two years Chew Stoke Church School were able to hold their Harvest Service at St Andrews Church. It was a short, sunny walk for the 185 children and teachers through the village to the church. The children were greeted at the door of the church by the new vicar of the parish, the Reverend Dr. Ian Mills. The Harvest Service was led by Angela Fraser, the Wells Diocese Youth Chaplain. Each of the classes took part of the service providing a mixture of harvest songs, poems, readings and prayers.

There was a very generous collection of tinned and dried food from the children which, along with the food donated by the congregation of St Andrew's Church, was donated to the Community of the Sisters of the Church in Bristol to support their work with homeless charities.



Josh and Max with some of the food that was collected by the school.

# St Andrew's Soup Lunch Wednesday 3rd November

in the Church Hall Chew Stoke

from 12.30 till 2pm £5 (under 5's £1)

Home made soups and cakes

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All ages welcome, high chairs available

Social distancing and masks on arrival please!



## Chew Valley Gadget Busters

Chew Valley Gadget Busters are still on the look out for volunteers, particularly as there is a need to restart face to face sessions to help people with their phones, tablets and laptops. As a result we have reluctantly decided that until volunteers come forward, we are unable to hold any of our normal sessions.

However in the meantime Gadget Busters are providing help, but only by appointment in advance, to those who attend Chew Chat sessions on a Tuesday morning at the Bear and Swan in Chew Magna. If you need help with any of your devices and would like an appointment, please contact Sam Oliphant ([sam@oliphantfamily.me.uk](mailto:sam@oliphantfamily.me.uk) or 07941 813137).

If you would like to become a Gadget Busters volunteer, please email [cvgadgetbusters@gmail.com](mailto:cvgadgetbusters@gmail.com) for more information.

## Clubs & Societies



### **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.

Our speaker will be Janet Warden, prizewinning Flower Arranger who will give us a demonstration on Christmas floral decorations and wreath-making.

New members very welcome, just come along!

FFI jill.broadhead@cpsoutlook.co.uk

**For information on The Chew Valley Art Group (previously known as the Litton Art Group)** who meet at Chew Stoke Church Hall on Mondays please contact

[orchardhse@ukgateway.net](mailto:orchardhse@ukgateway.net).

### **The Arts Society Mendip**

2<sup>nd</sup> November

**Signs, symbols and iconography: The Hidden Story In Art.** Leslie Primo will reveal the stories in Italian Renaissance art works to The Arts Society Mendip on 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 11.00am, in Croscombe Village Hall (and simultaneously via Zoom. Links will be sent to all members).

Guests welcome, on request to [tasmendip.comm@gmail.com](mailto:tasmendip.comm@gmail.com).

A guest donation of £6 will be requested.



### **Chew Valley U3A**

Chew Valley U3A has resumed normal activities, with strong interest among members.

The next monthly meeting will be held in Ubley Parish Hall at 10.00am on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November, when our speaker will be **Louise Allan, of Exeter University.**

**Louise will give a talk entitled "Advances in Research into Dementia".**

Members and visitors are most welcome.

**Thursday 25th November 2021**

**Avon Wildlife Trust - Chew Valley Group:**

**ARNOS VALE WILDLIFE** An illustrated talk by Mary Wood about this fascinating Garden Cemetery in Brislington, Bristol. This is where you will find the graves of most of Bristol's leading Victorian citizens, as well as tens of thousands of others. But also it is a Site of Nature Conservation Interest with scarce plants and nationally rare insects.

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



**Avon**

**Chew Valley School Society (PTA)  
Family Bingo Night  
Friday 14th November  
Chew Valley School Hall  
Refreshments, free entrance, all welcome!  
Doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7pm**

**The Harptrees History Society** is delighted to welcome Tony Coverdale, from the Saltford Brass Mill Project, to its meeting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November. 7.30pm at West Harptree Memorial Hall. Doors open 7pm. His talk covers the brass industry in the area from 1740, up to its heyday, when there were around thirteen mills in the valley, and to the closure of the last mill in 1925. Numbers are limited, so both members and visitors are asked to reserve a seat in advance. To book the available places, please email [info@harptreeshistorysociety.org](mailto:info@harptreeshistorysociety.org). There is no charge for members and visitors are very welcome at £3 a head.

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**15<sup>th</sup> November Practice Class** – with experienced member Joyce Burton, entitled ‘Something Christmassy’. Here is your chance to start preparing for Christmas. Come along and join us – you will be most welcome. Compton Martin Village Hall – starting at 7.30 p.m.

This will be our last meeting of the year, apart from our AGM and Christmas Get Together on 6<sup>th</sup> December. Christine McMullen-Price

Another very enjoyable evening meeting in October when Sally Taylor told about her love of and adventures with animals. Rustling from a large box heralded the appearance of two tortoises, the female estimated to be over 100 years old. Sally has become a well known breeder and national judge of chickens, with Light Sussex her own speciality. She produced two hens and a cockerel from other boxes and showed us the correct way to handle these pretty birds.

Chew Stoke WI has grown by 14 new members post lockdown and it was just great to see members, old and new, chatting over refreshments.

Dates for the diary.

17.12.21 7.30pm AGM followed by a curry supper in Church Hall

1.12.21 7.30pm Christmas Supper at Chew Kitchen.

6.12.21 7.30pm WI Group Carol service Holy Trinity Church, Bishop Sutton.

8.12.21. 7.30 pm Members meeting in the Hall



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