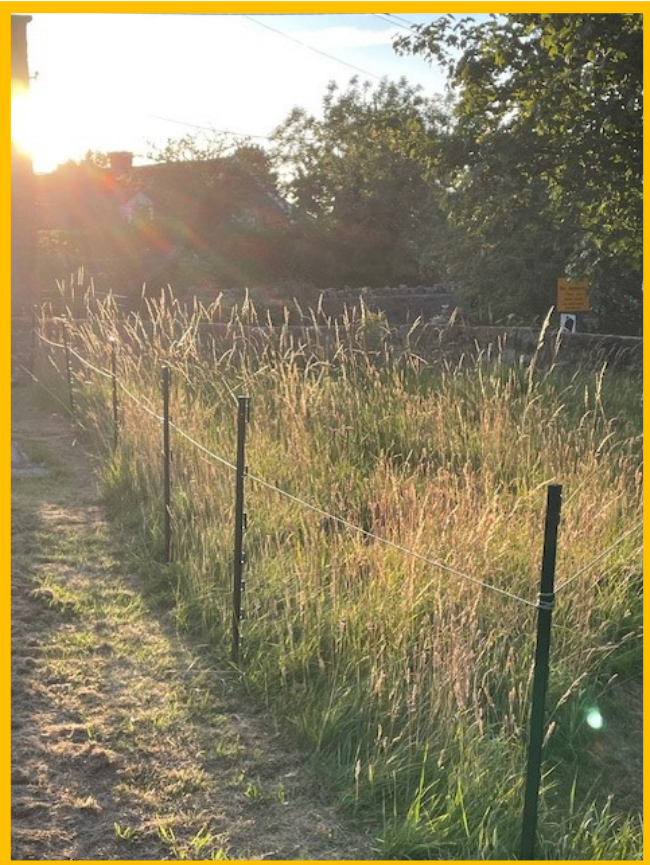


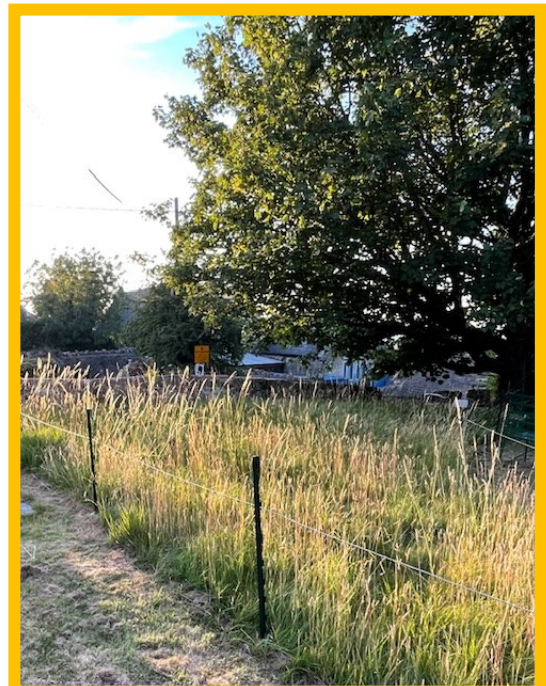
DUNDRY CHURCH NEWS

AUGUST 2025



We have received a kind donation of stakes for the meadow area in the top churchyard, which makes it look much tidier

Thank you to those of you who helped tidy the top churchyard on the 8th July



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WANTED

Second hand Natural History Books



Adults and children's books in resaleable condition to raise funds at the Chew Valley Nature Photography Festival

Please leave books in the baptistery at St Andrew's, Chew Magna, or contact rectorcve@gmail.com



Dundry Church Tower will be open on these last dates for 2025

**2nd August & 6th September
10am -12pm
(weather permitting)**

TOWER HEALTH & SAFETY REGULATIONS

**Due to the steep narrow access to the Tower the following points
should be observed –**

- **No high heels or flip flops**
- **Only children aged 8 and over are allowed up the Tower, and they must be accompanied by a responsible adult**
- **No children under the age of 8, this also includes babies in slings**
 - **No rucksacks, large shoulder or hand bags**
- **It can be windy and cold at the top so you are advised to wear a jumper/coat**

**Only 6 people allowed at the top of the tower at any one time,
plus 2 volunteers**

**Please respect our Health & Safety Regulations as they are there to
protect you**

**Suggested Donation
ADULTS £2 and CHILDREN (AGED 8 – 16) £1**

**Dundry Church is registered with
the
Parish Giving Scheme,
which allows you to give a one off
or regular donation
to this church,**



**Please use the QR for
your donation,
Thank you**

Forthcoming Events at Dundry Church

5th October Harvest Festival 3.30pm with
Cider and Sausage Rolls

29th November Christmas Fair
with the Salvation Army Band

18th January 2026 Organ Recital by James Baker
Followed with Cakes, puddings
& hot drinks

Your Parish Church in Chew Valley East

lakesidegroup.org.uk

Services for August 2025

	3 rd August Trinity 7	10 th August Trinity 8	17 th August Trinity 9	24 th August Trinity 10	31 st August Trinity 11
Chew Magna		10.00am Group Service Holy Communion Revd Richard Greatrex			10.00am Group Service Holy Communion Revd Richard Greatrex
Dundry	10.00am Group Service Holy Communion Revd Richard Greatrex				
Norton Malreward				10.00am Group Service Holy Communion Revd Richard Greatrex	
Stanton Drew			10.00am Patronal Holy Communion Revd Richard Greatrex		

Tower Café @ Dundry

Held in the church

Saturday 2nd August

10.30am-12.30pm



With money raised from the Cafes the Church was able to buy a book for each of the Year 6 Leavers at Dundry Primary School.

Thank you for your continued support



- Exhibition of winning photographs
- Display of all entries
- 2026 Chew Valley Calendar
- Tea, cake and refreshments
- Musical interludes
- Local conservation organisations
- Stalls including second hand wildlife book sales

CHEW VALLEY NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY FESTIVAL WEEKEND

St Andrew's Church, Chew Magna
Saturday 13 September, 10am-5pm
Sunday 14 September, 11am-4pm

**Sunday 14 September,
10am**

Festival Service

*of poems, readings, songs music
and prayer, celebrating the
biodiversity of the Chew Valley
with prize giving to the
winners of the competition*



From the Parish Registers

26th July

**The marriage of
Stevie Jane Rudge
&
*Leigh Anthony Johnson***



Dundry Primary School Year 6 Leavers

On the 7th July we welcomed the Year 6 leavers from Dundry Primary School to the church for a tour of the tower and ringing chamber where they each had the chance to ring one of the church bells.

Then on the July 17th the church was full for the leavers service, with parents, teachers and all the pupils from the school, hear the leavers tell us their memories.

The leavers were presented with a Bible from the school and a book about starting secondary school from the church. We wish them well in their new schools

Reading An Interrupted Life: The Diaries and Letters of Etty Hillesum, 1941-43

while the Israeli Defence Force was simultaneously laying waste to Gaza and attacking Iran was a disconcerting experience. Born in Holland in 1914, Etty was a highly intelligent, vivacious and perceptive daughter of intellectual Dutch Jewish parents. One of her brothers was an extremely talented concert pianist. Her diaries are immensely vivid, thoughtful, spiritual, searching and open, even as they chart the closing down of Jewish life in Holland by the invading Nazis. Etty and her family were all murdered in Auschwitz at the end of 1943.

Etty sees clearly the squeezing out of life, the piecemeal removal of rights and dignity, the dehumanising of her fellow Jews and their transportation to the death camps. She is sanguine, accepting that this is also her fate, turning down opportunities to escape. However, she is never angry, because she believes that to hate her oppressor makes her no better than them. Throughout it all she continues to read, in various languages, many books, especially her beloved Rilke and the Bible – all of it. She takes much inspiration and consolation from the Gospels and the writings of St Paul, and her openness to a faith not limited by labels of Jew or Christian is simply breathtaking. Every day she looks for beauty, in her garden, the countryside, her friends, in the German soldiers she meets, and she relishes little acts of kindness.

The utterly degrading brutality she documents, the randomness of death, the vicious efficiency of the concentration camps, are intensely painful reminders of why the Jewish people in Israel are determined to use every means in their power not to fall prey to bullies and aggressors. At the same time, Etty's writings make it crystal clear that following a path of hate and treating others as they have treated you is not only immoral, it also diminishes, perhaps irrevocably, the humanity of all involved. It leads to death of both body and spirit.

Etty found a way to transcend the terror she was thrust into. Her ability to keep looking for goodness and beauty, even in the darkest of places is open to us all. There are no simple answers to the immense complexity of the Middle Eastern conflict, but searching for the humanity in all those involved might be a worthwhile place to start.

Richard Greatrex