

Dundry Church News

September 2026

Summer at St Michael's



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One of the stand out submissions in September's Chew Valley Nature Photography Festival is the winning entry in the Human Impact category which provides a poignant reminder of the suffering we can cause, often unthinkingly, to other creatures who share our locality.

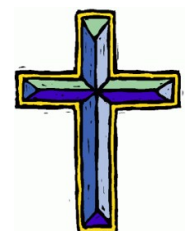
While the ongoing loss of biodiversity in the UK is immense, with 1,500 species at risk of extinction, the National Emergency Briefing film, which has been presented in Chew Magna and Dundry, shows that there is much that we can do to make a difference. The film is hard hitting, but backed up by science, and it shows that when communities work together solutions can be found that bring wider benefits not just to the immediate environment, but around the world. However, what is key here is 'working together', which is why the Briefing is aimed at getting governments on board. For ways that you can get involved, check out the website: <https://www.nebriefing.org/take-action>.

Jesus and his disciples spoke Aramaic, an elliptical, discursive language where words can hold several sometimes conflicting meanings at the same time held in tension by the context of both the sentence and the situation. In the original Aramaic version of the Lord's Prayer every phrase is full of richness and depth. For example, the Aramaic root of the word 'kingdom' speaks of governance and order, while also implying potential fruitfulness and fecundity. The kingdom that we call for when we say the Lord's Prayer is one that allows for the flourishing of the whole environment. It is tied up with a call to justice – 'Give us this day our daily bread', bread for everyone not just me or you; with the work of compassion – 'Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us'; and with ongoing self-examination – 'Lead us not into temptation'. The Aramaic word for 'temptation' has connotations of being diverted from our true purpose, aimlessly windblown, or in today's parlance, doomscrolling.

The Nature Photography Festival is an opportunity to celebrate the wonders of our locality. It is also a reminder that the way we treat the environment has far reaching impact upon the physical, mental and spiritual health of a global web of connected ecologies and communities. When, individually, and through our governments, we seriously and sacrificially address the pressing, long-term causes of climate change we contribute towards a rebalancing of a kingdom that can still be fruitful and sustaining, just and compassionate for all creation.

Richard Greatrex

From the Parish Registers
21st August
Funeral Service Michael Hurford



**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,**

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WEB PAGES

Chew Valley East - chewvalleyeastchurches.org.uk

Facebook - www.facebook.com/ChewValleyEastCofEChurches

YouTube - www.youtube.com/channel/UCQ7Hp6zU_3YbxuzDV7aq78w



A busy Summer at Dundry church; We opened the tower and ringing chamber each month.

The wedding of Terri & Drew.

Summer Theme café with mocktails.

Views of the balloon fiesta from the tower and churchyard.



**Tower Café
@ Dundry
Held in the church**

**Saturday
5th September
10.30am-12.30pm**

Harvest Festival Foodbank Collection

Saturday 3rd October

At the café, 10.30am-12.30pm

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



Dundry Church Tower
your last chance to go to the
top of the tower this year

5th September

10am - 12pm

(If the weather is DRY)

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



September 11-13, 2026

*The Third Annual
Chew Valley Nature Photography Festival*

Festival Weekend

St Andrew's Church, Chew Magna

Friday 11 September, 7pm - 9pm

Saturday 12 September, 10am - 5pm

Sunday 13 September 11am - 4pm



- Exhibition of winning photographs
- Display of all entries
- 2027 Chew Valley Calendar
- Tea, cake and refreshments
- Musical interludes
- Local conservation organisations
- Children's crafts
- Wildlife book sales

**Sunday 13 September,
10am**

Festival Service

*Poems, readings, songs, music and prayer celebrating
the biodiversity of the Chew Valley with prizegiving to
the winners of the competition*

Friday 11 September

**Preview evening
with bar and screening
of the new film
Robin Prytherch:
The Buzzard Man**

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

Forthcoming Events at Dundry Church

28th November
Christmas Fair
with the
Salvation Army Band

17th December
Christmas Music
with
organist James Baker



Prayer Group Meetings

A friendly, monthly Prayer group
organised by members of the
Chew Valley East church family.

The group meets online via Zoom
on Monday mornings at 9.15am.

On the third Monday of each month, it meets at 2.00pm in
St Andrew's Church. The next afternoon meeting will be on:

Monday 21 September (2.00pm - 3.00pm)

All are welcome for this time of prayer, reflection and
conversation.

If you would like to join the Monday morning group, then
please contact Richard for the Zoom login:

rectorcve@gmail.com; 01275 461179; 07345 578545.



LET'S BE SEATED

for an organ concert with James Baker



An hour of familiar music favourites – musicals, film,
classical music and pop songs including a sing-along.

All are welcome to this FREE event.

Please join us at 3:00pm for an informal
musical afternoon. Tea and cake will be served
afterwards at 4:00pm.

All donations will go to the Church to help fund
comfortable replacement stacking chairs for
functions, weddings, funerals, large services, etc.

Please give generously and don't forget to
Gift Aid your donation if you are a taxpayer.



**Saturday, 19 September 2026
at 3:00pm**



**All Saints' Church
Publow Lane, BS39 4HP**



**Free Admission
All are welcome**



**Donations to fund comfortable
replacement stacking chairs**

Services for September 2026

	6 th September Trinity 14	13 th September Trinity 15	20 th September Trinity 16	27 th September Trinity 17	4 th October Trinity 18
Chew Magna		10.00am Festival Service Revd Richard Greatrex			
Dundry	9.30am Half Hour Holy Communion Revd Richard Greatrex		9.30am Half Hour Morning Worship Revd Richard Greatrex	10.00am Group Patronal Festival Communion Revd Richard Greatrex	3.00pm Harvest Celebration Ruth Day
Norton Malreward		10.00am Morning Worship Ruth Day			
Stanton Drew	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Richard Greatrex		10.00am Morning Worship 10.30am Saplings Crafts 11.00am Saplings Ruth Day		8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Richard Greatrex