

## St Andrew's, Chew Stoke - Facilities & Features

The most noticeable feature of the church is the 156 angels that look down from the ceiling and walls, some in plaster and others in wood. They contribute to the light and airy feeling of the church.

There are three beautiful stained glass windows:

- ⑩ the east window depicts the life of St Andrew's
- ⑩ the west window depicts the early life of Jesus
- ⑩ the south window depicts St George and commemorates the dead of WW2

The Lady Chapel was dedicated to St Wilgefortis, a Portuguese Christian princess, who it is said prayed for God to make her repulsive to her future husband so she could avoid the marriage. Miraculously, when she awoke she had sprouted a beard!

The organ is a two manual Vowles organ dated 1883; it has recently been refurbished and is in excellent condition.

The acoustics are excellent for small group music - and the atmosphere, being situated away from the main roads, is quiet & peaceful.

The tower has a ring of six bells including three Bilbie bells, including the oldest Bilbie bell still in use; a retired Bilbie bell and a linked clock which used to hang in the belfry are displayed in the north aisle of the church.

### Facilities

- ⑩ Accessible toilet
- ⑩ Kitchen to make drinks and cold snacks
- ⑩ Two disabled parking spaces outside the church
- ⑩ Wheelchair access from the car park
- ⑩ Wheelchair available in the porch
- ⑩ Large print hymn books & service sheets
- ⑩ Hearing loop
- ⑩ Guidebook & notes
- ⑩ Reference file giving names & locations of churchyard interments

The church is normally open during day-light hours; refreshments are available on a self service basis for visitors.