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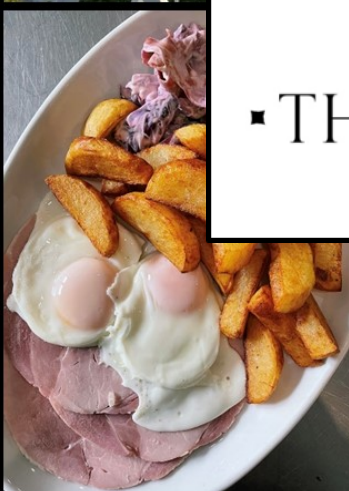
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will be Monday 18th August**

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Chew Stoke: Tina Kilroy, Jessica McInnes, Laura Down, Sheila Limburn, Lindsey Suenson-Taylor, Andrew Troup (Vice Chair), Les Poynter, Jerry Moorhouse, Sue Cook and Hazel Wedlake

Nempnett Thrubwell: Jane Batten, James Everett, Geraldine Ford, Nick Houlton, Alison Howard, Hugo King, Jane Oosthuizen, Rosemary Porter, Dorian and Kathleen Haskard

Chew Stoke Sidespeople: Mesdames: Down, Downey, Kilroy, Limburn, Patch, Manville, McInnis, and Troup,
Messrs: Jameson and 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,

'Hope'. How often do we use that word each day? For Christians, hope is not a vague optimism or wishful thinking—hope is a powerful, sustaining force rooted in God's promises. In our parishes and wider community, hope is more than just an idea; it's visible in action, conversation, and care—especially in our schools.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).

Since January our Flourish Chaplain, Verity Eastwood Dewing, has been at work in Chew Valley School. In this new role she has brought light, encouragement and hope into the lives of both students and staff. Funded by the Church of England, the Flourish Chaplaincy programme was designed to help young people build confidence in their faith, discover their value, and flourish in both school and life. It's a ministry of presence, listening, and accompaniment—and it's bearing wonderful fruit.

From quiet chats over a cup of tea to group reflection sessions, Verity's work is rooted in Christ's call to love and serve. As Paul writes, "Encourage one another and build each other up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11), and I pray that's exactly what is happening in the heart of Chew Valley School.

Verity helps run creative wellbeing spaces, provides a listening ear for those going through difficulties, and coordinates moments of stillness and prayer. Whether it's supporting someone through bereavement or simply helping them feel seen and valued, these small acts of compassion have a profound impact.

A flourishing community is one where every individual knows that they matter. It is where we carry one another's burdens, celebrate each other's victories, and create a culture of kindness. That's the kind of community Jesus envisioned when He told us to 'love your neighbour as yourself' (Mark 12:31).

So, let's celebrate the quiet miracles happening in classrooms and corridors. Let's give thanks for the young people growing in confidence, the friendships being formed, and the love of God being shared in gentle, real ways.

As we continue to pray for our schools and families, may we all become agents of hope—joining in the work of building flourishing communities where everyone has the chance to thrive.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).

Yours in Christ,

Ian K. Mills +

Church News



Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing is celebrated in our group of parishes on the **first** and **third Wednesdays** of each month at 10.30am.

Wednesday 2nd July 2025

St Katharine's, Felton at 10.30am

Wednesday 16th July 2025

St Andrew's, Chew Stoke at 10.30am

Wednesday 6th August 2025

St Katharine's, Felton at 10.30am

Wednesday 20th August 2025

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)



Sparklers pre-school group

Please note that Sparklers **will not meet during July or August**, but look out for details in our September Magazine of a new music & sensory group for pre-school children, their parents and carers, beginning in the next school term.



Mind and Spirit

Mind and Spirit will be held on **Wednesday 9th July**
at **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 and connection with people who know what it's like.

Mind & Spirit will not meet in August.

Contact Revd Fran for more details.

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>

SUNDAY

First

Our popular all-age 'Sunday First' worship continues on

Sunday 6th July at St Andrew's, Chew Stoke at 10.00am.

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

Fran's news

Community gardening continues to grow well, and we harvested our first potatoes in June! Big thanks to Sara Hindle for providing those – they were delicious! Potato harvesting is continuing!

The peas, broad beans, sweetcorn, tomatoes and cucumbers are also growing well, and we have recently added onions and carrots to the plot.

Gardening will continue during the summer, with the exception of the first week of July (2/3), and the last 2 weeks of August (20/21 & 27/28) when Fran is on leave. Everyone is welcome on a Wednesday at 3.30pm, or toddlers on a Thursday at 10.30am, at the lower gate to Dippenstiles on Bristol Road in Chew Stoke.

Mind and Spirit takes a break in August and will return in September as a Carers' Café. We very much hope that this space will continue to offer peer support and spiritual encouragement to anyone who is a carer. It takes place from 10.30-11.30am on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in Felton Village Hall. All are welcome.

Come & Sing Evensong

at St Laurence's Church, East Harptree

Sunday 20 July Rehearsal 4pm

Service 6.30pm (All welcome) followed by refreshments

FFI and to register as a singer: triciarj1@gmail.com

St Mary's Church

NEMPNETT THRUBWELL VILLAGE FETE

Sunday 3rd August 2025 2.00-4.30

At Nempnett Village Hall BS40 8YJ

Free entry

Plenty of parking

Attractions include:

Cream teas, cake and plant stalls, raffle, face painting, toys, books, jewellery, games, coconut shy, white elephant, bar, photographic competition.

Fun for all of the family at an old fashioned country fete

If you can help or contribute anything to any of the stalls please contact

Rosemary 07525019066 or Nick 01761 462075

Men Of Chew There will be a special guest performance by The Men Of Chew who have been invited to sing at Nempnett Thrubwell village fete between 2.30 - 4.00pm . Enjoy listening to them while eating a delicious cream tea. There is plenty of parking and lots of signs on the lanes so do not miss this special treat. Everybody is welcome

Don't Forget to enter the Photographic Competition: The Flora & Fauna of

Nempnett Thrubwell Age groups: Junior-Under 16, Seniors Over 16

FFI Jim Everett 07767244312 jamesteach_55@yahoo.co.uk



A happy image from St Andrew's Church Fete which was held in June.

Congratulations to everyone who helped to make it such a happy event, even though the rain fell!

It raised the magnificent sum of £2,000 for the church.

Special thanks to Lindsey for lending her field .

Well done everyone!

July Services

	Sunday 6 July Trinity 3	Sunday 13 July Trinity 4	Sunday 20 July Trinity 5	Sunday 27 July Trinity 6
CHEW STOKE St Andrew	10.00am Sunday First		6.30pm Evensong	
NEMPNETT THRUBWELL The Blessed		9.30am Eucharist		6.30pm Evensong
FELTON St Katharine		11.00am Eucharist		9.00am Morning Worship
WINFORD St Mary & St Peter	9.00am Eucharist			11.00am 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
BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity		10.30am Morning Worship	10.30am Eucharist	

St Andrews July and August Rota

Flowers: Altar & Lady Chapel: July 6: Joanna B & Clare D **July 13th:** Joan W **July 20th & 26th:** Liz W & Cynthia T **August 3rd, 10th, 17th:** Liz W

24th & 31st: Altar Sue C , **Lady Chapel** Mel J

July Cleaning: Joan W & Clare D **Brass:** Anne S. **August Cleaning & Brass:** Mel J & ?

Readers & Sidespeople

Sunday 6th July 10.00am Sunday First

Sidespeople: Sheila L, Jessica M, Lindsey ST

Sunday 20th July 6.30pm Evensong

Sidespeople: Laura D & Cynthia T

Readers: Liz W & Hazel P

Genesis18 1-10a Luke10 38-end

Sunday 3rd August 10.30am Eucharist

Sidespeople: Jessica M & Sarah M

Reader: Andrew T

Colossians3 1-11

Sunday 17th August 6.30pm Evensong

Sidespeople: Lindsey ST & Sheila L

Readers: Sue C & tbc

Jeremiah23 23-29 Luke12 49-56

Nempnett July & August Duty Rota

Sunday 13th July 9.30am Cleaner - Nick Houlton, Reader - Hugo King

Sunday 27th July 6.30pm Cleaner - Hugo King, Reader - Rosemary Porter

Sunday 10th August 9.30am Cleaner - Jane Oosthuisen, Reader - Nick Houlton

Sunday 24th August 6.30pm Cleaner - James Everett, Reader Kathleen Haskard

Grasscutting

July 6 - July 19 - Nick Houlton

July 20 - August 2 - Rosemary Porter

August Services

	Sunday 3 August Trinity 7	Sunday 10 August Trinity 8	Sunday 17 August Trinity 9	Sunday 24 August St Bartholo-	Sunday 31 August Trinity 11
CHEW STOKE St Andrew	10.30am Eucharist		6.30pm Evensong		
NEMPNETT THRUBWELL The Blessed		9.30am Eucharist		6.30pm Evensong	
FELTON St Katharine		11.00am Eucharist		9.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Eucharist
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REGIL St James			8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)		
STOWEY St Nicholas & The Blessed	6.30pm Evensong	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)		6.30pm Patronal Festival Evensong	
BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity		10.30am Morning Worship	10.30am Eucharist		

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

Parish Council Vacancies – We currently have two vacancies on the Parish Council. We would love to hear from you if you are interested in joining our team, it offers a valuable opportunity to contribute to your community. No prior experience is necessary; however, candidates must live or work within the parish, be over 18 years of age, and be a UK resident. For more information about the role, please contact us at clerk@chewstoke.org.uk or speak with one of the current councillors. We will look to co-opt new members at our September meeting, so the deadline to apply will be 31st August. Ducks and ducklings are currently residing at the ford in Pilgrim's Way. It is a wonderful sight, but we need to keep them safe, please keep all dogs on leads in the area, and drive slowly.

Road Safety Working Group – Agreed to purchase a Community Speedwatch Camera for Chew Stoke. Parking on the zigzag lines outside the Primary School persists at drop off and pick up times. Clerk to contact the school and ask for their help in reminding parents this is illegal and unsafe. The increase in parking in Bilbie Road by school parents has been noted and is appreciated, as it helps to alleviate parking congestion closer to the school. Community Bloom 2025 – the Working Group continue to meet fortnightly on Saturdays, and the PC is very grateful for their hard work, the village is looking fantastic. The Bloom Team have been offered a sailing boat to fill with flowers, possible location is on Walley Court Road, but to be finalised. Agreed to purchase anti-slip strips for the bridge in Rectory Field. Bloom Working Group offered to fit them.

Update on the Local Plan Reset - BANES emphasized that this 're-set' is predominantly about finding locations to build more houses. Various option locations will be considered as part of this process. The stage we are now entering is the 'pre-options consultation period' leading to an options document being submitted to BANES Cabinet on 11th Sept. A public options consultation from mid-Sept to end Oct will then follow. What housing development may be proposed in Chew Stoke?

Because Chew Stoke is classified as a 'sustainable community' (having 2x schools, shop, employment opportunities, doctors' surgery and some public transport), it may attract a 5% housing allocation which would equal 20 houses. BANES may review the whole housing development boundary for the village – although unlikely given the HELAA sites (Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment) already being put forward. They will be considering the 3 HELAA sites put forward by landowners. These include Hedgehogs field, land off the west side of Stoke Hill, and a backfill parcel of land off Stoke Hill to the east side behind Fairhaven. The PC has been asked to provide local knowledge on the suitability of these sites. The allocation of these sites is in the public domain although the allocation map on the BANES website has not yet been updated.

Ward Councillors report - Care leavers in B&NES are now entitled to free bus passes. Parking in Chew Lane remains problematic, it is anticipated that the situation will ease shortly due to the end of A levels and any cars parked by 6th form students. CSPC to monitor and discuss with school in the new school year.

Residents, please report any problems in the village to B&NES via www.fixmystreet.com
Next meeting Thursday 3rd July 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Chew Stoke

News from Chew Stoke Village Hall

Thanks to monies raised by the Winter Ball team, the main hall interior has been redecorated over the last week- it's looking smart and fresh! We also have a steam cleaner now, thanks to money donated from the Film Club, allowing us to clean the chairs more easily.

Thanks to all the groups that regularly use the hall; we really appreciate your on-going support. From the WI, to fitness groups, Soup Lunch, Film Club, singing groups, am dram and the Cub Scouts, the hall provides an essential space for such a range in the community. It is also a perfect space for private parties and events and we thank all that use it in this way, particularly Valley Arts.

We have a new booking website, found by putting in Chew Stoke Village Hall which allows you to see which slots are available and book directly. It'll hopefully make our invoicing easier too.

Finance needed to cover costs of the hall (which includes utilities, maintenance, cleaning and insurances) is currently not quite met by the money raised by bookings- despite us raising the hire cost to meet other local hall prices. Hence our need to fundraise regularly to make sure we have funds to cover everything. But more bookings would help too! Do think of the hall for any event- it's a great facility, particularly for children's parties.

If there are any youngsters doing D of E who need something for their volunteer section, we can easily set you up with an hour's volunteering a week at the hall; there are always small jobs to do and volunteering youngsters would be supervised (contact Ruth- see below).

We have a friendly and fun committee team who look after the hall but we are few in number! Always looking for anyone who'd like to come and join us. In particular, we need a member who'd be happy to be Secretary; this involves taking minutes at our quarterly meetings (yes- only 4 a year- not too onerous!) and keeping an eye on what maintenance is needed through the calendar year; ie boiler service, PAT testing, music licence etc. It's all set up- just needs someone to oversee it. This role does not involve anything to do with actual hall bookings! Please do get in touch if you'd like to join our friendly team at your Village Hall! Contact Ruth Donlevy on 07813 063297



Chew Stoke Church School Summer PTA Barbecue

Get ready for some sizzling fun at the Chew Stoke Church School Summer PTA Barbecue! This is a fantastic opportunity for the school and local community to come together for an evening of food, games, and laughter.

Here's what you can look forward to:

- **Delicious BBQ:** We'll be firing up the grill and serving up a tasty selection of barbecue classics. There will be options for all appetites, including vegetarian.
- **Fun and Games:** We'll have a variety of games and activities to keep everyone entertained.

Chance to Mingle: This is a great chance to catch up with fellow parents, teachers, and friends from the school community.

The Details:

- **Date:** Friday 11th July
- **Time:** 5-8pm

Location: Chew Stoke Church School Grounds

This is a lovely way to celebrate the end of the school year and create lasting memories. The money raised by our PTA helps support every pupil in the school, so please do try to come along. We look forward to seeing you there!

Chew Stoke Church School Society

Are you a former pupil of Chew Stoke Church School? If so, you may be interested in joining our Chew Stoke Church School Society. The society provides a platform for past parents and pupils to maintain a link and continue to support our remarkable and unique school.

First and foremost the Society forms a type of "alumni" for past students and ensures that "leaving" students are able to maintain a link with their fellow pupils and former staff by means of correspondence, publications and events. There will be opportunities for past pupils to return to the school in order to share their experiences and to contribute to school events.

Secondly, the Society has a benevolent aim focused on supporting and assisting Chew Stoke Church School by fundraising as and when appropriate or by donations.

More information can be found on the 'community tab' of the school's website: www.chewstokeacademy.org/

CHEW VALLEY FLOWER CLUB

Are you interested in flowers and arranging? We are a friendly club of all abilities who meet at Compton Martin Village Hall on alternate Mondays for chat, coffee and all things flowers!!

We are treated to demonstrations by national demonstrators and help and encouragement is provided during our enjoyable practice classes.

Our next meeting is a demonstration by Beverley Clay entitled 'Out of the Garage' on **Monday 7th July at 7.30pm**. All welcome.

For further information contact Caroline Sweet 01275 835711 or email carolinem.sweet@outlook.com

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 10th July where Mary Payne MBE will talk on 'The Clematis, the Queen of Climbers'. The competition will be one home grown vegetable.

On 14th August, Paul Cumbleton will speak on zoom about 'Alluring Alpines'. The competition will be a plate of home grown fruit.



If you would like to become a member please contact Graham Nicol on 01275 333456 or just come along, 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!



At the MAJESTIC
Aka Chew Stoke Village Hall

Thursday 31st July PADDINGTON IN PERU -PG

Thursday 28th August SEPTEMBER 5 – 15

Doors/Bar open at 7.00pm



Members kept fit during June taking part in Bowls instruction at The Chew Stoke Bowling club. A pleasant evening was spent learning the art of bowls and enjoying the social occasion hosted by the club. Thanks to Shirley Marsh and her team. Taking part in another local sport, several members challenged Blagdon WI in a friendly skittles match held at the Stoke Inn with much jollity.

Our next big event is the

Members Show at the Village Hall on Wednesday 16th July.

Members are invited to bring their entries to the hall between 1pm and 2pm
Judging will take place between 2.15p.m. – 3p.m.

Non-member visitors are invited to view the display of art, craft, creative writing, photography, baking, preserves and fruit and veg between 3.30 and 4.30p.m.

Members meeting will be as usual starting at 7.30pm for viewing and prize giving.

The subjects for photography are **1) Wildlife 2) Home 3) Buildings or Architecture and 4) A Celebration** (Photographs no bigger than 5"x7" please)

The Creative writing is for **a poem of not more than 200 words** titled **'In Chew Valley'** (please submit poem by 30th June)

In August by way of relaxation from a busy year – we will hold **our DIY picnic around The Centenary Tree in Rectory Field at 12 noon on SATURDAY 16th August.** Please bring your own picnic and fold up chair, but Pimms will be provided! Friends and family welcome to join us.

Barry Island is coming to Chew Stoke! SAVE THE DATE.

7.30pm on Friday 14th November and Saturday 15th November, in Chew Stoke Village Hall.

Exciting news! Chew Stoke Am Dram presents: "God Bless Barry!"

If you're a fan of Vicar of Dibley, Father Ted or Gavin and Stacey, you'll love this comedy "mashup" put together by the team that brought you the now legendary 'Allo Fawltly Fools mashup.

This will be a one-hour performance following a delicious evening meal.

Tickets will be available from September.

National Garden Scheme: Stowey Open Gardens

On Sunday 20th July, 2 pm to 6 pm, 3 gardens in Stowey will be opening under the National Garden Scheme. The gardens at Dormers, Stowey Mead and Manor Farm will open their gates, enabling you to enjoy their tranquillity and beauty and our glorious surrounding countryside.

The 3 gardens reflect the increasing importance of wildlife friendly gardens, providing pollinator plants and food sources to ensure that birds, bees, butterflies and other insects can thrive. Each garden is also very different in character, reflecting the interests and skills of its owners, past and present. There are numerous features, including wildlife ponds, vegetables, competition standard sweet peas, orchards, exuberant flower-packed borders, interesting trees and shrubs and seating with wonderful views.

As usual, an extensive selection of plants, many of which can be seen growing in the gardens, will be on sale at Dormers. Home-made Teas will be available at Stowey Mead. These sales will be on a cash only basis and in aid of Stowey Church. And it's an easy walk from the car park opposite Dormers to the other gardens.

There is ample off-road parking at Dormers in Stowey Bottom, (BS39 5TL). WC facilities are available there and at Manor Farm and Stowey Mead. Admission to the gardens is £7 , accompanied children under 16 free. You can either pay by cash or card, (by card at Dormers only), or you can pre-book on the NGS website, www.ngs.org.uk All admission fees are given to the National Garden Scheme, which distributes the money to various health and social care charities, amongst them Macmillan, Hospice UK and Parkinson's UK. Please come along for an enjoyable afternoon looking at some delightful gardens which aren't normally open to the public. We'll look forward to seeing you!

Jill and Graham Nicol

Chew Valley Gadget Busters

July 9th The Queens Chew Magna 12.30-2.30pm

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The Community Farm is a finalist in the Best Organic Retailer category at UK's only national organic awards

The Community Farm faced a rigorous judging process by a professional panel of industry judges and beat off fierce competition from across the country to be named as a finalist.

The awards, run by leading organic certifier Soil Association Certification, in partnership with headline sponsor Ocado, honour the brands, organisations and people behind the UK's organic industry.

The finalists are being announced at a time when the UK's organic market has shown exceptional growth and is significantly outperforming non-organic with the market growing 7.3% in 2024 with total sales of £3.7bn, double what they were just 10 years ago (2014 - £1.86bn) according to Soil Association Certification's [2025 Organic Market Report](#).

John Miller, Food and Farming Manager at The Farm, said: *"We are incredibly proud of the growers and volunteers on our own fields, as well as the other local farms we support, who do a fantastic job in growing great quality, organic produce that is good for nutrition, better for the planet, and frankly the best for taste, too! Thanks must go to all of the staff and volunteers involved with The Farm, as well to all our customers who choose to buy from our online shop."*

The BOOM Award winners will be announced at the BOOM Awards ceremony on Thursday, 10th July 2025 at Paintworks, Bristol, home of the Soil Association, hosted by TV personality Andy Clarke.



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