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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,

I am sure, like me, you were amazed to see the incredible images from the James Webb Space Telescope which were released by NASA in July—the deepest, most intricate images of our universe ever produced.

There was much for scientists to ponder in those extraordinary photographs. I read that we were looking at celestial objects over 13 billion light-years away. Because of the time it takes light to travel over such vast, incomprehensible distances, we were effectively looking at the universe as it was some 13 billion years ago. How things were almost ‘in the beginning’ (Genesis 1).

You don’t need to be a scientist to appreciate the wonder of these images. I was content to enjoy their beauty—the colours and shapes of light curving around young stars and galaxies. It was all overwhelming; and even though I couldn’t get my head around what I was looking at, I was reminded that God ‘determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names’ (Psalm 147:4).

Holy Scripture tells us that God created the heavens and the earth; light and darkness and the vastness of the ever-expanding universe which we can glimpse in these images and that can be explained—in part, at least—by science.

Equally incredibly, the Bible tells us that God created us. How astonishing to think that God so powerful and creative who made all of this, and keeps creating today, also made you and me. And not only that, but God did so in his own image (Genesis 1:26).

When an artist creates a masterpiece, whether a painting or a sculpture, of any thing beautiful, they don’t hide it away at the back of a cupboard. They frame it; they display it for others to see that they might be inspired by its beauty.

It is the same with God. He created you as a one-off, beautiful, perfect creation. And God the Master Artist wants to see something of his own beauty reflected back at him when he looks on you, his loving creation—because God made us in his own image.

May these astonishing glimpses into God’s perfect creation inspire us to take better care of our own fragile planet home, and challenge us to live our lives worthy of the one who made us.

Yours, in Christ,

Ian K. Mills +

Licensing of Rev Dr Ian Mills as Assistant Area Dean

Our Rector will be licensed as Assistant Area Dean by the Archdeacon of Bath, Ven Dr Adrian Youngs at Evensong on **Sunday 18 September 2022** in St Andrew's, Chew Stoke at 6.30pm.

Ian extends a warm invitation to everyone in our group of parishes to attend this special occasion.

Before Evensong, from 5.30pm, there will be an opportunity for parishioners and clergy from our Deanery to meet informally with the Area Dean, Rev Dr Stephen M'Caw, to discuss plans for the deployment of clergy in our deanery.



We look forward to celebrating **Harvest Thanksgiving** in our parishes with services on the following dates:

Chew Stoke Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service,
Sunday 2 October at 10.30am

Nempnett Thrubwell
Harvest Thanksgiving Holy Communion,
Sunday 9 October at 9.00am

St Andrew's Church Festival of Angels

Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd OCTOBER

**Join us in this Celebration of Angels
in St Andrew's Church, Chew Stoke
over the Harvest Festival weekend!**



We invite local organisations, businesses, schools and families to create an angel of any material, paper, recycled plastics, wood, fabric, etc. from life-size to miniature for exhibition at the church.

There will be a Saturday morning workshop for origami book angels.

Further details will be published in The Village Telegraph and information flyers circulated. Meanwhile, please register your interest with andrewtroup@hotmail.co.uk

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 7th September 2022

St Katharine's, Felton at 10.30am

Wednesday 21st September 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)



Nempnett Thrubwell Harvest Supper

Saturday 1st October at the Village Hall

Dinner will be served at 7.30pm

Guest entertainment will be provided by the Nempnett Handbells

Tickets £12.50 for adults including a free drink, otherwise BYO (£5 for children under 12)

available from Jane Batten on 01761 462673 or email battenjane9@gmail.com

or Nick Houlton 01761 462075 or email houltonnick@gmail.com

Benefice Sponsored Walk Sunday 11 September

Nempnett Thrubwell parishioner James Everett will be walking around the entire benefice of Chew Valley West on Sunday 11 September to raise funds for all five of our churches.

James' (approximate) timetable is below:

10.15am	Leave St Mary's, Nempnett Thrubwell
11.30am	Arrive St Andrew's, Chew Stoke
12.45pm	Arrive St Mary & St Peter's, Winford
2.30pm	Arrive St Katharine's, Felton
3.45pm	Arrive St James', Regil
4.45pm	Arrive back at St Mary's Nempnett Thrubwell

Do come along and support James as he reaches each church along his route. Sponsorship forms will be available in each of our churches and all proceeds will support the restoration and upkeep of our churches.

Save the date!

St Andrew's Wine Tasting Evening

We look forward to hosting a Wine Tasting Evening in Chew Stoke Hall on Friday 14 October from 7.00pm. Local expert Luke Ford from Sutton Ridge Vineyard will be joined by colleagues from Aldwick and Dunleavy Vineyards to guide us through some exceptional local wines.

All profits from the evening will support St Andrew's Church.

Tickets and further information will be available from Sunday 11 September





PARISH REGISTER JUNE, JULY & AUGUST 2022

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'

5 th June 2022	Jude Dennis Webber
25 th June 2022	Eliza Rosie Dicker
26 th June 2022	Wren Olivia Roberts
14 th August 2022	Martha Elizabeth Turner
14 th August 2022	Sienna Belle Brock

Holy Matrimony

'Those whom God has joined together let no one separate'

20 th August 2022	Nicholas James Willmott and Olivia May Perry
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Funeral

'The Lord is my shepherd'

16 th August 2022	Gillian Horsford Cremation at South Bristol Crematorium, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Andrew's, Chew Stoke
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A Message from Eileen Murrant

*I would like to say a very big Thank You to all who kindly made a donation in Michael's memory, the overall total being £450.
I have received very nice letters of thanks and condolences from the chosen charities: CLIC Sargent and Guide Dogs for the Blind.
I have also received many cards and letters from neighbours and friends for which thank you once again. Eileen*

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

On this web page you can also download the latest **Praise & Prayer Letter** which contains helpful prayer suggestions and themes by Winford parishioner Mrs Jane Spanner.

Contemplative Prayer Group

We are expanding our Prayer Ministry in our group of parishes to include a **Contemplative Prayer Group**. The 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. Continued next page

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 first meeting will be held in St Andrew's on **Monday 5th September**.

NEMPNETT THRUBWELL FETE report

Thankyou to everybody who helped, attended or supported our village fete last week. Despite the very hot weather we had a good turnout and raised over £1250 which will go towards the upkeep of the church, at the moment a lot of the external stonework is being re-pointed (boring but necessary!)

A big thank you to all of the people who, despite being on holiday, still contributed to the various stalls.

If you have any thoughts or suggestions about how we could improve the fete for next year please contact Rosemary on ubleypark@gmail.com. We would welcome your ideas.



Community Choir & Children's Choirs

Community Choir rehearsals will resume on

Wednesday 14 September at 7pm in Winford church.

Our Children's Community Choir **Mini Melodies** will resume on **Tuesday 13 September** and **Jubilee!** will resume on Thursday 15 September in Chew Stoke Church School. Please see Mrs Carol Hope or the Rector for more information.

More details are available on our websites:

www.chewvalleywest.org/community-choir

www.chewvalleywest.org/childrens-choir

Sparklers



We had a wonderful attendance of 14 children and 14 adults at our August Sparklers—our group for pre-school children and their families. Everyone enjoyed exploring the church, colouring, building, hearing about Noah and his animals, and singing songs. We had a time of worship and finished with our prayer.

September Sparklers will be held on **Monday 19 September 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 September Services

	Sunday 4 September Trinity 12	Sunday 11 September Trinity 13	Sunday 18 September Trinity 14	Sunday 25 September Trinity 15	Sunday 2 October Trinity 16
CHEW STOKE St Andrew	6.30pm Evensong	10.30am Family Eucharist	6.30pm Deanery Evensong & Licensing		10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving
NEMPNETT THRUBWELL The Blessed Virgin Mary		9.00am Eucharist		6.30pm Evensong	
FELTON St Katharine	9.00am Morning Worship		11.00 Eucharist	5.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving	9.00am Morning Worship
WINFORD St Mary & St Peter	11.00am Family Eucharist	5.00pm Evening Prayer		11.00am Family Eucharist	5.00pm Evensong
REGIL St James			8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)		

St Andrew's Church September Rota

Flowers: Altar & Lady Chapel: 4th & 11th Amy Maggs

18th Liz Wormald,

25th Hazel Wedlake

Cleaning: Jessica and Sarah M **Brass:** Cynthia

4 Sept.: **Sidespeople:** Laura & Sheila **Readers:** Liz & Jerry

Readings: Deuteronomy 30 vv15-end Luke 14 vv25-33

11 Sept.: **Sidespeople:** Sarah M & Cynthia **Readers:** Sue C & celebrant

Readings: 1 Timothy 1 vv12-17 Luke 15 vv 1-10

18 Sept.: **Sidespeople:** Jessica & Peter J. **Readers & readings:** to be arranged

At last the Diocese has approved the title of our Benefice, Chew Valley West, which becomes official on 1st September. Apart from anything else this will mean that Ian's title will change from Priest-in-Charge to Rector, a welcome return to our priest's traditional title. Additionally, Ian is to be congratulated on becoming Assistant Area Dean and for taking on the training of a Curate.

Andrew Troup, Churchwarden.



Chew Stoke Harvest Home 2022 is back on

Saturday 10th September! *We had an amazing show in 2021*

bringing the community together after some difficult times in 2020 and 2021. This year we have got a great event planned with even more music, kids' entertainment, food & drink. Not forgetting the Dog Show and more tractors and classic cars. And the epic village tug-o-war showdown!

And, as always, the much loved traditional flower, produce and craft show (See Show Schedule insert). Let's make it a bumper year for the show - there is still plenty of time to create your entries so please get making and baking and nurturing the summer bounties of your garden!

Chew Stoke Harvest Home is a non-profit organisation. We aim to cover all our show running costs every year – it takes about £5,000 to cover all our costs. If we make any profit, we donate funds to good causes in our community. We also involve village organisations like the primary school PTA to help them raise funds.

We'll be charging a modest entrance fee this year but we still need help to cover our show running costs. Faced with increasing hire costs, we made the decision to buy the main marquee this year. It will pay for itself in 2 years but has left a bit of a dent in our accounts! Donations from individuals and businesses to help pay for the marquee, assist with the running of the event and maintaining the tradition of Harvest Home are much appreciated. Donations can be made to : <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/chewstokeharvesthome2022>

If you donate, (and if you want us to), we'll give you a mention on our website, on our Instagram posts and on our showground entrance board. We are also planning some hoardings to go round the arena so there could be separate advertising opportunities available as well (contact nickbakerqb@gmail.com).

Thanks as always to our main sponsor, Joanna Tiley Estate Agents.



Harvest Home After Party

Sat 10th Sept – 7.30pm to 11pm.

Live music from The Twerzels

Cash bar / Snacks.

Tickets : £10 Adults / £5 children.

E-mail : chewstokeschoolpta@gmail.com



Call for volunteers for Community Speedwatch – thank you to those that have already volunteered to get involved with setting up a Community Speedwatch, to try and tackle speeding in the village. The local police will provide us with training. Details of the scheme can be found here: <https://www.communityspeedwatch.org/FRONT-v2-Home.php>

If you would like to help, please contact the Clerk: clerk@chewstoke.org.uk

Rectory Field – some of you have noticed that we are allowing areas around some of the trees to grow over the summer, to improve the ecology of the area. This is a trial this year, please let us know what you think. This grass will be cut back shortly, and the wildflower meadow will be scythed. There have been problems recently with dog waste being left, or flicked into the undergrowth, please remember that children play here, including the Forest Club, so remember to pick up and bin it.

Westaway fields update – signs for the permissive path have been ordered. Plans to make a memorial bench using stone from the fields is being planned and we hope to build it sensitively into the hillside.



Parking on pavements – please remember pavements are for pedestrians, and if you park on them, you are blocking them for walkers, but more importantly wheelchair and pushchair users.

Please park on the road.

B&NES' 'Clean & Green Team' will be back in the area undertaking additional tidying and cleaning (eg: graffiti removal, cleaning road signs etc), if you see something that needs attention, please email the PC.

[Family Bikeability Training in Chew Stoke 30th and 31st August](#)

**Next Parish Council meeting Thursday 1st September
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Chew Valley Choral Society is keen to welcome new members.

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We rehearse on Tuesdays, from 7.30 – 9.30pm, at Church Hall, Church Lane, Chew Stoke, BS40 8TX. We will be starting back on Tuesday 13 September and you are welcome to join us then.

Alternatively, on 20 September we have a **taster session**, which is a chance for those new to singing or those who haven't sung for a while to sing alongside regular members to see how they get on. The session is free of charge with all sheet music provided, and will be led by our musical director, David Bednall. We will also be joined at this session by voice coach, Angela Hickey. Some music-reading ability is an advantage but support will be given to those with less confidence including thirty-minute **booster sessions** with Caroline Lowe before our regular rehearsals.

You are welcome to turn up to our regular rehearsal on 13 September or to our taster session on 20 September - no need to register in advance, but to give us some idea of numbers it will be helpful if you let us know if you plan to attend and what voice you prefer to sing. FFI <http://www.chewvalleychoral.org.uk> or email: info@chewvalleychoral.org.uk

Clubs & Societies

6th September 'Northern Lights: The influence of Netherlandish Art on the Italian Renaissance'

James Ludlow will examine the influence of art from the Low Countries on the Italian techniques and styles to The Arts Society on 6th September 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. A guest donation of £6 will be requested.



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.

Talks will begin again after the Summer with Abigail Willis speaking on 13th October about her newly published book 'The Secret Gardens of Somerset'. This comes highly recommended.



Before that on 15th September (please note change of date) there will be a club visit to the renowned 'Special Plants Nursery' near Bath followed by a guided tour of the newly designed American Museum garden.

If you are interested in joining up with us please contact jill.broadhead@cpsoutlook.co.uk

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. Only £4 a session!

Chew Valley U3A will hold its Monthly Meeting in Ubley Parish Hall at 10.00am on Monday 19th September 2022 when Cedric Pryce-Thomas will give an illustrated talk about the Lives of Humming Birds. Members and visitors will be most welcome.

Harptrees History Society

Local Place Names

On Wednesday September 28th Prof Richard Coates will tell us about the history and structure of English place-names in general, focusing down on Somerset and then in even more detail on the Harptrees, using the nineteenth century tithe map.

Chairs will be socially distanced, which restricts numbers, so both members and visitors do need to book seats in advance. Visitors are welcome at £3, payable on the night.

Booking opens 1st September. Please email info@harptreeshistorysociety.org with subject line 'Sept 22' If you would like to join the society, just email as above.

CHEW VALLEY FLOWER CLUB

On September 5th there will be a demonstration by Margret Heal, "Garden Delight". Our next practice session "Harvest Special" will be tutored by Coral Gardiner on September 19th



Do come and join us, you will be most welcome, at Compton Martin village hall, twice monthly at 7.30pm. Joyce Burton (01761 462560)

Over £2,000 was raised for the church at the 'Floral Fanfare' held at Norton Malreward Church in August



2022 has had its difficulties for our WI in relation to our programme, as several of the planned speakers have had to cancel for a variety of reasons, work commitments or the dreaded Covid for example. September is one of those months but I am pleased to announce that at our evening meeting at the Church Hall

7.30pm on September 21st.

Masuyo Newman will show us how to make Sushi.

Once again we will be hosting a cake stall at the Harvest Home on September 10th so please look out for us and come for a chat and to buy some of our bakes.

Reflecting on the past 2 months, July saw us hosting our Members Show, a tradition not all WI continue but one Chew Stoke has held for 99 years! Entries were judged and cups handed out at our evening meeting. It was lovely to see some of our newer members entering photographs, bakes and flower arrangements.

Some of us were able to visit Coates Willow and Radstock Museum where one of our members had an exhibition of buttonhooks. Also a large group joined a boat trip on the Avon hosted by the Chew Valley WI Group.

An open garden event on a lovely summer afternoon in August where Pimms and afternoon tea was served rounded off our summer events and we look forward to Autumn and its "mellow fruitfulness."

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