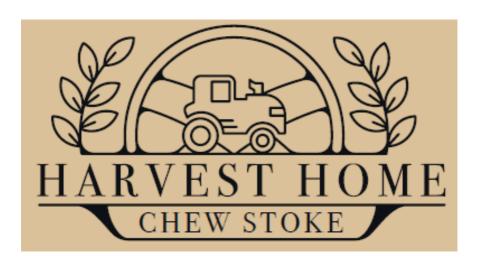


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#### Website

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,

I hope you have managed to find time for rest and refreshment over the summer months. We haven't really had the best weather for relaxing in the garden or for taking long walks outdoors. Nonetheless we are told that taking time to reset and recharge is important—even if some of us find it easier than others.

The Bible says a lot about the importance of rest and refreshment. In fact, taking time off was built into God's creation plan for the world!

The Book of Genesis tells us that at the very beginning of time, after God had created the entire universe—from the stars to the tiniest creatures—the first thing he did was to stop and rest (Genesis 2: 2–3). God instructs us to do the same—one of the Ten Commandments tells us to keep the 'Sabbath'.

In the Christian tradition, the Sabbath is observed every Sunday—the day when we should pause, step away from the busyness of the word and turn our attention to worshipping the one who gives us life. We do so because Sunday is also the day of New Life. Sunday was the day that Jesus rose from the dead and gave the ultimate gift of refreshment to everyone who believes in him—new life through knowing him and loving him.

Of all the Commandments and instructions which God gives us, perhaps this is one of the hardest to keep. The pressures of life take over so easily and we find the thought of pausing impossible. But God wants us to do exactly that: 'Be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46:10).

Whether you feel well-rested at the moment, or whether you are feeling completely burned out, maybe that can be our simple prayer in the middle of all the bustle of life: 'Lord, help me be still and know you'. Amen.

Yours in Christ,



#### **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 6th September 2023 FELTON St Katharine Wednesday 20th September 2023 CHEW STOKE St Andrew

'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 4th September** and **Monday 2nd October at 10am.** 



#### **PARISH REGISTER of St Andrew's, Chew Stoke 2023**

Funeral

Timothy (Tim) Robert Lear

Funeral and Committal at St Andrew's May he rest in peace.



#### **Sparklers**

Our pre-school group, **Sparklers**, will meet on **Monday 18th September** in **Winford Church** at **1.45pm**. Join us for an hour of fellowship, craft, activities, conversation, and refreshments. The event is free.

#### **Chew Valley West Community Choir**



Chew Valley West Community Choir 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** in Winford Church at 7.00pm.

New members are always welcome. The atmosphere is relaxed, the music is fun, and membership is free!



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

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

This will take the format of our popular 'Sunday First' services - (on the <u>second</u> 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.

#### **Sunday First: Harvest Thanksgiving**



Join us for **Harvest Thanksgiving** on **Sunday 1**<sup>st</sup> **October**. Our service this year will take the format of our popular Sunday First services, with a free breakfast served from 10.00am and all-age worship commencing at 10.15am.

We look forward to welcoming members of our youth choirs

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#### **Organ Recital in Stowey**

Our Rector, Revd Ian Mills will be giving an Organ Recital in the charming church St Nicholas & St Mary's Church, Stowey on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September** beginning at 7.00pm.

The event is free, although there will be a retiring collection in aid of the restoration of Stowey Church.

Do come along and support Ian and our friends in Stowey.

#### **Benefice of Chew Valley West**

	Sunday 3 September Trinity 13	Sunday 10 September Trinity 14	Sunday 17 September Trinity 15	Sunday 24 September Trinity 16	Sunday 1 October Trinity 17
CHEW STOKE St Andrew	6.30pm Evensong	10.00am 'Sunday Second'	10.30am Eucharist		10.00am Sunday First Harvest Thanksgiving
NEMPNETT THRUBWELL The Blessed Virgin Mary		9.00am Eucharist		6.30pm Evensong	
FELTON St Katharine	11.00am Eucharist		5.00pm Evensong	9.00am Morning Worship	5.00pm Harvest Evensong
WINFORD St Mary & St Peter	9.00am Morning Worship	11.00am 'Sunday Second'		11.00am Eucharist	11.00am Sunday First– Harvest Thanksgiving
REGIL St James			8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)		

#### **St Andrews rota for September**

**Flowers:** 3rd & 10th Altar and Lady Chapel: Amy Maggs

17th & 24th Altar and Lady Chapel : Lucy Masters

Cleaning & Brass: Sheila Limburn and Suzanne Macdonald

Readers & Sidespeople

Sunday 3rd September; 6.30pm Evensong:

Readers: Sue Cook & Liz W. Jeremiah 15, vv 15–21 Matthew 16, vv. 21-end

Sidespeople: Laura & Cynthia

**Sunday 10th September:** The Sunday First team

Sunday 17th September; 10.30am, Eucharist

Readers: Jerry & Celebrant Romans 14, vv. 1-12 Matthew 18, vv. 21-35

Sidespeople:Jessica and Clare Downey

#### Chew Stoke Parish Council News www.chewstoke.org.uk

The Parish Council held a short meeting in August to discuss a planning application and to check the condition report and the inventory in preparation for the potential taking on of the lease of the Church Hall. The lease for the Church Hall is now agreed and ready for signing, and the Parish Council will discuss and vote on this at the September meeting.

The September meeting will be held at **7.30pm on 7th September in the Church Hall.** 



#### Walk, Talk and Fork! Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Please join us for a Chew Stoke Village Hall Community event and fundraiser.

Meet at the hall at 10.30am and choose one of three guided walks (short and flat with plenty of stops, a family fun one with interest for children, or a longer walk including an amble through Westaway woodland and fields).

Your ticket includes a **delicious two course Sunday lunch** back at the hall, catered for by Bumblebee Foods and the hall committee. All dietary requirements catered forplease let us know when ordering tickets.

#### Adult £12 Child £6

Limited number! Email chewstokecommunity@gmail.com for tickets and/or further info.



#### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Ogborne Field, Chew Lane - opposite Chew Valley School
Flower and Produce Tent
Nutty Noah (1pm)
Community Choir and Band Stage
Classic Cars and Vintage Tractors
Dog Show

Scrumptious food stalls, tea tent and bar

Craft stalls - Face painting - Fairground rides Kids' races and the annual tug-o-war Evening Celebration from 7.30pm

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Gates open at 12:30

#### Harvest Home 2023 - A community event

The success and continuity of Chew Stoke institutions like Harvest Home relies on the hard work and dedication of volunteers. One such volunteer was Bryan Thompson who sadly passed away in December.

Bryan and his wife Dorothy who died in 2019 became involved in Harvest Home when they moved to the village in the early 1970s. Graduating from putting up the horse jumps (Bryan) and taking money on the gate (Dorothy - whilst heavily pregnant), over the years they both became linchpins in maintaining the success of Harvest Home. Dorothy ran the flower tent with her well cultivated team. Bryan managed the Harvest Home finances with his precise engineering mind turning up for meetings with the huge accounts ledger and managing show day finances from the Secs Tent. Bryan will be remembered with much fondness for his lovely affable nature and community-mindedness. (Continue over)

**Harvest Home Contd.** We will be remembering Bryan at Harvest Home this year with the dedication of the Showground Entrance Arch to Bryan and his great Harvest Home contribution.

As always, the flower, produce and craft tent remains the focus of the event, a village tradition that we are incredibly proud to maintain. Please remember that the show is only as good as the people who join in. A healthy amount of entries really helps to keep the spirit of Harvest Home alive so please get growing, baking and making!

Let me take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the show, our dedicated committee, volunteers, advertisers, sponsors, especially Joanna Tiley Estate Agents for all their support and of course, the Ogborne family for the use of the show field.

Please remember, any profits raised from the show get donated to local causes so please come along and enjoy the show!

If you would like to make a donation to assist with the running of the event, please visit our Just Giving page or email nickbakergb@gmail.com.

Finally, a reminder about our Evening Celebration from 7.30pm organised by the Primary School PTA including BBQ, DJ and a Promise Auction. Tickets are £10 from <a href="https://linearchy.org/linearc

With very best wishes, Harvest Home Chair: Nick Baker



#### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COFFEE MORNING

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#### **RNLI Curry Lunch 17th November 2023**

**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.

#### **Clubs & Societies**



Tuesday 5th September.

The Arts Society Mendip. 'The Making of Landscape Photographs.' Charlie Waite will explore the relationship between the making of an image and the way in which it is perceived by the viewer. 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 welcome for a fee of £10. Alternatively, annual membership covering 10 lectures is £53pp or £102 for a couple. Further details and full programme available on our website; www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk.

Friendly Keep-Fit class at 10am on Tuesday mornings at Chew Stoke Village Hall.

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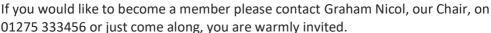
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#### **Chew Valley Gardening Society**

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 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September Dr Frances Burroughes will give us some 'Tales from the Potting Shed'.

The competition will be: A Dahlia





#### **Harptrees History Society**

'The roads are remarkably bad, narrow, deep and fill'd with great loose stones'. Edmund Rack1780s.

Where could this possibly have been? Find out at the first meeting of the Harptrees History Society's 2023-24 season. Colin Budge will be describing the local roads and bridges across the Chew Valley over 500 years, and how they were managed, from manor courts to turnpike trusts.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023 West Harptree Memorial Hall. BS40 6EG Doors open at 7.15pm for 7.30pm.

Visitors are very welcome at £3 a head. Book in advance but pay on the night. To book, please email: info@harptreeshistorysociety.org with subject line "September 2023"

**Chew Valley U3A** will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, 18th September 2023 at 10.30am at Ubley Parish Hall, when Cat Lodge will give an illustrated talk about recent archaeological discoveries at Hinkley Point and Mendip Hills. All members and guests welcome.



We had an insightful talk on Criminology in July by Dr Natasha Mulvihill. Most of us not really knowing what criminology entailed, we heard how part of Natasha's speciality research work involved improving interview privacy for victims of sexual assault and a better understanding of cultural differences in these situations.

Later that month we held our Members Flower & Craft

Show, one of the few WI's still so to do. Vegetables were in short supply due to the dry spring, but we were rewarded with a good entry in all other classes. Inspiring floral art, beautiful craft including imaginative decorated masks, and an almost overwhelming entry of cakes and bakes making quite a challenge for the cookery judge who had to taste each one! Many of us were disappointed to find only half a dozen potatoes when we finally emptied our potato growing pots, but Sarah Manville was the winner with a bumper crop of over two kilos!

Members' Choice for favourite entry, was Hazel Poynter's skilled flower arrangement depicting our Centenary year in shape and colour. Runner up was Hazel Wedlake's interpretation of a Teddy Bear's Picnic with miniature picnic foods complete with knitted bear (see below). Winner for most entries was Ann Hollomon and overall winner for most points was Jan Osborne. An unexpected highlight to finish the evening was a splendid repeat performance of Jerusalem accompanied by Mary Dowson on piano, which Debbie Storey videoed and put on our Facebook page!

On a very wet afternoon at end of July, several members visited the unusual St Hugh's Church at Charterhouse. Built in 1908 it was originally a welfare and meeting room for local miners, but was later transformed into a church by W. D. Caröe, on the initiative of the Rev. Menzies Lambrick. The roof-truss, screen, rood and altar all made of carved whitened oak, with fittings in the Arts and Crafts Style.

After our Pimms and Cake afternoon on 25<sup>th</sup> August hosted by Penny Savill and Ann

Hollomon , we will start the Autumn with a fun evening of Line Dancing with Julie Smith on Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup> 7.30p.m.

Excellent photos by Debbie Storey of all these events on our WI Facebook page by the way!

Hazel Wedlake, President





#### At The Majestic

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#### **Chew Valley Big Sing!**

This is an exciting, new, day-long event for singers of all abilities to celebrate the fun of choral singing in a welcoming and relaxed atmosphere. It is organized by Chew Valley Choral Society and Caroline Lowe (Vox in Frox, Better Than Chocolate, and Singaholics). The day will be led by David Ogden, a well-known professional conductor. Together we will be learning, from scratch, a selection of pieces to suit all tastes, from Handel (Hallelujah Chorus) to Duke Ellington (It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing), and plenty more besides. No experience of singing as a group is needed, nor ability to read music. Just come and enjoy!

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**



Chew Valley West Children's Choirs had their first mini-concert experience on Saturday 22 July, when 19 of them gathered in Wells Cathedral for their *Informal Sing*.

Started in September 2021, the choirs – Mini Melodies and Jubilee! – meet once a week in Chew Stoke Church School, and attract children from different schools across the Chew Valley. They have sung at church services and assemblies, but this was their first experience of singing a programme in such a big building!

The children 'wowed' their audience of parents, grandparents, siblings, and church supporters by singing a mixed montage of favourites including *The Lord is my Shepherd, You Raise Me Up* and their all-time favourite from Jungle Book – *Bear Necessities*, even adding their own actions for good measure!

Revd Dr Ian Mills, who started the choirs alongside Chew Stoke teacher Carole Hope and school administrator Liz Dagger, was supported by his new curate, Revd Fran Smettem.

The choir is free to join and open to all children from 7 years old. For further information please email: office@chewstokeacademy.org

We'd like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who sponsored a t-shirt – you were marvellous and they really added something to our performance!



#### **Chew Valley Gadget Busters**

September 6th, The Queens, Chew Magna September 20th, Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke Both sessions are 12.30 to 2.30pm

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#### **CHEW VALLEY FLOWER CLUB**



Our next meeting will be on Monday 4th September in Compton Martin Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. It will be a demonstration by Yvonne Berry " Any Old Iron" and on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September there will be a practice class also at 7.30pm. Visitors will be most welcome to both events.

FFI Joyce Burton 01761 462560

#### JAMES FUNDRAISER FOR MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE

Hi I'm Jim Everett. I'm fundraising for M N D A charity.

I am walking from Nempnett Thrubwell Church to Wells Cathedral on **Sunday 8th October** along the Monarchs Way. Like a lot of people I have been inspired by the Rob Burrows/
Kevin Sinfield story and have wanted to help.

I will be setting off at 10 am and hoping to make evensong at Wells Cathedral at 3 pm.

Anybody is welcome to join me.

For further details please ring 07767244312 or email jamesteach\_55@yahoo.co.uk or donate on James's Fundraiser for Motor Neurone Disease Association-JustGiving

#### **WELL DONE JAMES!**





#### Come and join us!

Chew Valley Choral Society is keen to welcome new members We are a friendly choir rehearsing and performing in venues across the Chew Valley. We do not hold auditions but some experience of choral singing and ability to read music is recommended. You are welcome to join us for a couple of sessions to see how you get on. If you haven't sung for a while, why not come along and try it out!

We will be starting rehearsals for our winter concert on **Tuesday 12 September**.

We rehearse on Tuesdays, from 7.30 – 9.30pm, at Church Hall, Church Lane, Chew Stoke, BS40 8TX.

For our winter concert we will be singing:
Ralph Vaughan Williams - *The First Nowell*George Malcolm - *Missa ad Praesepe*A selection of carols

Our concert is on Saturday 2nd December in Holy Trinity Church, Bishop Sutton.

For more information about the choir, please visit our website:

http://www.chewvalleychoral.org.uk



#### CHEW VALLEY DEATH CAFE

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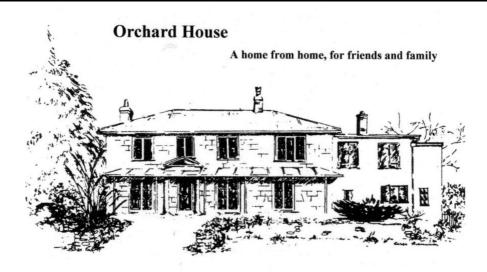
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