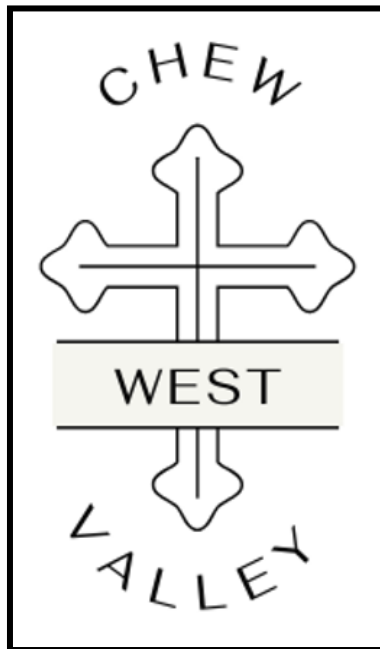


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May edition
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NB Early because Editor is away later! Thankyou

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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,

For many of us, regardless of our faith, the month of April brings a sense that the world around us is waking up again. New life is emerging all around us and with it the promise that the long winter is finally over and spring is here. In the Christian tradition, this sense of renewal finds its deepest meaning in the great celebration of Easter and the resurrection of Jesus.

The Bible is full of references to fresh starts and new beginnings. In the Old Testament book of Isaiah we read, 'See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?' (Isaiah 43:19). These words speak to us of new life rising where we might least expect it. For Christians, the resurrection of Jesus is the final realisation of that same promise which God made long ago; after the sorrow of Good Friday, Easter morning brings the extraordinary message that death does not have the final word. Hope has 'sprung up'!

The Gospel tells us that some women went to the tomb early on that Easter morning and found it empty. In the stillness of that garden, they heard a message that would change the course of history: 'he is not here; he has risen' (Luke 24:6). That moment of life springing out from a place of death has become the foundation of our Christian hope which has been celebrated for over 2000 years.

Whether Easter resonates with you as a religious celebration or simply as a time of reflection, I hope that we can make space this month to consider the possibility of fresh starts in our own lives. I am reminded of some words from the New Testament, where the apostle Paul writes, 'If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!' (2 Corinthians 5:17). The message of Easter is that renewal and new life is always possible.

Yours in Christ,

Ian K. Mills +

Church News



Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing will be celebrated in our group of parishes on the **third Wednesday** of this month at 10.30am.

Wednesday 15th April 2026
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)

Please note there will be no midweek service in Felton on Wednesday 1st April (Holy Week) as School Easter Services are being held elsewhere.



Baby & Toddler Group 'Tuesday Tots'

You are welcome to join our Baby & Toddler group 'Tuesday Tots' in St Andrew's, Chew Stoke on **the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month** between 10.30am and midday. Please spread the word to mums, dads & carers and come along to enjoy some refreshments, conversation,

music and sensory play.

Tuesday Tots will also meet in St Mary & St Peter's, Winford on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the same time.

Chew Stoke Tuesday Tots: 14th & 28th April 2026

Winford Tuesday Tots: 7th & 21st April 2026



Mind and Spirit Care Café

Mind and Spirit Care Cafe will be held on **Wednesday 8th April** from **10.30am** in **Felton Village Hall**.

If you live with any condition causing memory loss, or care for someone with memory loss, you are very welcome for some spiritual support, refreshments and connection with people who know what it's like.

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>



Easter Crafts & Creations Saturday 4th April 2026

St Andrew's will be hosting a special family event

'Easter Crafts & Creations'
on Holy Saturday (Easter Eve) between
1.00 and 3.00pm.

This will be an opportunity for children to experience the wonderful story of Holy Week and Easter through craft, interactive activities and music.
Refreshments will be available.

Do join us and help spread the word!



Holy Week and Easter 2026

You are welcome to journey with us through Holy Week and Easter as together we remember the suffering and death of Our Lord before rejoicing in his glorious resurrection.

Maundy Thursday – 2nd April 2026

7.00pm Eucharist with Stripping of the Altars (Chew Stoke)

Good Friday – 3rd April 2026

9.00am 'An Hour at the Cross' (Stowey)

2.00pm 'An Hour at the Cross' (Winford)

Holy Saturday – 4th April 2026

7.30–8.30pm The Easter Fire & First Eucharist of Easter (Bishop Sutton)

Easter Day – 5th April 2026

8.00am Holy Communion (Regil)

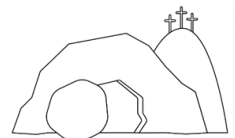
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9.00am Eucharist (Nempnett Thrubwell)

10.00am Eucharist (Winford)

11.00am Eucharist (Felton)

6.30pm Evensong (Chew Stoke)



St Andrew's Charity Soup Lunch on Wednesday 1st April from 12.30 till 1.30pm in the Village Hall

Do come and enjoy our home made soups with bread, cheese and pate.
Tea/coffee and home made cakes will be available too.



£7 entry, children under 5 £1.

This month all proceeds will go to help our entry into
The Village in Bloom Competition
Last month 's proceeds of £349 went to the Cinnamon Trust



Sunday First – resumes Sunday 3rd May



Our popular all-age 'Sunday First' will resume in St Andrew's on
Sunday 3rd May at 10.00.

Breakfast and craft activities will be provided
followed by a short act of worship for all ages.

Sunday First will be held on the following Sundays during 2026:

- Sunday 3rd May
- Sunday 7th June
- Sunday 5th July
- Sunday 6th September (Back to School)
- Sunday 4th October (Harvest Thanksgiving, at 10.30am)



Community Choir will be taking a break during April because of the Easter holidays, but resuming on **Wednesday 13th May 2026 at 7.00pm**. As always, these sessions are free and everything you need will be provided. If you haven't been before, you will be made very welcome! There is no audition and singers of every standard and level of experience can join in.



Rev. Fran's Farewell

Over 90 Church members from seven parishes enjoyed a plentiful buffet lunch at Chew Stoke Village Hall on Sunday March 1st, to mark the occasion of Curate Fran Smetten leaving to take up her own parish in Derbyshire after three years working with the Reverend Ian Mills. Fran has been a valued and well-loved member of the Church team, sharing her gift of being able to fit in with any occasion with enthusiasm, encouragement or advice - whatever was needed.

Parishioners had gifted her a garden tool bag, trowels and voucher for the large garden she will inherit at the Eyam Rectory. She reciprocated to great amusement by presenting The Reverend Ian Mills with a skillfully modified rugby shirt complete with dog collar! We wish her well in her new Parish.



April Services

	Sunday 5 April Easter Day	Sunday 12 April Second Sunday of Easter	Sunday 19 April Third Sunday of Easter	Sunday 26 April Fourth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 3 May Fifth Sunday of Easter
CHEW STOKE St Andrew	6.30pm Evensong		6.30pm Evensong		10.00am Sunday First
NEMPNETT THRUBWELL The Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00am Eucharist			4.00pm Evensong	
FELTON St Katharine	11.00am Eucharist		9.00am Morning Worship		
WINFORD St Mary & St Peter	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Eucharist		11.00am Eucharist	9.00am Eucharist
REGIL St James	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)				
STOWEY St Nicholas & The Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)			6.30pm Evensong	6.30pm Evensong
BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity			10.30am Eucharist		

St Andrews Duty Rota for March

Flowers: Saturday 4th April 10am decoration of the church for Easter. The more the merrier!
The rest of the month to be advised.

Cleaning: Al Letts **Brass:** Cynthia Troup

Maundy Thursday 2nd April 7pm Eucharist : **Sidesperson** Cynthia **Reader :** Andrew

Easter Day 5th April 7.30pm Evensong: **Sidespeople:** Clare Downey & Lindsey
Reader: Sue Cook

3rd May Sunday First 10am

Jessica and Lindsey

Nempnett Duty Rota

5th April Cleaner James **Reader** Hugo Acts 10, 34-43

26th April Cleaner Kathleen **Reader** Rosemary Acts 2 42-47, John 10, 1-10

Churchyard

March 30-April 12th Rosemary Porter

April 13th –26th Gerry & Ian Ford

April 27th—10th May Dorian & Kathleen Haskard

Nempnett Pop up Cafe

Many thanks to all friends, neighbours & visitors who supported my fundraiser in Nempnett on 1st March.

Thanks to the generous gifting of cakes, bric a brac, time & cash, over £1000 was raised for Macmillan Support & Cancer Research UK - way beyond my expectations.

It was lovely to see the hall full for a Sunday afternoon of chat, friendship & community spirit.

Thank you all

Janet Hellier



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8th April

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Keep the date!

**The St Andrew's Church fete will be on
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SCHOOL NEWS



Pupils at Chew Stoke Church School enjoyed a week of discovery and hands-on learning as they celebrated British Science Week with a range of exciting investigations and experiments.

The week began with a whole-school assembly led by Miss Tyson, who introduced the 2026 theme, “Curiosity – What is your question?”. Children explored how scientists use curiosity, careful observation and investigation to help answer questions about the world around them.

Throughout the week, every class across the school took part in practical activities designed to encourage pupils to think and work like scientists. Investigations were based on intriguing questions such as how scientists can tell the age of a shark, whether food tastes different depending on how it looks, and which materials make the best boat.

These activities encouraged children to make predictions, carry out experiments and evaluate their findings, helping them to develop important scientific skills.

Science Week also extended beyond the classroom. Families were invited to take part at home using Science Week activity packs that were shared with parents and carers. Many pupils embraced the opportunity to continue their investigations at home and shared photographs of their experiments with the school so their discoveries could be celebrated.



Woodpecker Class began the week by investigating the question “What makes the best hankie?”. The pupils tested how effectively different materials absorbed their blue “germ” water. Using real science pipettes added to the excitement, and the children carefully recorded their predictions before observing and evaluating the results of their tests.

Science Week provided a wonderful opportunity for pupils across the school to explore their curiosity, ask thoughtful questions and experience the excitement of scientific discovery. The week was filled with enthusiasm, teamwork and plenty of budding young scientists in action.

Chew Stoke Parish Council News

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Chew Stoke Parish



Annual Village Meeting

A village meeting
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Come and find out what's been
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Road safety
Beaver sitings
Youth provision
Village in Bloom

Refreshments will be provided



Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 6pm



Chew Stoke Village Hall

New website! CSPC are excited to introduce our new village website. Please bear with us whilst we refine it and make it welcoming and user friendly. It has the same information as before, but it will be accessible for everyone with all the regulations met.

www.chewstokeparishcouncil.gov.uk

CSPC emails are also changing, the main contact is now:

clerk@chewstokeparishcouncil.gov.uk -

all other details on the website.

The Parish Council are also looking at ways to improve our communication channels, more details next month, or on the website. Please come along to our Annual Village Meeting, it's an opportunity to find out what's happening in the village and let us know about what matters to you, plus sharing suggestions for this year.

Road Safety - A&S Police have submitted a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for the whole B&NES area which will give police powers to disperse groups of anti-social bikers and car owners meeting on Heron's Green.

Youth Provision options for the village were discussed at the recent Chew Valley Area Forum. Agreed to make enquiries to Youth Connect about feasibility and costs. Also discussed the potential for a skate ramp in the village, potentially along the length of Bilbie Playpark. We welcome your views, please email us.

Pagan's Hill - Highways at B&NES have agreed to add further signs on Pagan's Hill to warn drivers of the staggered junction with Chillyhill Lane/Scot Lane, and to consider moving the 30mph zone further north. CSPC to ask Highways about the feasibility of 'village gates' which could be placed on the verges on the main routes into the village.

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Parish Council news continued

Finger posts in the village need maintenance and restoration, to research options to repair them. Grants may be available for maintenance. The PC will consider lowering the fingerpost at Top Cross which is currently situated at the top of a wall.

Next meeting Wednesday 8th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall
Annual Village Meeting Tuesday 5th May at 6pm in the Village Hall

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At the MAJESTIC Aka Chew Stoke Village Hall

Thursday 30th April

Doors open 7pm for 7:30 screening

Midnight's Children (12A)

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GOOD CAUSES: *One aim of the Film Club is to make charitable contributions to deserving local causes. Attending Film Club presentations helps generate funds for these donations. Come to enjoy the films and help us help others.*

Harptrees History Society in West Harptree Memorial Hall. BS40 6EG

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Wednesday 29th April Doors open at 7.15pm for 7.30pm

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Advance booking before 6pm on 28th April essential,
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To book, please email: info@harptreeshistorysociety.org with subject line "April 2026"

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Every month the Rover Reporter will be featuring a four-legged resident of the local area

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Breed: Poodle

Age: 13 years, 5 months

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Likes: Food, playing pull, sleeping and his family

Dislikes: Other dogs!

Interesting facts: He is deaf

Favourite place: Under the hall radiator

By the Rover Reporter (aged 10 ½)



Clubs and Societies

Chew Valley Gardening Society

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

There will be a meeting on **Thursday 9th April at 7.30 for 8pm** where **Claire Greenslade, Head Gardener of Hestercombe Gardens** will **give us a virtual tour of the gardens.**

The competition will be for 'Your own photograph of a garden'.

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
at Chew Stoke Village Hall.**

Just bring a mat to join in aerobic movement to music
followed by floor exercises. Only £5 a session!

Members have been embracing the arrival of Spring, crafting beautiful living wreaths to brighten our front doors, and looking at ways to refresh our wardrobes!

At the end of February, fifteen members and friends attended a wonderful workshop with Amy and Laura, from Apple Orchard Flowers, to create their own spring wreaths using Somerset willow, gorgeous spring flower bulbs and seasonal decorations, topped off with a ribbon. We are all very proud of our creations, which you might well spot on a door near you!

In our March meeting, we were joined by Image Consultant, Keri Johnson, who demonstrated how wearing your recommended season of colours, chosen by analysing which best harmonise with your skin undertone, can make your complexion look brighter, healthier, and more vibrant; and how choosing styles that suit your personality, body shape and size, can give us the clarity and

confidence to dress to express the person we are inside, bringing more joy into our lives. At our meeting on 15 April, we are looking forward to a talk by Robin Snowdon from the Limeburn Hill Biodynamic Vineyard. This meeting will be open to visitors, members' family and friends. If you are interested in attending, we meet in the Village Hall, Chew Stoke, BS40 8TU. The meeting starts at 7.30pm. Visitors are invited to make a donation to Chew Stoke WI.



For further information about joining our WI and a programme of our meetings, please email: chewstokewi@avonfwi.org.uk

70th Anniversary of the Chew Valley Lake's Inauguration

Sunday April 19th from 2.30pm, Old School Room, Chew Magna.

We offer a celebration of the Lake, and Queen Elizabeth II's visit, featuring memories of what was, and is, a 'golden day' for many of those who saw Her Majesty. We celebrate the residents whose homes are now sited under the lake. Before the Ministry of Works archaeologists visited 'for a week or two' in 1953, the history of the valley was virtually a blank, considered by the Ministry of Works as barren. We will show you a selection of the thousands of finds, providing evidence of settlements and communities for over 8,000 years which was excitedly recovered from only a small part of the valley.

We have collated stories and facts about the construction of the lake and finally provide some beautiful examples of the residents and visitors, who share the lake with us today.

Due to the limited capacity of the OSR we recommend reserving a ticket in advance - £5 for adults, younger visitors free. In mid-March there is only a small number of 2.30 pm tickets available, but more 6pm tickets – contact rcade47@gmail.com. Entry on the door if not sold out.

Tea and cake is available from 3pm – 6pm (excluding a gap for VIP teas).

We hope that you will enjoy a superb afternoon / evening.

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Save Felton Common - Save the date - Sunday 19th April 11-14.30!

SFC understands that Bristol Airport's long awaited planning application for their next airport expansion (expected to include putting landing lights on the common) will be lodged with North Somerset Council by the end of March.

SFC is organising an Action Day on the common on Sunday 19th April from 11.00 to 14.30 and the lights, columns and fencing will be marked showing the impact on the common. We would ask as many people as possible to congregate on the common by the existing lights for a group photograph at 12.30. Felton Village Hall and the carpark will also be open for information on how you can respond to the application and oppose the proposal and a range of activities and refreshments will be available.

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