Dundry Church News
November 2026

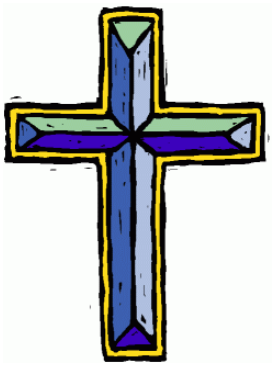


November brings Remembrance Sunday when we recall the poignant personal sacrifices made by those who stood up to defend our freedoms, and we recommit ourselves, in the face of rising divisions, anger and anxiety, to grow communities that are peaceable, just, compassionate and tolerant. Reading the lists honouring the casualties of war on local memorials highlights the heavy cost borne by many of our villages. That commemorating First World War military personnel in Dundry Parish Church names everyone who enlisted. Three families sent five men each to the front lines, each losing at least one member, a reminder of how violent global conflict affects even the smallest rural villages. These rolls of honour also reveal the same regiments occurring time and again, drawing men into their ranks from across our region, brought together from varied backgrounds with a common purpose.

Today transport and technology bring communities closer together, although each one still remains distinct, with its own threads of history and relationships. On 19 November a new chapter begins for the Church of England worshipping communities of the eastern portion of the Chew Valley when I will be licensed as priest-in-charge of the benefice of Publow with Pensford, Compton Dando and Chelwood, while also remaining rector of Chew Magna, Dundry, Norton Malreward and Stanton Drew. This is one more step along a path that is intended to eventually draw all these churches into one family. It will require much thought, patience, compromise and imagination, but through sharing and mutual support it has the potential to enhance the distinctiveness of each of our churches while also enabling us to find new ways to serve our local communities.

Considering a Bible passage as a focus for this fresh venture, I have chosen words from St Paul's letter to the Philippians (4:5): *'Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.'* The vital importance of gentleness is often misrepresented in in our frantic, fractious society. Gentleness is not weakness, rather it is the ability to actively listen, to reflect before responding, to be attentive, to discuss without raising your voice, to be patient, respectful. In a world that seems ever more intent on forgetting the heavy lessons that Remembrance annually reminds us of about the destructive nature of hatred and violence, I pray that we will join with others in spreading a network of deep, holy, active gentleness through our neighbourhoods.

Richard Greatrex



From the Parish Registers

2nd October Funeral Service
Valerie Battersby

15th October Interment of Ashes
Michael Hurford



Christmas
Door Decorations
£15 each

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

Christmas Fair

Saturday
28th November
1pm-3.30pm

at
Dundry Church

Salvation Army Band
Stalls
Turkey Rolls
Hamper Raffle

17th December

Christmas Music Concert

with organist & pianist

James Baker

Bar open from 7pm,
Concert 7.30pm
Delicious hot & cold puddings
will be available from 8.30pm

Tower Café
@ Dundry
Held in the church
Saturday 7th November
10.30am-12.30pm

WI Stall,
Poppy Stall,
Hamper Raffle,
Jam & Chutney Stall
Hot drinks & delicious cakes

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 16 November (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:

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Chew Valley Nature Photography Festival Calendar 2027

£7.50 each or 2 for £14.00



Stunning photographs of the Chew Valley landscape and wildlife, taken by entrants to this year's Nature Photography Festival



AVAILABLE IN CHEW MAGNA FROM:

Jar's – 3 South Parade – *CASH ONLY*

Pet Hub – Glebe House, Harford Square – *CASH ONLY*

Chew Valley Country Market

– Friday mornings in the Old School Room – *CASH or CARD*

On sale in church after services – CASH or CARD

Your Parish Church in Chew Valley East
alongside Compton Dando & Publow with Pensford
chewvalleyeastchurches.org.uk

Services for November 2026

	1st November All Saints Day	8th November Remembrance Sunday	15h November 2 before Advent	22nd November Christ the King	29th November Advent 1
Chew Magna	11.00am Baptism + Morning Worship Revd Richard Greatrex	10.50am Remembrance Service Revd Richard Greatrex		8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Richard Greatrex	10.00am Group Patronal Festival Communion Revd Richard Greatrex
Compton Dando		10.00am Remembrance Service		10.00am Holy Communion Revd Victor Barley	10.00am Holy Communion Revd Victor Barley
Dundry	9.30am Half Hour Holy Communion Revd Richard Greatrex	10.40am Remembrance Parade Service Ruth Day	9.30am Coffee, Prayer & Share Ruth Day		
Norton Malreward		10.30am Remembrance Service Revd Jan Knott		10.00am Holy Communion Revd Richard Greatrex	
Publow with Pensford	10.00am Holy Communion Revd Victor Barley		10.00am Holy Communion Revd Victor Barley		
Stanton Drew	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Richard Greatrex	10.15am Remembrance Service Revd Victor Barley	10.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Saplings Crafts 11.00am Saplings Revd Richard Greatrex		3.30pm Group Advent Service Lay led

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

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