

# Dundry Church News

## September 2025



### Views from the Tower

Dundry Church Tower  
will be open for the last  
time in 2025 on the  
6<sup>th</sup> September  
10am - 12pm  
(weather permitting)

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### WEB PAGES

**Chew Valley East** - [www.lakesidegroup.org.uk](http://www.lakesidegroup.org.uk)

**Facebook** - [www.facebook.com/ChewValleyEastCofEChurches](http://www.facebook.com/ChewValleyEastCofEChurches)

**YouTube** - [www.youtube.com/channel/UCQ7Hp6zU\\_3YbxuzDV7aq78w](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQ7Hp6zU_3YbxuzDV7aq78w)

## From The Parish Registers



23rd August

The Marriage of  
Paige Eddolls  
&  
Daniel Percy



13th August

Interment of Ashes  
  
Edward (Ted) Hare

## **All Nature has a Feeling**

*All nature has a feeling: woods, fields, brooks  
Are life eternal; and in silence they  
Speak happiness beyond the reach of books;  
There's nothing mortal in them; their decay  
Is the green life of change; to pass away  
And come again in blooms revived.  
Its birth was heaven, eternal is its stay,  
And with the sun and moon shall still abide  
Beneath their day and night and heaven wide.*

Early nineteenth century poet John Clare, author of these words, was closely attuned to the life of the land, lamenting the loss of both species and our connection with nature brought about the Enclosure Acts and agricultural industrialisation. Knowing his patch intimately, his many verses expressively and observantly articulate the complex interweaving of humanity and creation. Clare suffered this environmental depredation so keenly that it contributed to a breakdown of his mental health. As he experienced new industries working against nature rather than with it, so he felt in his bones a debilitating spiritual disconnection from the land washing through the population.

Richard Brock was, like John Clare, a close observer of nature and critic of our tendency to tread on, rather than in it. However, his chosen tool for drawing this to our attention was a TV camera. So, it is fitting that this year's Chew Valley Nature Photography Festival (12-14 September), which celebrates the remarkable biodiversity of our parishes, opens with a Friday night preview and premiere of Pete Brownlee's new film *Richard Brock: A Life Devoted to Nature*. Over the weekend St Andrew's Church will be full of amazing photographs taken locally, along with stalls, displays, children's craft, musical performances and much more to help strengthen our connections with the natural world.

John Clare believed in the resilience of nature, visible in the resurgence of British butterflies this year following the emergency caused by 2024's wet spring. He also understood, long before the current crop of wildlife writers, the restorative power of nature for our own mental and spiritual health. We hope to welcome you to the Festival where perhaps you may also sense the 'green life of change' and come away revived.

## **Chew Valley Nature Photography Festival in St Andrew's Church**

Friday 12 September: Festival Preview opens at 7.00pm with the Chew Valley Handbell Ringers followed by the premiere of *Richard Brock: A Life Devoted to Nature*.

Saturday 13 September: Festival open from 10.00am until 5.00pm.

Sunday 14 September: Festival Service with Bishop Michael, the Bishop of Bath and Wells 10.00am; Festival open from 11.00am until 4.00pm.

*Richard Greatrex*

**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**

**Harvest Festival Foodbank Collection**

**Saturday 4th October at the Café  
10.30am-12.30pm**

**or**

**Sunday 5th October  
at the Harvest Festival Service  
3.30pm**



***We will be receiving donations of  
non perishable goods & toiletries to be  
distributed by The Salvation Army***



# Tower Café @ Dundry

Held in the church

Weather permitting  
the tower will be open

10am-12pm

Saturday 6th September

10.30am-12.30pm

# Your Parish Church in Chew Valley East

*lakesidegroup.org.uk*

## Services for September 2025

	7 <sup>th</sup> September Trinity 12	14 <sup>th</sup> September Trinity 13	21 <sup>st</sup> September Trinity 14	28 <sup>th</sup> September St Michael	5 <sup>th</sup> October Trinity 16
<b>Chew Magna</b>	11.00am Morning Worship  Lay Led	10.00am  Photography Festival Service  Revd Richard Greatrex	8.00am  Holy Communion (BCP)  Revd Richard Greatrex		11.00am Morning Worship  Lay Led
<b>Dundry</b>	9.30am  Half Hour Said Holy Communion  Revd Richard Greatrex		9.30am  Half Hour Morning Worship  Ruth Day	10.00am  Patronal Holy Communion  Revd Richard Greatrex	3.30pm Harvest Festival  Revd Richard Greatrex
<b>Norton Malreward</b>			10.00am  Morning Worship  Margaret Marshall		
<b>Stanton Drew</b>	8.00am  Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Richard Greatrex		10.00am  Morning Worship 10.30am  Saplings Craft Activities 11.00am Saplings  Revd Richard Greatrex		8.00am  Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Richard Greatrex

# Festival Weekend 13-14 September

Saturday 13, 10.00am – 5.00pm

Sunday 14, 11.00am – 4.00pm

Preview event Friday 12, 7.00pm

**FREE ENTRY**



Nature Photography Festival



© Jill Toman. Overall winner, 2024 competition

## Festival Service

Poems, readings, music and prayer celebrating the biodiversity of the Chew Valley

Sunday 14, 10.00am

Guest speaker:

**The Bishop of Bath and Wells  
Prize-giving**

- ❖ Gallery exhibition of winners
- ❖ Display of all entries
- ❖ 2026 Chew Valley Calendar
- ❖ Premiere of new film about Richard Brock at Friday's preview event
- ❖ Children's craft and face painting
- ❖ Conservation organisations displays
- ❖ Bookstalls and card sales
- ❖ Refreshments
- ❖ Live music, including guest sets from the Chew Valley Handbell Ringers, Old Pops and the Minstrels Recorder Group

**St Andrew's Church, Chew Magna**

## Future Events at Dundry Church

**5<sup>th</sup> October**

**3.30pm Harvest Festival**

followed with cider and sausage rolls.

**29<sup>th</sup> November**

**1pm-3.30pm Christmas Fair**  
with a Salvation Army Band

**8<sup>th</sup> December 7pm**  
Carol Service

**13<sup>th</sup> December 4pm**  
Blue Christmas

**24<sup>th</sup> December 2pm**  
Crib Service

**2026**

**18<sup>th</sup> January Organ Recital**  
with James Baker

## Visit of Bishop Michael to Chew Valley East

On 14-15 September Bishop Michael will be spending two days in our benefice. This is part of a process whereby the senior leadership of the Diocese gets to know each benefice better, see how the parishes and personnel work together, understand more clearly some of our issues and concerns, celebrate the positives, assess the ministry team and discern how they might best support us. It is intended that Bishop Michael will visit each of our four parishes to experience a flavour of our life, diversity, hospitality and discipleship in this unique corner of the Diocese.

*Richard Greatrex*

# 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](mailto:rectorcve@gmail.com)*