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Messrs: Jerry Moorhouse.

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 Ministry Team

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Remember, Remember……. We do a lot of remembering at the beginning of November: the Saints on All Saints Day, followed by all the ones we have loved but are now out of sight on All Souls Day. On Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day, we remember all those who gave the biggest sacrifice, their lives in war.
So where, you may ask, is hope?

Hope is found in celebrating the love we shared, their courage, and a faith that death could not defeat. Jesus promised that light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out. Hope lives in the way we honour those who went before us: by choosing peace over conflict, kindness over division, and love over indifference.

As the nights draw in and the fallen leaves remind us of seasons passing, memory can sometimes feel tied to sadness. But Christian hope is not about looking backward with regret; it is about looking forward with assurance.
In our parish community, that hope shows up in simple, everyday acts of care—a hot cup of tea shared with a neighbour, a quiet prayer offered for someone in pain, or a welcoming smile on a rainy Sunday morning. Every time we reach out to help or comfort one another, we bring a little piece of God's hope into our world.

This November, as we hold our memories close, let us also look around us. May we be a community that carries hope for one another, shining brightly as a reminder of God's endless warmth and grace.

Yours in Christ,
Sandra Edgerton
Licensed Lay Reader

Services in Chew Valley West Benefice in November 2026

SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER	**All Saints Day**	(White)
8.30 am	REGIL, St. James	Morning Prayer
10.30 am	CHEW STOKE, St. Andrew	Eucharist
6.30 pm	STOWEY, St. Nicholas & St. Mary	Evensong
SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER	**Remembrance Sunday**	(Red)
8.30 am	REGIL, St. James	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.00 am	FELTON, St Katharine	Remembrance Gathering
10.30 am	WINFORD, St. Mary & St. Peter	Remembrance Service
WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER		(Red)
10.45 am	CHEW STOKE, St. Andrew	Act of Remembrance
10.45 am	REGIL, St. James	Act of Remembrance
SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER	**The Second Sunday before Advent**	(Red or Green)
10.30 am	BISHOP SUTTON, Holy Trinity	Eucharist and Baptism
4.00 pm	NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, St. Mary	Evensong
SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER	**Christ the King**	(Red or White)
9.00 am	WINFORD, St. Mary & St. Peter	Morning Worship
11.00 am	FELTON, St Katharine	Eucharist
6.30 pm	STOWEY, St. Nicholas & St Mary	Evensong
SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER	**The First Sunday of Advent**	(Purple)
10.30 am	CHEW STOKE, St. Andrew	Eucharist
4.00 pm	NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, St. Mary	Christingle Service

St Andrews Duty Rota for November

Flowers Altar & Lady Chapel: Liz Boyd & Rachel Burgoyne
Cleaning & Brass: Cynthia & Liz W**.**

Services

Sunday 1st November 10.30am All Saints Day Eucharist
Sidespeople: Lindsey & Sara
Readers: Philippa

Sunday 29th November 10.30am Eucharist
Sidespeople Sheila & Sarah M.
Reader Sue Cook

Nempnett Church Duty Rota

Sunday 8th November 8.30am Remembrance Communion:
Cleaner Rosemary **Reader:** Hugo Romans 8 31-end
Sunday 29th November 4pm Christingle:
Cleaner: Hugo **Reader:** Kathleen 1Thessalonians 5 16-24

St Andrews during Vacancy

General enquiries
The churchwardens will manage general enquiries (weddings, baptisms, funerals etc) and liaise with the Area Dean and Archdeacon for support. We encourage the use of the church as normal during the vacancy.

Churchyard and building
We are very grateful to the band of volunteers who help keep the building and churchyard in good order. Everything from grass cutting and flower arranging to minor repairs. We would really love some more help. Even a few hours once a year makes all the difference.
As always, we are extremely grateful to the ongoing support of the PCC.
Tina Kilroy 07920 246322
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Weekly Church e-Newsletter

If you would like to receive a weekly email Newsletter with a reminder of service times for the coming Sunday, details of readings, and some thoughts on the readings with prayer suggestions, please sign-up via our website:
https://chewvalleywest.org/newsletter





Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing will be celebrated in our group of parishes on the **first & third Wednesdays of the month at 10.30am**

Wednesday 4th November
St Katharine's, Felton
Wednesday 18th November
St Andrew's, Chew Stoke
Wednesday 2nd December
St Katharine's, Felton

'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.'
(Matthew 11:18)

MIND & SPIRIT
CHURCH & COMMUNITY
CONVERSATIONS AROUND MEMORY LOSS

Mind and Spirit Care Café
Wednesday November 11th

Mind and spirit care cafe meets once a month on the second Wednesday of the month at Felton village hall at 10-30 am.

We are a friendly bunch of people who may look after someone with memory loss or have memory loss…… or are just looking for friendship as maybe you don't have the chance to socialize much.

The group is very friendly and supportive of others. If you feel this is you, then you are most welcome to join us , refreshments provided and friendship!

Contact Becky for any further details 07780734713

Chew Stoke Village Hall Presents.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Friday 4th December

Chew Stoke Village Hall

Doors Open: 7pm for 7:30pm Start.

£15 per person

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2 Course Meal



Pay Bar



Carol Singing



Christmas Film Quiz

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including number of tickets required and any dietary requirements.

Raising funds for Chew Stoke Village Hall.



St Andrew`s Church Christmas Craft Sale
Saturday 28th November
Chew Stoke Village Hall
10a.m. – 12p.m.

Pottery, Animal Prints, Watercolour cards and Wildlife Calendars, Seasonal Preserves, Decorations, Pot Plants and Foliage. Kid`s Cookies, Homemade Cakes and Refreshments.



£5 Entrance enters you into the Raffle!

All Welcome



All in aid of Chew Stoke School PTA



Chew Stoke Christmas Window Trail

Let's make Chew Stoke sparkle this Christmas! This December we are inviting everyone in our community to get involved and decorate their window in a fabulous winter or Christmas scene.

How can you get involved? You could decorate your window!

Please sign up by 20th November - £5 entry

Prizes available for the best family and adult window.

Not creative but still want to join in? You could buy the trail map and follow the Christmas Window Trail gathering the letters at each window along the way. Write down each letter and then unscramble them to reveal a mystery Christmas word or sentence! The trail will run from 1st December till 19th December. Windows need to be in Chew Stoke and accessible by foot to ensure the trail can be completed without a vehicle. To enter or to request a trail map: nicolapushman1@gmail.com WhatsApp: 07780468304

ALSO Santa Dash at Chew Valley Rugby Club 20th December

Get into the festive spirit and join us for a fun-filled Santa Dash at Chew Valley Rugby Club! If you want to join in either 1k dash or 5k dash **sign up today** https://race-nation.co.uk/register/santa-dash-chew-valley/chew-valley-santa-dash-2026





St Andrews Charity Soup Lunch

on 4th November in the Village Hall

from 12.30 -1.30

In aid of the Carpenters Foodbank, Withywood

Home made soups and cakes

£7 on the door (Children £1 under 5yrs)

Please do come and support us again!

September's lunch raised £350 for the Help Rural Nepal Fund - Thank you

RNLI CHEW VALLEY BRANCH

Curry Lunch

We are pleased to confirm that our ever popular Curry Lunch will be held at

Ubley Parish Hall (BS40 6PN)

on **Thursday 12 November.**

The event starts at 12:30hrs (doors open at 12 noon) and we have been able to keep the price unchanged at £17.50 per head.

The curry main course, with accompaniments, will be followed by a choice of delicious home made sweets and there will be a cash bar with a choice of beer, wines and soft drinks. We will also be running our usual raffle with great prizes.

Please support this event and book your places by applying to our email address:-

rnlichewvalley@gmail.com .

SCHOOL NEWS

Term 1 has got off to a fantastic start at Chew Stoke Church School! Earlier this term, Mr Hewett (Headteacher), Miss Hennessy, and members of the PE Council attended the regional Team Modeshift Stars event. We are thrilled to share that, out of thousands of schools nationwide participating in the Modeshift Stars Accreditation, Chew Stoke Church School has once again been named **Local Authority School of the Year**—marking the sixth consecutive year we've received this honour. This follows our recognition as the **National Primary School of the Year** earlier in 2025.



Chew Stoke School was delighted to welcome parents and members of the school community to its annual Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September. The school hall was filled with the lovely aroma of freshly brewed coffee, delicious cakes and, most importantly, plenty of conversation and community spirit. The children also enjoyed a special treat, with cakes to share at break time. A huge thank you goes to everyone who baked, donated, attended and supported the event, and especially to Mrs Lewis for organising the morning. Thanks to the generosity of our school community, we raised well over £600 for this very worthwhile cause.

Chew Stoke Parish Council News
www.chewstokeparishcouncil.gov.uk

B&NES Draft Local Plan -The revised Draft Local Plan has been published, and a 6 week public consultation period runs until 30th October. The revised Plan includes the potential to build up to 100 houses on Hedgehogs field in Chew Stoke. CSPC have now responded to the consultation, and encouraged residents to do so if they wish, full details and the response can be viewed on the village website. www.chewstokeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Youth provision in the village – thank you to the residents who have formed a committee to drive youth provision forwards in the village. Possible plans include a concrete table tennis table at the bottom of Rectory Field, also received request for bike racks at CV School. Next steps to look at fundraising options, and whether there are any options for a pump track in the village, but space and funding are significant hurdles.

Road safety issues in the Parish and the Chew Valley – various meetings with the Police, B&NES representatives including Highways Officer have taken or are due to take place.

Discussed road safety options for Herons Green and Herriott's Bridge, and consideration for 'Average Speed Cameras', road furniture (central islands, chicanes, rumble strips etc). The Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) is complex and will take 6-12 months from the start of a consultation period. £32k allocated to addressing safety from Chew Stoke to Herons Green on the B3114. Residents are encouraged to continue to report dangerous driving and speeding to A&S Police via 999 or 101.

Bristol Airport Consultation reopens – Planning application 26/P/0686/OU2 for increasing the annual capacity to 15 million passengers has reopened following a request by North Somerset Council for more information from Bristol Airport. Residents are welcome to add comments, the deadline is Sunday 1st November.



Next meeting :
Wednesday 11th November
at 7.30pm
in the Village Hall, Chew Stoke



Clubs and Societies



At the MAJESTIC

Aka Chew Stoke Village Hall

Thursday 26th November

Doors open 7pm for 7:30 screening

The Choral (15)

British historical drama co-produced and directed by Nicholas Hytner and written by Alan Bennett. Set in 1916, in the fictional town of Ramsden, Yorkshire, the film follows the members of the local choral society whose male members enlist in World War I, leaving the demanding Dr. Guthrie to recruit a disparate group of townspeople for a performance of Edward Elgar's "The Dream of Gerontius". Together, they experience the joy of singing while the young boys in the group grapple with their impending conscription into the army. Winner of the 2026 Best Production Design (Period Feature Film) British Film Designers Guild Award

Chew Valley Gadget Busters - here to help with digital devices

November 11th, The Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke

Having difficulty using the local buses App or website to book a ride? Or do you have problems using your laptop, iPad, tablet, phone or digital camera?
Or maybe you want to make video calls, send photos or use WhatsApp to contact your friends and family, but don't know how.

Chew Valley Gadget Busters are holding face to face sessions, thanks to The Queens pub in Chew Magna and the Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke. So do 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 hold one 2-hour session each month, from 12.30-2.30 pm on a Wednesday, alternating between Chew Magna and Chew Stoke. It costs £3 per appointment, all of which will go to charity.

Further to members' fundraising activities over 2025/26, Katherine Bowhay, a Senior Community Fundraiser at Dorothy House, attended our October meeting to receive a cheque for £520! Katherine and a colleague gave an informative presentation, explaining the breadth of modern palliative care, busting common myths about hospices, highlighting how local community fundraising initiatives - including the Moments of Light installation and retail volunteers - keep the charity running.



Members of CSWI Committee serving at the Proper Coffee Morning held in October to raise funds in support of Dorothy House Hospice Care

At our Annual Meeting on **18th November**, members will review the last year, after which visitors are invited to join us for an 'up close and personal' account on what life in Ukraine is really like from Professor Michael Harris, a general practitioner and primary care researcher from Somerset.
Professor Harris has unique insights into the country, holding an appointment as a Visiting Professor at the Shupyk National Academy of Postgraduate Education in Ukraine. His perspective bridges his work in rural England with the extreme medical and ethical realities on the ground in a conflict zone.
Professor Harris will donate his speaker's fee to various Ukraine charities. Members and visitors will have the opportunity to make further donations on the evening.
Venue: Chew Stoke Village Hall , 7,30 –8pm Annual Meeting, Doors open to visitors at 8.00pm.
Debbie Storey CSWI President, T: 07486 451438 E: chew-stokewi@avonfwi.org.uk

Chew Valley Gardening Society

This friendly society meets on the second Thursday of the month at Stanton Drew Village Hall at 7.30 for 8pm where there is easy access and parking.

On **Thursday 12th November Mary Payne MBE will talk on 'Grasses and Perennials'**

and the competition will be
for a Plant with French Connections.
If you would like to become a member please contact Graham Nicol on 01275 333456 or just come along,

£5 entrance. **You are warmly invited.**



Friendly Keep-Fit class at **10am** on **Tuesday mornings**
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Just bring a mat to join in aerobic movement to music
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Avon Wildlife Trust - Chew Valley Group

Thursday November 26th "GREAT WHITE EGRETS - On the Avalon Marshes".
Illustrated talk by Alison Morgan.
Alison & Bob Medland tell the story of how Great White Egrets, having successfully bred on the Somerset Levels, are now breeding all over the country.

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

Early Notice:
JUMBLE SALE, Old School Room, Chew Magna - Saturday 9th January at 10am in aid of **Avon Wildlife Trust** and their work at Folly Farm Wildlife Reserve, Stowey. If you are having a clear-out: **please** save items for the sale: children's toys, games, bric-a-brac, clothes, white elephant and books etc. Arrangements for delivery/collection will appear later. Contact 01275 332482

BARN DANCE in Chew Magna Village Hall on 14th November

Open to all ages this traditional and fun Barn Dance
is in the Village Hall from 7 to 10pm.
Tickets are £15 and include a light supper.
Live music with The Barnstormers and Dave Francis calling.
Tickets from Chew Magna Pet Hub. Children half price.



Harptrees History Society
Wednesday 25th November

Thankful Villages of Somerset and Gloucestershire

Thankful Villages are those communities from which all men and women who went to fight in WW1 returned home safely. In 2013, researchers identified only 52 such civil parishes in the whole of England and Wales. Steve Osman will explore in detail those in Somerset and Gloucestershire. The talk also looks at the background to military recruitment at the time and the aftermath of the war on communities.

As always, visitors are very welcome to this event, space permitting, with a donation of £3 a head. Booking in advance is essential (see below) although you can pay on the night.

West Harptree Memorial Hall. BS40 6EG Doors open at 7.15pm for 7.30pm.
Visitor booking opens on November 11th and closes at 5pm on November 24th.

Chew Valley Choral Society

50th Anniversary Year

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Saturday 28th November 2026, 7.30 p.m.

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for details see
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Friday 20 November What Wood Victoria Do?

8pm. Chew Stoke Village Hall.
Paulus celebrates Victoria Wood through songs and comedy.
Ages 10+, with an adult. Book at valley-arts.co.uk.

Meet the **Dog of the Month**

The Rover Reporter is back featuring a four-legged resident of the local area

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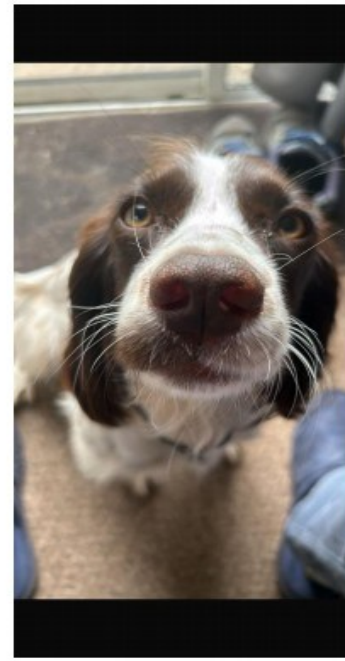
Interesting facts: Bree like to jump from the floor into your arms and started life in Taunton

Favourite place: between her mum and dad on the sofa

By the Rover Reporter (aged 11)



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The Community Farm receives £20k National Lottery funding enabling further group visits from diverse communities

The Community Farm social enterprise has received £20,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund to ensure diverse and disadvantaged communities benefit from group visits that improve their wellbeing by connecting with nature and the land.



The funding will enable the Farm to continue working with four charities, Aidbox Community, Refugees Welcome North Somerset, Missing Link, and the NHS' Second Step programme in facilitating 40 of these visits before Spring 2028. They will offer asylum seekers, refugees, domestic and sexual abuse and violence survivors, and individuals suffering with mental ill-health, much needed respite from their difficult circumstances and time in a safe, welcoming environment.


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