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will be Friday 19th June**

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McInnis, and Troup,
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 Rector, the Rev Dr Ian Mills

Dear Friends,

The following announcement was shared at our services on Sunday 10th May:
I wanted to share some personal news with you all. I have been appointed as Rector of Bath Abbey and will be leaving my role as Rector of these wonderful parishes during the summer. The announcement has been made at our four services this morning and at the Abbey.

The exact timetable is yet to be agreed, but I expect to be finishing my ministry here in August.

We arrived almost five years ago (to the day) as a family of two. We will leave as a family of three with deep gratitude for the love and support you have shown to us.

There will be opportunities for more formal goodbyes in the coming months, but for now we want to say thank you for your love and support during my years as Rector of these six parishes.

Since sharing this news, we have been touched by the many messages expressing your best wishes and congratulations, but I have heard some anxiety around the future. While I don't yet know the exact date when I will be leaving, I thought it might be helpful to reassure you that life in our parishes will very much continue as normal until then and beyond.

Shortly after my departure the Archdeacon will meet with churchwardens to offer support during the interregnum. Churchwardens will be the first point of contact for each parish during the vacancy. In due course representatives from each parish will then meet to create a Parish Profile which conveys everything that these parishes have to offer, and what you hope for in your next Rector.

Please be assured of my prayers for you all as you move into a new chapter under God's guidance; and please pray for us as we move to Bath. There will be more details in the next Magazine.

Yours in Christ,

Ian K. Mills +

Church News



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

Wednesday 3rd June 2026

St Katharine's, Felton at 10.30am

Wednesday 17th June 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)



MIND & SPIRIT
CHURCH & COMMUNITY
CONVERSATIONS AROUND
MEMORY LOSS

Mind and Spirit Care Café

Mind and Spirit Care Cafe will be held on
10th June
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>

Date for your diary:

St Mary's Church, Nempnett Thrubwell

FETE ON THE FARM

Sunday 19th July 2.00-4.30pm

At Nempnett Pastures BS40 7UZ

With kind permission from the Ford family

If you can help or contribute anything to any of the stalls please contact
Rosemary 07525 019066 or Nick 01761 462075



Sunday First 10am on the 7th June



Our popular all-age 'Sunday First' continues in St Andrew's on the first Sunday of the month 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 7th June

Sunday 5th July

Sunday 6th September (Back to School)

Sunday 4th October (Harvest Thanksgiving, at 10.30am)



Community Choir will meet on **Wednesday 10th June 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.

News from Chew Stoke Village Hall:

Are you looking for a small volunteer role to give back to your local community?

Please think of joining the volunteer team at your village hall- you will be warmly welcomed and meet a lovely group in the village! We value all support, however big or small. In particular, we are looking for someone to look after our accounts as a Treasurer role; skill as a bookkeeper or accountant would be ideal. Please contact Ruth Donlevy on 07813 063297 if you'd like to join us.

A big thank you from our current Village Hall Committee to everyone who helps to support our Village Hall. As ever, please continue to use it whenever you can- we continue to need your support to enable it to remain open.

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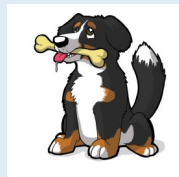
Free Entry!

St Andrew's Church fete
Saturday 6th June
from 1.30 till 4.30pm
at the top of Church Lane, Chew Stoke

Attractions include:

Cream Teas, Bouncy Castle, Barbecue,
plants and cake stalls and much more!

Dog Show at 3pm!



At the last St Andrew's Charity Soup Lunch (**till October!**) we raised
£347.50 for **Christian Aid**.

In total from October 25 till May 26 we raised £2735.15 for 8 different
charities. Thank you for your support.



Gill Wring, Cynthia
Troup, Al Letts and Anne
Summers in the kitchen.

Thanks also must go to
other team members: Liz
Wormald,
Sheila Limburn,
Jenny Tynan, Sarah
Manville and Julie
Hughes, not forgetting
Lucy Chalk who always
bakes a
yummy cake! :

**The Bishop of Bath & Wells, Rt Revd Michael Beasley outside St Andrews Church
with our Rector Rev Dr Ian Mills and Mrs Sandra Edgerton**



June Services

	Sunday 7 June Trinity 1	Sunday 14 June Trinity 2	Sunday 21 June Trinity 3	Sunday 28 June Trinity 4	Sunday 5 July Trinity 5
CHEW STOKE St Andrew	10.00am Sunday First		6.30pm Evensong		10.00am Sunday First
NEMPNETT THRUB- WELL The Blessed Virgin Mary		9.30am Eu- charist		4.00pm Evensong	
FELTON St Katharine		11.00am Eu- charist		9.00am Morning Worship	
WINFORD St Mary & St Peter	9.00am Eucharist			11.00am Eucharist	9.00am Eucharist
REGIL St James			8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)		
STOWEY St Nicholas & The Blessed Virgin Mary	6.30pm Evensong	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)		6.30pm Evensong VEN TONY WILDS	6.30pm Evensong
BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity		10.30am Morning Worship MRS SANDRA EDGERTON	10.30am Eucharist		

St Andrews Duty Rota for June

Flowers Altar & Lady Chapel: 1st-14th Hazel P 21st-28th Hazel W

Cleaning & Brass: Sheila Limburn & Heather Patch

Services:

Sunday First 7th June 10am

21st June Evensong 6.30pm

Sidespeople: Jessica & Sheila

Readers: Sue C Jeremiah 20: 7-13 Hazel P (or Lindsey) Matthew 10: 24-39

Nempnett Duty Rota

14th June 9.30: Mary is cleaner and James is reader Romans 5: 1-8

28th June 4pm: Rosemary is cleaner and Gail is reader

Jeremiah 28: 5-9, Matthew 10: 40– 42

Churchyard Maintenance:

June 8th -21st Ingrid Wilms

June 22nd– 5th July Hugo King

Grants available from Chew Stoke Harvest Home

Chew Stoke Harvest Home is seeking to make money grants to local worthy causes, whether organisations or individuals, within the parish of Chew Stoke and the surrounding area.

Background

Chew Stoke Harvest Home has been running for many years. The earliest known written record is from 1897, but it has almost certainly been taking place for far longer. The show has changed over the years, but the underlying themes haven't: the coming together of the community, and the appreciation of the food that we grow.

The Chew Stoke Harvest Home has a long tradition of granting money to local causes. Grants are made out of any excess proceeds generated by the annual show. Following the 2024 show, we were able to grant a total of £1500 across nine organisations and individuals. After a successful 2025 show, trustees are now inviting further applications for grants

Applications

If you or your organisation are interested in applying for a grant, please email charityadmin@chewstokeharvesthome.org.uk for more information and an application form. Applications close on 12 July 2026.

2026 Show – Saturday 5th September

We are starting to prepare for this year's show. It would be great if we could have a few new members on the team – the Harvest Home is a time-honoured tradition and forms an important part of making our village and the wider Chew Valley such a lovely place to live. If you can spare a few hours, either on the day of the show, or if you would be interested in being part of the team that helps plan and run the Harvest Home, please email us at the above address.

Meet our 'Dog of the Month'!

Name: Squid

Breed: Lurcher, Greyhound/Whippet
bedlington cross

Age: 2 years

Favourite walk: Chew Magna loop from
Chew Stoke (through the fields).

Likes: treats and drinking from puddles
or the River Chew and puddles, playing
with other dogs

Dislikes: getting wet in the rain

About: he was adopted from excellent
Mutts with Friends Dog Rescue

Favourite place: any sofa in the
sunshine



By the Pup Reporter (aged 10 ¾)

*Every month the Rover Reporter will be featuring
a four-legged resident of the local area. Please
send any announcement of new puppy or dog to
chewstokemag@gmail.com*

More money raised for good causes:

Oh! What's Occurrin'?

Chew Stoke Amateur Dramatic Society would like to thank the good people of Chew Stoke and the surrounding area for coming to watch our little show at the end of last year. "God Bless Barry", our Father Ted/Vicar of Dibley/Gavin and Stacey mash-up was a sell-out both nights.

Huge thanks go the Hall Committee for helping to make the hall look wonderful and for serving the food lovingly made by Katie Kingdon and Bumblebee Foods.

Profits have been shared with Chew Stoke Hall, and a donation of £1000 has been made to Great Western Air Ambulance which was our chosen charity for this production.

Rumour has it a further production is in gestation at the pen of our wonderful writer, Mr Phil Chalk. Watch this space.

As Ness would say, "That's Tidy!"



SCHOOL NEWS



Chew Stoke Church School was delighted to welcome the Bishop of Bath and Wells, Bishop Michael Beasley, for a special visit earlier this month.

The visit began on Sunday at St Andrew's Church, where the school choir sang beautifully during the church service attended by the Bishop.

On Monday afternoon, Bishop Michael visited the school itself, where pupils and staff were excited to welcome him. The choir once again performed with great enthusiasm and confidence before the Bishop led an Act of Worship for the school community. The children were very excited to learn about the role of a bishop and had come up with many questions to ask him.

During the service, pupils from the Worship, Ethos and Equality Team took part by reading prayers they had written themselves. Their thoughtful words reflected the school's values of kindness, inclusion and community, and were a highlight of the afternoon.

The Bishop's visit concluded with refreshments shared with school staff, providing an opportunity for conversation and fellowship.



Chew Stoke Parish Council News

www.chewstokeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Thank you to everyone who came along to the **Annual Village Meeting** this year, it was great to see so many people join us. The highlight of the meeting was a presentation from Avon Wildlife Trust about **beavers** in the area, you can watch the presentation on their website. AWT are available to give advice to landowners who have evidence of beavers on their land, please report any sightings too.

Road safety and speeding. CSPC continue to work with A&S Police and meet regularly. Please continue to report nuisance, noisy and dangerous driving to the police, online or via 101, or 999 if an immediate threat to life. We have welcomed an increased police presence in the area in the last few weeks. A&S Police have applied for a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to give them the powers to disperse groups, it is for B&NES to issue the order. CSPC is still keen to set up a Community Speedwatch group, if you could give up an hour a month, and would be interested in getting involved please contact us. Discussed option for increased road signs, eg 'collision site ahead'.

Youth Provision Survey and discussion at Annual Village Meeting – we will share the results with you as soon as they have been finalised. Some great ideas were put forward, to continue discussion. To then contact those who offered to help, with a view to setting up a Working Group to take ideas forward..

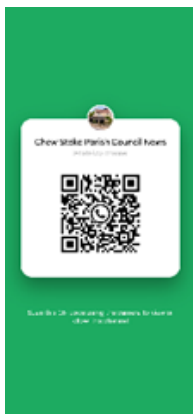
Buses – the local bus service is now being run by Eurocoaches. Please complete current WECA survey https://www.change.org/SavetheX91_ChewValleySprintBus The funding is only secure until July this year.

Bristol Airport - new expansion planning application (to 15 million passengers a year). This new application is now open, CSPC will respond once the Parish Council's Airport Assoc response is drafted. This also includes plans to erect landing lights on Felton Common.

CSPC currently has a couple of **councillor vacancies**, we would welcome any enquiries from anyone interested in joining us or wanting to know more. We meet once a month and are a motivated and enthusiastic team! Please contact us via

cllr.steven.read@chewstokeparishcouncil.gov.uk

CSPC is aiming to improve our **communication** with residents. We have recently set up a WhatsApp 'channel' to share information (eg events, road closures, important news etc). If you would like to receive news via WhatsApp please search for 'chew stoke parish council news' on it or scan this QR code:



Next meeting: **Thursday 11th June 2026 at 7.30pm**
in The Village Hall, Chew Stoke

Clubs and Societies



At the **MAJESTIC**

Aka Chew Stoke Village Hall

Doors open 7pm for 7:30 screening

Thursday 25th June

Glastonbury The Movie: The 30th Anniversary Cut (12A)

The year is 1993, the last Glastonbury before the BBC arrived, before phone masts, smartphones, biometric tickets and wall-to-wall coverage, before it all changed.

Robin Mahoney's film puts you and a hundred thousand people back in that Somerset field, in a detail and quality the film has never been seen in before. The only film that puts you inside the real Glastonbury, shot in Panavision Cinema-Scope at the last great old-school festival in 1993, now rebuilt in 4K for the big screen. No voiceover. No talking heads. No presenter telling you how to feel. Just Glastonbury, as it was. Unfiltered, unnarrated, and unlike anything else in British music film. Hailed as "a masterpiece" by Mike Leigh and selected for eight international film festivals. See club posters for ticket details.

Chew Valley Gardening Society

This friendly society meets on the second Thursday of the month at Stanton Drew Village Hall.

There will be a meeting on Thursday 11th June at 7.30 for 8pm where Alan Eason will talk on 'Madeira - Island of Flowers'

The competition will be for a rose stem.

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!



Last month, members from Chew Stoke WI joined 'A Million Acts of Hope' the national invitation to celebrate the everyday acts of kindness, care and connection happening across the UK: recognising the helpers and the doers, the people who prove our communities can be healthier and happier if we pull together, not apart and thanking them for rolling up their sleeves, for getting stuck in and not giving up. A reminder that hope can be louder than hate!

This month, as part of the WI's Bystanders Can Be Lifesavers campaign, members have the opportunity to increase their understanding and confidence in the delivery of CPR with a defibrillator. There are over 30,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests a year in the UK, and less than one in ten people survive. Women have a lower chance of surviving than men. Early CPR and defibrillation can more than double the chances of survival.

The WI has been campaigning for over 100 years, embracing a diverse set of challenges and tackling issues that matter to women in their communities from equal pay to climate change and mental health to microplastic pollution; increasing public awareness and bringing about real change.

Every issue that we campaign on stems directly from a resolution put forward by members and adopted at an Annual Meeting. WI members have a unique opportunity to turn a concern into a national campaign, backed by the whole of the WI.

To find out more about our campaigns visit: <https://www.thewi.org.uk/campaigns>
Chew Stoke WI meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Chew Stoke, BS40 8TU. For further information about our meetings, email: chewstokewi@avonfwi.org.uk

Thank you. Debbie

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CSWI President
Chew Stoke Women's Institute
T: 07486 451438





Chew Valley Choral Society

50th Anniversary Year

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MESSIAH

Choral Workshop

Saturday 13th June 2026, 2 - 5 p.m.

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<https://www.chewvalleychoral.org.uk/sing-messiah>

Two Garden Events in aid of Dorothy House Hospice

The first, kindly hosted by Dorothy House Patron, Her Grace Miranda, Duchess of Beaufort at her private residence, **Well Cottage on the Badminton Estate**, offers a rare chance to explore a peaceful retreat, usually hidden from public view. Between 10 and 4pm on 14 June.

RHS Badminton Pocket Garden The Hospice is also delighted to be partnering with award winning garden designer [Charlotte Sanderson](#) on her successful 'Pocket Garden' entry into the Royal Horticultural Society's inaugural show at the Badminton Estate, Gloucestershire. Running from 8-12 July, the garden entitled '[Shared Breath](#)' highlights the collective reliance of all human beings on a finite, shared resource: oxygen.

Gadget Busters June 10th, The Queens, Chew Magna

Having difficulty using the Green Buses, WESTLink 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. Gadget Busters are here to help!

Either book by emailing cvgadgetbusters@gmail.com, or turn up on the day.

We hold one 2-hour session each month, **from 12.30-2.30pm**

It costs £3 per appointment, all of which will go to charity.

Playing and enjoying the Sacred Music of the Georgian Era on Saturday, June 27th

Somerset Gallery Quire will be visiting St Andrews, Chew Stoke, on their summer outing. Listeners are welcome to drop in at 4pm to this informal event.

The group, of around 15 singers and four musicians, will sing and play for some 40 to 45 minutes. They make no charge, but do this for the sheer enjoyment of making music together and to share it with all who come to listen.

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