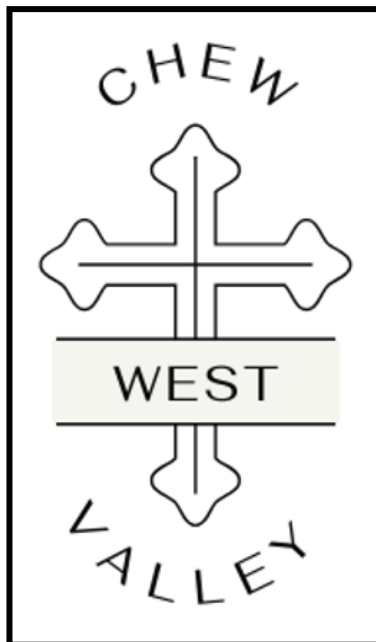


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Troup, Kilroy and Down

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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 Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Ian Mills

Dear Friends,

How do you define 'strength'? For some, having strength is about overcoming physical challenges—training to run a marathon, or pushing yourself to lift heavier weights in the gym, for example. For others, strength is something both emotional and mental—taking on the many challenges which life seems to throw at us.

Sometimes we surprise ourselves by showing just how strong we are in these moments. I am continually blessed by conversations with those of you who are living with an illness, or who have been bereaved, or shaken by some other circumstance, but who still find enormous reserves of strength to keep going. Our communities full of strong people who carry the weight of others, often in gentle unassuming ways and without thanks or acknowledgement. Family members, carers, those who work in our Health Service and for charities who serve our communities by giving strength to others. We should be grateful for them—the unsung strongmen & strongwomen in our communities!

With so much uncertainty in our world, it is easy to feel overwhelmed and weakened by fear. We have all been shocked by the recent escalation in the war in Ukraine, both in the dangerous rhetoric and the indiscriminate attacks on civilians. Many people are concerned about their finances this winter. Our national economy has been shaken recently, as have markets around the world as we face the reality of higher borrowing and higher prices.

To face the future without fear requires a source of strength. As Christians, we believe that source of strength is God. Let me share with you some powerful and reassuring verses from Isaiah 35:3 and 41:10.

Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God'.

God says, 'fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand'.

God strengthens us by his presence—he is always with us. God encourages us by his own strength—he is stronger than any situation we might face. God calls us to have faith in him—when we do, we never walk alone.

I pray that you will find the strength to put your faith in God and allow him, in turn, to be your source of strength.

Yours, in Christ,

Ian K. Mills +

Appointment of a Curate

I am delighted to announce that the Bishop has given permission for me to appoint a Curate to the Benefice of Chew Valley West from June 2023. Fran Smettem will be joining us on completion of theological training at Rippon College Cuddesdon, Oxford, where she is currently in her final year.

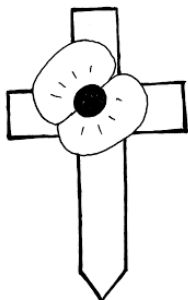
Fran will serve along with me in our parishes (full time) until the end of 2026. She comes to us with a background in family ministry and brings many gifts, not least her musical ability. She will join us as a Lay Deacon before being ordained Deacon in September 2023 and, God willing, Priest in June 2024.

Please pray for Fran as she completes her studies and continues to grow in her vocation; pray also for me and all who minister in our parishes that we might continue to journey and grow together.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Thank you to everyone who attended Harvest Thanksgiving services and events in our villages. Your generous support is very much appreciated.

Donations of non-perishable food items were gratefully received by The Sisters of the Community of the Church in Bristol in support of their Loaves and Fishes Ministry.



Remembrance Sunday

A combined Service of Remembrance will be held in St Andrew's, Chew Stoke on Remembrance Sunday, 13 November 2022 at 10.30am. We look forward to welcoming friends from Chew Stoke Methodist Chapel who will be joining us for this special service.

Midweek 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 2nd November 2022

St Katharine's, Felton at 10.30am

Wednesday 16th November 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)

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 Fairtrade stall where you can do your shopping too!

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Wednesday 2nd November

From 12.30 until 1.30pm

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Advent Carol Service

A special service of readings, music and prayers by candlelight will be held in St Mary's, Nempnett Thrubwell on **Advent Sunday, 27th November 2022 at 6.30pm.** For Christians, Advent is an important season of preparation in which we look forward to the coming of Christ, the Light of the World. Do join us to mark the beginning of the season of Advent.

Confirmation

Four candidates from our parishes are preparing for Confirmation. This will take place in St Andrew's, Chew Stoke on **Advent Sunday, 27 November 2022 at 10.30am.** Please remember our candidates in your prayers and make a special effort to support them at this service.

The following candidates will be Confirmed by Rt Rev Alastair Redfern (formerly Bishop of Derby):

Alys Kilroy	Chew Stoke
Anna Howard	Nempnett Thrubwell
Liz Patch	Felton
Karen Holliday	Winford



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

'Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'

2 nd October 2022	Finley John Winsley
9 th October 2022	Ralph Benjamin Gilks

Contemplative Prayer Group

Our Contemplative Prayer group will meet 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 Contemplative Prayer 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 7th November**



Congratulations to Hazel Wedlake for picking up Ian's idea of a Festival of Angels which proved a great success. Angels were created by the school, the Stoke Inn, the WI and many others for display. Suzanne and Becky's workshop was well attended and much enjoyed. The Teddy Zip Wire was a fantastic fun thanks to Phil Heath and Hazel's son. Many people enjoyed the teas provided on both Saturday & Sunday and exploring the Church Tower with John Bone on Sunday.

Well done everyone for making it such a great weekend!!

Prayer: A reminder that a Prayer Request box is located in St Andrew's, Chew Stoke. 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

Community Choir & Children's Choirs



Our next rehearsal will be on **Wednesday 9 November 2022** in St Mary & St Peter's, Winford beginning at 7.00pm. We are looking forward to our next Community Concert: 'A Village Christmas' on Thursday 15th December at 7.00pm.

Our Children's Community Choirs **Mini Melodies** and **Jubilee!** have resumed on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in Chew Stoke Church School. 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



Sparklers

Sparklers will be held on **Monday 21 November 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.

Benefice of Chew Valley West
Diocese of Bath & Wells November Services

	Sunday 6 Nov 3 rd before Advent	Sunday 13 Nov Remembrance Sunday	Sunday 20 Nov Christ the King	Sunday 27 Nov Advent Sunday	Sunday 4 December Advent 2
CHEW STOKE St Andrew		10.30am Service of Remembrance (St Andrew's, Chew Stoke)	6.30pm Evensong	10.30am Confirmation	6.30pm Evensong
NEMPNETT THRUBWELL The Blessed Virgin Mary				6.30pm Advent Readings & Carols	
FELTON St Katharine	3.00pm Evensong	3.00pm Even- song with Act of Remem- brance	11.00am Eucharist		9.00am Morning Worship
WINFORD St Mary & St Peter	11.00am Family Eucharist	10.45am Ser- vice of Re- membrance		9.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Family Eucharist
REGIL St James		(ARMISTICE DAY, 11 NOVEMBER 10.45am Act of Remembrance)	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)		

St Andrew's Church November Rota

Flowers: Altar & Lady Chapel - see Liz Wormald

Cleaning & Brass: Heather Patch

Sidespeople and Readers

Sunday 13th Remembrance Service 10.30am

Sidespeople: Sheila & Jessica **Readers:** Sue Cook & Jerry

Micah 4 vv 1-5 and 1Corinthians 15 vv 50-end

Sunday 20th 6.30pm Evensong

Sidespeople: Peter Jameson & Peter Soper **Readers:** Hazel Poynter & Liz

Jeremiah 23 vv 1-6 and St Luke 23 vv 23-43

Sunday 27th Family Eucharist 10.30am

Sidespeople: Cynthia & Sarah Manville **Readers:** Andrew & Celebrant

Romans 13 vv 11-14 and St Matthew 24 vv 36-44

Bristol Road Shop Premises

You may have seen that the shop premises on Bristol Road are available to rent.

The results of the survey carried out last year suggested that there would be strong support for a well stocked village shop, to meet residents' needs without having to drive elsewhere. There is the hopeful possibility now that such a suitable shop business might take on the lease. In the event that this doesn't happen though, or that a different type of retail business takes on the lease, this could be a missed opportunity for our village.

The survey carried out last year also showed strong support for a community shop which would stock a good range of everyday groceries and household items, using local produce where possible. There are many benefits of a community shop to a village like ours, not least in helping to look out for everyone in our community, benefiting all ages.

As it is now a year since we ran the survey, we need to again get a good sense of how many people would be willing to help make a community shop a viable proposition. This will include setting it up, volunteer staffing, looking after the ongoing administration, providing funding, etc.

If we (as a community) want to make this happen, now is our opportunity to do so. Unless we are comfortable that there is sufficient support in the village, we will not be able to put forward a financially viable proposal.

So, if you would be willing to assist, please email chewstokecommunity@gmail.com with your:

Name and address

Hours you could work in the shop (ie a shift weekly, monthly or quarterly)

How you (and/or other members of your household) would be willing to assist:

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with setting up the shop (in particular, looking for experience such as having run a shop in the past, experience with shop bookkeeping, experience of commercial leases)

It would be wonderful if we can make this work, but we need your help. It's a one-off opportunity, so please respond without delay. Thank you.

Chew Valley Country Market " Christmas Special" Friday 25th November from 9.30a.m. - 11a.m.

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Hedges - Chew Stoke Parish Council have received comments that there are hedges in the village that are overhanging pavements or walking routes and creating a hazard by forcing walkers into the road. It is specifically a problem in Pilgrims Way, Church Lane, Bristol Road and School Lane. If you have a hedge on the border of your property that is impacting on a pavement, path or road, please can you arrange for it to be cut back as soon as possible.

Road across the dam - CSPC have now received a report about the road layout across the dam and B&NES have arranged to improve the signage and road markings. CSPC to feedback their views about the report following the next meeting.

St Andrew's churchyard – a request has been received from the PCC to transfer the maintenance of St Andrew's churchyard pursuant to S215 of the Local Government Act to the Parish Council. The PC is permitted to ask that B&NES undertake the maintenance, and this course of action has been requested.

Church Hall - The hall lease process remains with the Charities Commission. In the meantime, the current Management Committee have met to ensure that everything else will be in place for the Parish Council to take over the Hall management when the time comes.

Parking issues in the village – Cllrs have met with Stefan Chiffers from B&NES to discuss various highway issues. Drivers are asked not to park opposite the Walley Court Lane junction by The Stoke, or on pavements, this is causing a hazard to road users and pedestrians. More '20' and '30' markings are to be added to the roads.

Cost of living crisis - Various grants and means of help are available to residents of B&NES to help with home improvements etc, specifically during the cost-of-living crisis. The PC is sharing the information as widely as possible, please use this service as a first point of contact if you need help: <https://communitywellbeinghub.co.uk>

Happy Box – the electricity supply from the solar arrangement is not sufficient to light the old phone box, a new supply from WPD has been agreed and will be installed soon.

A Community Speedwatch application has been submitted. We have 6 residents who have kindly agreed to volunteer, but more are very welcome, please contact the clerk if interested: clerk@chewstoke.org.uk

Bus services - WECA recently held a meeting for residents to discuss the opportunities for bus services in the area, a well-attended meeting on the 31st August. Now considering the option for an orbital route around the valley linking up to the more frequent bus routes on the A37 and A38.

Next meeting: Thursday 3rd November at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

Chew Stoke Amateur Dramatic Society
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EBENEZER

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This year we are supporting the charities DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) and The Grand Appeal (supporting Bristol Children's Hospital). Tickets are £10 and are available from 1st October by e-mailing Ebenezerchewstoke@gmail.com



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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 are holding 2 hour sessions on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, from 12.30-2.30 at The Queens, Silver Street, Chew Magna. 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

1st November: Bruegel: The Seasons of the World. Gavin Plumley will explore how this artist's novel approach changed the focus on landscape art on 1st November 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.theartsocietymendip.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 talk on Thursday 10th November on 'Nature as your Neighbour: Gardening for Wildlife' given by Higgy of Somerset Wildlife products.

There will be a competition for the three best/most interesting vegetables - home grown of course!

If you would like to become a member please contact

jill.broadhead@cpsoutlook.co.uk or just come along. You will be most welcome.



Friendly **Keep Fit Class** 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.
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Chew Valley U3A will hold its Monthly Meeting in Ubley Parish Hall at 10.00am on Monday 21st November 2022 when David Thomas will present the "High and Dry Shanty Group", who will entertain us with sea shanties from times past. Members and visitors will be most welcome.

Thursday November 24th: Avon Wildlife Trust: REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS – in & around the Mendip Hills Illustrated talk by John Dickson. **7:45 Chew Magna Old School Room, £2.50.**

Harptrees History Society: On Wednesday, 30th November, Dr Amy Frost, senior curator at the Bath Preservation Trust, will talk about the Bath Blitz at West Harptree Memorial Hall, BS40 6EG. 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome at £3 a head, payable on the night. Both members and visitors need to book in advance. Booking opens 1st November and closes at midday on November 30th. Please email: info@harptreeshistorysociety.org with subject line 'Nov 22'.

CHEW VALLEY FLOWER CLUB

The next most important event in our calendar is our Open Demonstration on November 7th. This will be a spectacular demonstration by Lucy Ellis, a talented National demonstrator. Her title is "Brightly Shone". This will be at **Bishop Sutton village hall** at 7.30 pm. There will be tipples and nibbles. For tickets (£12), contact Coral, on 07759301230, or email coraldg65@gmail.com
After this will come our last practice session for this year on November 21st, again tutored by Joyce Burton entitled "Christmas is Coming".



We are coming to the end of our financial year with our AGM in November. I think I can say we have had a good year. Despite Covid continuing to disrupt our planned programme, we have managed to offer members a varied and interesting programme and each month to secure a speaker despite last minute cancellations.

In October, Sally Britton came to our rescue with a talk entitled "Phyllis's War". This was about her mother who as a child became an evacuee: a real insight into the experience of a child during the second world war.

16th November. AGM followed by a talk by Cassie Farrell "Travels with Portillo"

7th December. Christmas Supper, Chew Kitchen. 7.00pm for 7.30pm Sign up and meal choice at AGM.

12th December. Chew Valley Group WI Carol Service hosted by Harptrees WI at West Harptree Church. 7.00pm

14th December Members meeting in hall. Angel making workshop and Christmas celebration.

We welcome visitors so why not come to a monthly meeting, you would be most welcome. FFI tel Jan 07940818984 or Hazel 01275 332812



Chew Valley Choral Society

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Available through our website or on the door www.chewvalleychoral.org.uk

CHEW VALLEY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY: WEDS 2nd NOV: Professor Ronald Hutton will be talking to the Society about the "Glorious Revolution" - the transition of the monarchy from James II to his daughter, Mary, and her husband William III of Orange, in 1688 - 1689. This meeting will be in the MILLENNIUM HALL, doors open at 7.15.pm. and the lecture starting at 7.45.pm.



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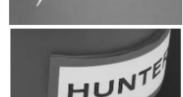
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