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McInnis, and Troup,

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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 Rector, the Rev Dr Ian Mills

Dear Friends,

The month of November is traditionally associated with Remembrance. The falling leaves, the ever-shorter days and the approach of winter all speak to us of things coming to an end. In our village churches we will pause to remember on several occasions during November as we do often in our prayers throughout the year. We will pause, reflect, and give thanks to God for those who have gone before us and that have now been entrusted to God's eternal care.

This season of Remembrance begins with All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day when we celebrate the great company of the faithful departed in heaven. In the letter to the Hebrews, the writer reminds us that 'we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses' (Hebrews 12:1) and these saints (whether famous or unknown) now encourage us to 'run with perseverance the race set before us' knowing that the same God who sustained them also walks beside us.

Later in the month we will pause again to mark Remembrance Sunday and call to mind those who lost their lives in two World Wars and in subsequent conflicts. We do this not to glorify war, but to seek peace and consolation and to commit ourselves afresh to building a world of peace and justice.

Christians believe that remembrance is not just about looking back. It should be something that shapes how we live now. In remembering God's faithfulness to past generations we can find strength to meet the challenges of today.

So this November, let us give thanks for those we have loved and lost, honour the sacrifice of others, and renew our trust in the God who holds past, present, and future in his hands
Yours in Christ.



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. This month:

Wednesday 5th November 2025
St Katharine's, Felton at 10.30am
Wednesday 19th November 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)



Baby & Toddler Group 'Tuesday Tots' in Chew Stoke

You are welcome to join our new Baby & Toddler group 'Tuesday Tots' in St Andrew's 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: 11th & 25th November

NEW! Mind and Spirit Care Cafe



Our monthly Care Café for those experiencing conditions affecting memory and those who care for them will be held on

Wednesday 12th November

This will be a relaxed space to enjoy conversation and offer mutual support with free refreshments.

Care Café opens from 10.30am in Felton Village Hall.

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



Our next All-age Worship 'Sunday First' will be held in St Andrew's, Chew Stoke on Sunday 2nd November beginning at 10.00am with refreshments and a craft activity, followed by worship from 10.15am. All are welcome!



Service of Remembrance for Loved Ones Departed

A special All Souls' **Service of Remembrance** for departed loved ones will be held on **Sunday 2nd November** at **4.00pm** in **St Andrew's, Chew Stoke**. This is an opportunity for the families of those who have been bereaved in recent years to remember their loved one by being present at this gentle service of music, readings and prayers, and by lighting a candle. You are most welcome to attend.

Remembrance Sunday 9th November

An Act of Remembrance will be observed at all our services in our group of parishes on Remembrance Sunday. We will pause to remember those who lost their lives in two World Wars and in subsequent conflicts and to pray for peace in our world.

In Chew Stoke there will be a joint service in Chew Stoke Methodist Chapel beginning at 10.30am.



Armistice Day, Tuesday 11th November

An Act of Remembrance will be held in St Andrew's, Chew Stoke on Armistice Day, beginning at 10.45am.



Advent Carols & Christingle

The beginning of the season of Advent will be marked with a special service of Carols, Readings and Christingles on Sunday 30th November at 3.30pm in St Mary's, Nempnett Thrubwell.

Come along and join us for this beautiful service by candlelight.

St Andrew's Charity Soup Lunch

on Wednesday 5th November 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.





This month all proceeds will go to
Barton Camp, a holiday camp for disadvantaged children.
Last month £266.50 was donated to
the Carpenters Foodbank at the Withywood Centre

Community Choir



The next Community Choir rehearsal will be held on Wednesday 12th November at 7.00pm in Winford Church.

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.

St Andrew`s Chew Stoke - new or experienced bell ringers wanted!

Bell Ringing instruction offered for anyone interested in keeping the bells of St Andrew's ringing.

This is a valued and worthwhile skill to have. You can stick to the basics needed to ring rounds and simple call changes, or you can progress to more complicated methods if you wish.

This is an opportunity for younger students who may wish to learn this skill as part of a Duke of Edinburgh Award, but all ages welcome. Instruction is available at Winford ,Ubley and Clutton, but ideally 2 or 3 would start together at a learning hub like Backwell where they can learn the basics with fellow beginners and then progress to join in at other towers and eventually be the ones to get the Chew Stoke bells ringing again!

Contact hazelwedlake@gmail.com to be put in touch with our local instructors.

Fran's news

It was announced on Sunday 19 October that I will be finishing my curacy here in Chew Valley West at the beginning of March as I leave to take up the post of priest-in-charge of Eyam with Foolow, Baslow, Curbar and Stoney Middleton in the Diocese of Derby. These villages are northwest of Bakewell in the Peak District, and Eyam (pronounced Eem) is famous as the 'plague village' where the villagers cut themselves off from the surrounding area to stop the plague from spreading.

I am immensely grateful to Ian, and to all of you, for your time, encouragement and enthusiasm as you have shared in my training.

You are invited to a TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday November 29th 10a.m. - 12.00 p.m.
At Chew Stoke Village Hall
Featuring local crafts and goodies
(toys, cards, flowers, bakes, preserves)
plus coffee and home made cakes
To book a table (£15) hazelwedlake@gmail
or 01275 332 812
Proceeds towards Church heating.

St.Andrew's Churchyard. Another season draws to a close and a big THANK YOU is due to all our volunteers.

Their regular attention to our churchyard is much appreciated by all who visit graves of their loved ones or attend services, weddings and funerals. Chris and Linda still come from Keynsham. Nigel and Pete are so enthusiastic and they are also responsible for the great work done by the Stoke Inn team. Without them, professional gardeners would have to be employed. The church simply cannot afford that, so we might end up with a jungle!

We have all been doing this very satisfying task for many years and must look to the future. A couple of new younger volunteers really are needed now. Just a patch, in your own time, when the sun shines!

Do get in touch with me if you feel you could devote a little time to your community.

Anne Summers. Coordinator. 07974088117.

November Services

	Sunday 2 November All Saints'	Sunday 9 November The Third Sunday before Advent – Remembrance Sunday	Sunday 16 November The Second Sunday before Advent	Sunday 23 November Christ the King	Sunday 30 November The First Sunday of Advent
CHEW STOKE St Andrew	10.00am Sunday First 4.00pm Service of Remembrance for Loved Ones Departed	[Service of Remembrance at Methodist Chapel]	6.30pm Evensong		
NEMPNETT THRUBWELL The Blessed Virgin Mary		9.30am Eucharist			3.30pm Advent Carol Service with Christingles
FELTON St Katharine		11.00am Eucharist		9.00am Eucharist	11.00am Eucharist
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 for All Souls	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)		6.30pm Evensong VEN TONY WILDS	
BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity		10.30am Morning Worship MRs SANDRA EDGERTON	10.30am Eucharist		

St Andrews November Duty Rota

Flowers: Altar & Lady Chapel: 2nd Liz W. 9th Ruth D L. 16th & 23rd: Liz W & Cynthia

Cleaning & Brass: Cynthia T & Liz W

Sunday 2nd 10.00am Sunday First Sheila & Cynthia

4pm Service of Remembrance Sidespeople: Cynthia & Clare

Readers: Sue & Jerry Revelation 21: 1-7 John 14: 1-6,27

Sunday 16th 6.30pm Evensong

Sidespeople: Jessica & Lindsey

Readers: Liz W & Andrew Malachi 4: 1-2a Luke 21: 5-19

Nempnett November Duty Rota

Sunday 9th November 9.30am Remembrance Day. Cleaning - Rosemary Porter,

Reader - Hugo King

Sunday 30th November 3.30pm Advent Carols & Christingle. Cleaning Nick Houlton

COFFEE MORNING in aid of The Salvation Army

Saturday 1st November 10-12pm

At The Village Hall, Pilgrims Way.

Come and join us for coffee/tea and homemade cakes.

We are going to fill Xmas bags for adults to be given to them following their Xmas day lunch. We will have the bags for sale and some goods to buy.

There will be a raffle.

Entry £3 for adults £1 for children Mel Jameson (07702989925)



CHEW STOKE AMDRAM PRESENTS A COMEDY MASH-UP:

"GOD BLESS BARRY!" 7:30pm on 14th & 15th November Chew Stoke Village Hall

If you're a fan of The Vicar of Dibley, Father Ted or Gavin and Stacey, you'll love this comedy "mash-up" put together by the Chew Stoke AmDram team that brought you the now legendary 'Allo Fawlty Fools mashup.

This will be a one-hour performance following a delicious 2-course set meal, (Veg option available). £20 per person to include main course & dessert, with pay bar. To order tickets, please email your requirements to:

godblessbarrycsad@gmail.com

(Please state if any veg options required.)

"The funniest show I've ever seen!", "I was laughing out loud", "What a show!", are all things people in the West End might say, if they saw it!

Profits will be going to charity, including South West Air Ambulance.

Get your tickets soon as selling fast!



BARN DANCE in The Church Hall, Chew Magna on 8th November from 7pm to 10:30pm

This Barn Dance with live music and caller Dave Francis will be open to all ages.

A traditional fun Barn Dance/Ceilidh!

Ticket, £15, includes Light Supper. Bar available. Tickets from the Post Office, Chew Magna.

Chew Stoke Village Hall Presents

Christmas Cheer

December 6th 7.30pm

Please join us for Christmas entertainment (always unique!), a delicious two course meal and festive carols all at £15 per person.



This is a chance for all villagers and friends to get together at the start of the festive season. If you are new to the village, or just to this annual event, you are warmly welcomed! The organisers very much hope that the power stays on, unlike last year when it failed an hour beforehand but we managed to carry on in candlelight which was atmospheric albeit

slightly stressful! To order your tickets either contact one of the committee

or contact us via ChewStokeCommunity@gmail.com

Ho! Ho! Ho!

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

Local Plan Options Consultation open

You may have heard that the B&NES Local Plan Options Consultation is now open until 14th November. Central Government has set new mandatory housing targets for all councils. In doing so the target for B&NES has more than doubled, in response B&NES have reset their Local Plan preparation. Some villages in the Chew Valley have been allocated new housing over the next 25 years, Chew Stoke has been allocated a target of 20-30 houses. The plan is also considering service, infrastructure and employment opportunities, and B&NES really want to hear your views, please use the following link:

B&NES Local Plan Options Consultation

IS NOW OPEN

from 3rd October until the 14th November



Your chance to have your say about additional housing in the village, please get involved now

The Local Plan website is at: https://bathnesplaces.co.uk/localplan/

> <u>Drop in Session in Chew Stoke</u> <u>Friday 24th October 3-4.30pm</u>

The Options document, information on the consultation events being held across Bath and North East Somerset and how to comment are available on the website linked above. Paper copies of the Options document and Executive Summary are also available at our One Stop Shops & librariles.

If residents have queries relating to the Local Plan Options consultation please email us at <u>local_plan@bathnes.gov.uk</u>

To find out to know more and/or comment, use https://bathnesplaces.co.uk/localplan/

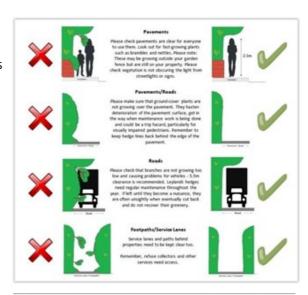
Please cut back any overgrown hedges now

While the Parish Council maintains some roadside verges and hedges, many areas which need maintenance are the responsibility of local landowners and residents. This is a polite reminder that you are required by law to cut back any foliage, hedge, tree or other protruding matter to your boundary line (wall or fence) to a height of 5 metres where the boundary abuts a public highway and 2 metres where it abuts a pavement.

Please report anti-social road users

The Parish Council continues to work with A&S Police and B&NES to tackle the anti-social car and bike speeding, racing and meets in the valley. Please continue to report to A&S Police via 999 or 101, (or online).

Next Meeting: Thursday 6th November in the Village Hall



Are you worried about antisocial road users, e.g. speeding, pulling wheelies & racing around the lake?



What can you do?

- ✓ DO NOT intervene yourself!
- ✓ DO report every incident

Call 999 if there is risk to life Call 101 for any other incidents

Report online https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/

- Send any dashcam footage to the police
 The police will prosecute on your dashcam footage alone if it
 shows speeding/dangerous driving & a reg. number
- ✓ Tell the Chew Valley Lake Road Action Group Report online https://form.jotform.com/251804578404055
- Join Chew Valley Lake Road Action Group! (A new WhatsApp group formed by residents who live near the "lake circuit" and are personally affected. Send your contact details to our Parish Clerk for an introduction)

Actions are already being taken:

- The Chew Valley parishes & our three B&NES ward councillors are meeting regularly with the police, who are making this a priority issue
- The police speed camera is already visiting the Valley much more often.
 The police are regulate section and units in response to calls about section.
- The police are regularly sending out units in response to calls about road racing & dangerous driving or riding
- The police have already issued Section 59 notices (repeated dangerous / antisocial behavior can lead to seizure & even destruction of motorbikes/cars)
- We are likely to see a greater police presence, especially around Heron's Green and the police are considering using Section 38 dispersal powers to force antisocial bikers or boy racers to leave the Chew Valley

West Harptree Parish Council clerk@westharptreeparishcouncil.co.uk

SCHOOL NEWS



Chew Stoke Church School is a Single Academy Trust admitting children from 4-11 years of age. In creating a secure, happy and vibrant environment within our small school, where everyone knows each other, we aim to nurture and develop each child's potential and talents, so when they leave us at the end of Year 6, they do so with high levels of self-confidence, self-esteem and a set of values which will equip them to deal with the future.

Our values are based on mutual respect, tolerance and consideration towards others and within our community each child finds his or her unique place. Whilst we achieve outstanding academic results, enabling our pupils to move on with confidence at the age of 11 to the senior school of their choice, we believe education is about far more than examinations; our children learn to become part of a community, they develop confidence, their own opinions and an understanding of the modern world.

We also provide a broad programme of extra-curricular activities including: Choir, Drama, Sailing, Skiing, Art, Climbing, Korean, Netball and Football.

The school has a trained Forest School Leader and regular sessions are held in the school grounds and in the local area. We also have a trained Thrive practitioner who provides pastoral and well-being support across the school.

The school prides itself on its sporting achievements and holds the PE Platinum Award, we are also one of only a handful of schools in the South West to be awarded the Platinum Modeshift Stars Award, the highest accolade for excellence in promoting walking, cycling and other forms of sustainable travel. We have recently been awarded the accolade of Modeshift Stars Primary School of the Year 2025.

The school received a glowing report from Ofsted in 2024, the report can be viewed on the the school's website. At the last SIAMS inspection the school achieved the highest grading of 'excellence' in all areas. The school's Breakfast Club and Out of School Club offer wrap around care from 7.30am to 6pm.

If you are a prospective parent we warmly invite you to come and spend some time with us, meet our pupils and staff, and discover for yourself just how enriching life at Chew Stoke Church School can be. You can arrange a personal tour by contacting our Office on 01275 332354 or email us: office@chewstokeacademy.org.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Gadget Busters here to help with any IT problems

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!

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

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

November 12th @ The Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke December 10th @ The Queens, Chew Magna



The Arts Society Mendip

Talks begin at 11.00am in Croscombe Village Hall (and usually simultaneously via Zoom – a link will be sent to members and guests). Guests are welcome (up to a maximum of 3 lectures in a season) for £10.

More information, details of membership and our full programme are available on our website - www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk

Tuesday 4th November

Bess of Hardwick and Hardwick Hall. Dr Gillian White will examine Bess's story, her rising status, her association with Mary Queen of Scots, her many husbands and her royal aspirations. She will also look at Hardwick Hall, a fine example of Elizabethan creativity, magnificence and pride.

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 13th when Rosemary Legrand will give a zoom talk on 'Gardens of Bhutan'.

The competition will be for Autumn Foliage.



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 27th November ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN Cert 15

To mark the passing of Hollywood legend Robert Redford the Film Club is delighted to screen All The President's Men - Dustin Hoffman and Robert Redford star as The Washington Post reporters Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward who uncover the details of the Watergate scandal that leads to President Richard Nixon's resignation. This classic film won 4 oscars and is not to be missed.

Doors/Bar open at 7.00pm



Avon Wildlife Trust - Chew Valley Group:

Thursday 27th November

"AVON NEEDS TREES – Landscape Recovery in the Lower Chew".

Illustrated talk by Vicki Cracknell from ANT about their latest largescale project for Landscape Recovery in the Lower Chew.

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

JUMBLE SALE for Avon Wildlife Trust, Old School Room Chew Magna Saturday 10th January 2026



In October, members enjoyed hearing local artist Martin Bentham and seeing two of his large detailed countryside oil paintings.

The characters' expressions and the texture of foliage in the pictures were such that you could have been at the



scene yourself when it was painted. Martin told us how his life had been shaped by his love of painting, and how he captures now bygone rural scenes and characters, exploring the texture of flowers and trees and still finding new ways of using oils to create different effects.

Members were reminded to book a place for the Christmas dinner on Monday 1st December at Chew Kitchen.

It has been suggested we knit or crochet poppies to display at the old telephone "Happy Box" for Remembrance Sunday. Patterns are available from Debbie, Hazel, Jessica or Flaine

A skittles team was raised to play a social game with Bishop Sutton on Tuesday 28th October at The Stoke Inn.

Next month's meeting is the **AGM on Wednesday November 19**th **7.30p.m. at Chew Stoke Hall**, followed by a lighthearted quiz.

Further info: Chew Stoke WI < chewstokewi@avonfwi.org.uk or Hazel Wedlake 01275 332 812

Curry Lunch Event Thursday 13th November

The Chew Valley Branch of the RNLI is holding the popular Curry Lunch again this year, at the Ubley Parish Hall, BS40 6PN, and we are looking forward to welcoming supporters to our event, when the doors open at 12 noon. The curry main course is served with the usual accompaniments (vegetarian option is available) and is followed by a choice of delicious home made desserts. We will have a cash bar with a choice of beer, wines and soft drinks.

We will run our usual raffle with some great prizes and RNLI Portishead will be on hand with Christmas cards. We have held our price over the last two years but have reluctantly had to increase the price this year to £17.50 pp.

Please support our event and book your places by applying to

rnlichewvalley@gmail.com,



Chew Valley Country Market "Christmas Special" will be held on Friday 28th November at The Lower Old School Room, Chew Magna 9.30 - 11a.m. Xmas bakes, a variety of craft, Smokehouse products and organic vegetables plus Hamper Raffle in aid of Dorothy House. Mince pies and coffee.

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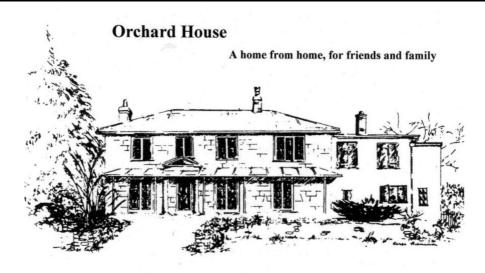
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