

Dundry Church News October 2026



AI entrepreneur Sam Altman has calculated that the water required to grow a single almond could have fuelled 38,000 ChatGPT enquiries. There are many ways to factually dispute this figure, but what is more pressing is Altman's underlying assumption that data development is more important than food, that AI is more beneficial than crops and that this justifies its extensive use of land, water, minerals and energy.

Data farming sounds agricultural, and tech certainly has much to offer agriculture in the development of sustainability, the increase of crop yields and the targeted use of resources. However, as we come together across Chew Valley East to celebrate the bringing in of the harvest, we are also aware that a balance needs to be found, one where tech aids the Earth rather than overwhelms it. In Altman's equation, the natural world has no value unless it serves the needs of tech development, and even humans are not necessary if AI can do their work more quickly and more efficiently. Yet, at the root of harvest is a celebration of humanity working with the environment, with Mother Earth, not against her. With skill, ingenuity, experience, luck and resilience, farmers harness the goodness of the soil and bring it to our tables, fuelling our survival and growth.

They also do it with great variety, many agricultural models work, there is no one size fits all, and no two farms are the same. When we taste the harvest loaf we are tasting connection – with the soil where the wheat was grown, with the farmers who harvested the grain, with chemists who cultured the yeast, with the workers who mined the salt, with the engineers who purified the water, with the bakers of the bread, with the lorry drivers distributing the goods, the shop assistant who sold it to us and with those who share it at our tables.

Harvest offers thanksgiving for all these elements and reminds us that bread is not reducible to an algorithm, it is the product of complex, forever shifting organic relationships spanning the globe, and that when we take it for granted we are diminishing the value of much more than a single loaf, we are breaking the connections that ground our responsibilities to the rest of creation.

Richard Greatrex





Christmas Door Decorations £15 each

Proceeds towards the maintenance of the church

**Orders and payment
being taken at the Café on
Saturday 7th November
10.30am –12.30pm
In the church**

**FOR COLLECTION AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR
28TH NOVEMBER 1.00-3.30PM**

**Harvest Tower Café
@ Dundry
Held
in the church
Saturday
3rd October
10.30am-12.30pm**



Harvest 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***





Chew Valley East Family of Churches Harvest Services

4th October, 3.00pm, Dundry Church

**11th October, 10.00am Chew Magna Church
11.30am Norton Malreward Church**

18th October, 9.30am, Stanton Drew Church



Christmas Events at Dundry Church



28th November 1.00-3.30pm

Christmas Fair with a Salvation Army Band

Hot Turkey Rolls, Hamper Raffle, Jane Taylor Florist,
Dundry Sausages, Cakes, Sweets, Jams & Pickles

17th December



Christmas Music Concert
with organist and pianist James Baker
Bar open from 7pm, Concert 7.30pm
Delicious hot & cold puddings
will be available from 8.30pm



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



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Thank you**

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Your Parish Church in Chew Valley East alongside Compton Dando & Publow with Pensford

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Services for October 2026

	4 th October Trinity 18	11 th October Trinity 19	18 th October Luke the Evangelist	25 th October Bible Sunday	1st November All Saints Day
Chew Magna		10.00am Harvest Festival Holy Communion Revd Richard Greatrex		8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Richard Greatrex	11.00am Baptism + Morning Worship Revd Richard Greatrex
Compton Dando		10.00am Café Church Harvest Festival		10.00am Holy Communion Revd Richard Greatrex	
Dundry	3.00pm Harvest Celebration Ruth Day		9.30am Coffee, Prayer & Share Ruth Day		9.30am Half Hour Holy Communion Revd Richard Greatrex
Norton Malreward		11.30am Harvest Festival Ruth Day		10.00am Holy Communion Revd Victor Barley	
Publow with Pensford	10.00am Holy Communion Revd Victor Barley		10.00am Holy Communion Revd Victor Barley		10.00am Holy Communion Revd Victor Barley
Stanton Drew	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Richard Greatrex		9.30am Harvest Festival 10.30am Saplings Crafts 11.00am Saplings Revd Richard Greatrex		8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Richard Greatrex