

Dundry Church News

April 2026



5th April
Easter Sunday
7.00am

Sunrise Service in the Churchyard
(lasts about 20minutes)

Hot drinks and Croissants will be served in the
church afterwards

By the time that Spanish nun Egeria made her pilgrimage to Jerusalem in 381CE the pattern for Holy Week services had been established. Egeria participated in the liturgies for these days at the hour and in the place the Gospels record. Spending Good Friday on the site of Golgotha, the hill where Jesus was executed, and the dawn of Easter Sunday in the place recognised as the garden tomb added extra layers of meaning and immediacy to her worship. Even today in our rural English parish churches, as we follow the same pattern, these intense services full of symbolism resonate with surprising energy. They lead us from the sombre hospitality of Maundy Thursday's Last Supper, where Jesus demonstrates the servant nature of leadership by washing his disciples feet, to his betrayal, trial, abuse and state sanctioned killing on Good Friday, then into Holy Saturday's empty hours of burial and waiting before culminating in the trembling resurrection joy of Easter.

There may be fewer Spanish nuns experiencing Easter in Jerusalem in 2026 than there were in 381. With violent destruction flaming the region, thousands murdered, made homeless, stateless, denied food, medicine, justice or dignity, the Easter celebrations of Middle Eastern Christians will be muted. Yet evidence from past years is that the joy of Easter will not be entirely missing from their worship because in the message of the empty tomb – that death, hatred and ignorance can be upended and transformed – lies the hope that new life, new peace and just, respectful new relationships are possible.

Easter only becomes effective once the disciples step out beyond divides of gender, class and nationality to share it universally. Peace is only possible when people cross barriers to engage in hard, sacrificial work. Small actions can seed great change. As we take delight and strength from the eastering of Spring in birdsong, bud and blossom across the Chew Valley, perhaps we might explore how, even from this distance, whether by lobbying governments, ethical buying, prayer, refuting misinformation or charitable giving, we can be peacemakers and hope bringers to places of conflict near and far.

Egeria wrote a dairy of her travels. To see how her Jerusalem experiences relate to our worship today please pick up a copy of our *Guide to Holy Week*, which you will find in all our churches (or email me and I will send you a pdf copy).

Easter blessings

Richard Greatrex



SPONSOR A LILY

in memory of
a loved one.

These will be displayed in the
church for Easter.

£5.00 each.

Please contact Jane Swyer

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Plant Sale / Swap

Saturday 2nd May

10.30am-1.00pm

At Dundry Church

Come along and enjoy
delicious cakes,
sandwiches, savouries and
hot drinks



Easter Raffle

tickets £1 each

to be drawn on the 4th April

**at the Tower Café
in the Church.**



**EASTER TOWER CAFÉ
@ DUNDRY**

held in the Church

Saturday 4th April

10.30am-12.30pm

Easter Raffle

Easter Lilies to view

Cake & Sweet Sale

**Hot Drinks & Delicious Cakes
and other stalls**





FREE

led by local bird expert
Andy Davis
around Chew Valley Lake,
Friday 17 April
6.00am start,
finishing at 8.00am
with a light breakfast



For further information, or to book a place,
please email: chewvalleynpf@gmail.com
or call: 01275 461179

*places limited, booking required,
walk subject to weather conditions*



September 11-13, 2026

The Third Annual
Chew Valley Nature Photography Festival

FULL RULES are found
on the festival website.

Three age groups:
Adults; Year 7 to 18yrs;
Year 6 and under.

Five Categories:
Plants and fungi; Birds;
Animals; Landscapes;
Human impact on the
environment.

New: A one-minute length
film on any aspect of Chew
Valley wildlife.



Website details:
<https://chewvalleynpf.wordpress.com/>



A Brief Guide to Holy Week

Palm Sunday

The Sunday before Easter. Celebrating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey as a leader who serves. Observed with palm branches, sometimes a donkey, and by listening to the events this action triggers.



Maundy Thursday

The Thursday before Easter. Commemorates Jesus' final meal with his companions – the Last Supper – that looks back into his people's past and forward into our future. Observed by washing feet as a sign that we serve each other, and stripping bare the table on which this meal is celebrated.

Good Friday

The Friday before Easter. The day Jesus was killed, nailed to a cross. Observed solemnly with quiet, deep reflection on the painful significance of this moment.



Holy Saturday

The Saturday before Easter. A day of absence and waiting. Jesus is in the tomb, and we consider what the world would be like if it was empty of God, empty of hope.

Easter Sunday

The first Sunday of Eastertide. Celebrating Jesus breaking death's boundaries and rising to new life. A day of great joy and hope that leads into:



Eastertide

The fifty-day season ending with Pentecost. Reflecting on the life of the risen Jesus, and how he gives us energy and faith to build a better future for everyone.

Your Parish Church in Chew Valley East

lakesidegroup.org.uk

Services for April 2026

	5 th April Easter Day	12 th April Easter 2	19 th April Easter 3	26 th April Easter 4	3 rd May Easter 5
Chew Magna	11.00am Holy Communion Revd Richard Greatrex	10.00am Group Service Holy Communion Sister Teresa		8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Richard Greatrex	
Dundry	7.00am Outdoor Sunrise Service followed by breakfast in the church Revd Richard Greatrex		9.30am Coffee & Chat Ruth Day		9.30am Half Hour Holy Communion Revd Richard Greatrex
Norton Malreward	10.00am Morning Worship Ruth Day			10.00am Holy Communion Revd Richard Greatrex	
Stanton Drew	9.00am Holy Communion Revd Richard Greatrex		10.00am Morning Worship 10.30am Saplins Crafts 11.00am Saplins Revd Richard Greatrex		8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Richard Greatrex

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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**

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