

Dundry Church News

January 2026



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

**Hot drinks,
savouries, cakes**

Organ concert with James Baker



An hour of familiar favourites played on the organ and piano - an informal concert full of fun and flair

**3pm Sunday 18 January
St Michael the Archangel, Dundry**

James lives in Bishopsworth and enjoys making people smile by playing familiar tunes from TV/films/musicals, classical music and pop songs.

Tap your feet, sing or just sit back and listen to the way James will lift our spirits with music and his amusing entertaining style.
'Less is more' is his motto - short bursts of a wide range of music.
This is an afternoon to remember.

All proceeds will be given to Dundry Church

**Puddings & Hot drinks will be served
after the concert**

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Services for January 2026

	4th January Epiphany	11 th January Baptism of	18th January Epiphany 2	25 th January Epiphany 3	1st February Presentation
Chew Magna		10.00am Holy Communion Revd Richard Greatrex		8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Richard Greatrex	
Dundry	9.30am Half Hour Holy Communion 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 Baptism + Holy Communion Revd Richard Greatrex	
Stanton Drew	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

Growing Good: making new connections and a difference in our communities

2026 will bring significant change to our church family as, because of the small size of our parish populations and church communities, we have been asked by the Diocese to welcome three more parishes to create a group of six churches and seven parishes. To help prepare for this change, during Lent we will be coming together across the benefice to explore, with the help of Claire Horton, Deanery and Parish Development Adviser, ways to connect the dots between each church and its village, enabling us to be faithful and fruitful in our local communities. This process will give us a clearer focus, helping us to discern what we are being called to achieve, how we might manage it, and what resources we require to do it well. We hope the result will put us in a stronger position working with both our existing communities and the new ones which will be joining us.

Growing Good, the course material we will be using, is based on years of research by Theos and the Church Urban Fund, including learning from over sixty churches across England, big and small, urban and rural, in areas of affluence, in low income communities, and everything in between. Through scriptures, stories and group activities it is designed to inspire our faithfulness and fruitfulness in our local communities. Many churches have used it with very positive results. **Growing Good** has its own resource packed website and you can watch an introduction here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P-qJfVtmdTI&cbrd=1>

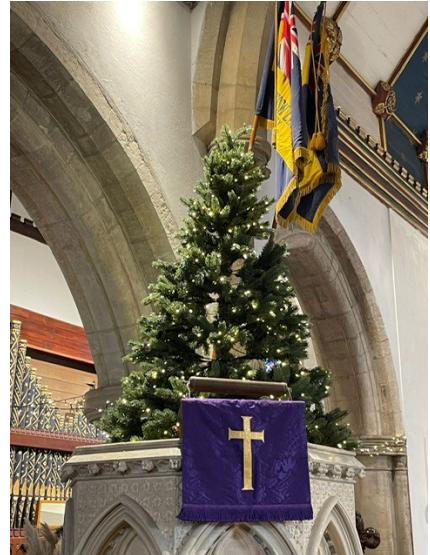
There will be six sessions, each tackling a different specific area. The first and last, with Claire Horton, will take place on Saturday mornings (21 February, 18 April), while the rest will be on Wednesday evenings (4, 11, 18, 25 March). It is hoped that all PCC members will attend, but for this to be a truly productive experience we need as many people as possible to take part, wherever they are on the journeys of life or faith. This includes both those with deep and longstanding involvement as well as those who appreciate our churches presence, but aren't able to attend regularly.

The Bishop of Chelmsford, Guli Francis-Dehqani, recently wrote that 'we are called to be people of hope, to be those who spot the signs of God's presence in the world, our communities, our churches and our relationships. And having noticed it, we are then to cherish and grow this hope, foster and practise it, even against the odds.' **Growing Good** provides a toolkit to improve our ability to be practical and inspiring people of hope. I warmly invite you join with us this Lent, to be encouraged and strengthened together in the task of growing our churches and transforming our communities.

Richard Greatrex



Christmas 2025 at Dundry Church



Weekly Rota January 2026

For the service on the		SIDESPERSON	READER	CLEANING	FLOWERS
4 th January	9.30 am	Beth Tarleton	Sandy Bateman	Jean Blewitt & Sandy Bateman	Jean Hopkins
18 th January	9.30 am	****	****	Jane Swyer & Ann Bell	Jane Swyer

Weekly Rota February 2026

For the service on the		SIDESPERSON	READER	CLEANING	FLOWERS
1 st February	9.30 am	Jane Swyer	Kathy Woodward	Annette Milton & Linda Sotodeh	Jane Lyons
15 th February	9.30 am	Sandy Bateman	Jane Lyons	Alison Hill	Alison Hill

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