Dundry Church News December 2025







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Services for December 2025

	7 th December Advent 2	14 th December Advent 3	21 st December Advent 4	24 tH December Christmas Eve	25 th December Christmas Day	28 th December Christmas 1
	10.00am	10.00am	8.00am	9.30pm	11.00am	10.00am
Chew Magna	Gift Service at the Baptist Church	Holy Communion Revd Richard Greatrex	Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Richard Greatrex 10.00am Crib Service	Midnight Mass Revd Richard Greatrex	Family Christmas Day Service Revd Richard Greatrex	Group Service Said Communion Revd Richard Greatrex
Dundry	9.30am	4.00pm	9.30am	2.00pm		
,	Half Hour Said Communion	Saturday 13 th Blue	Coffee & Chat	Crib Service		
	Revd Richard Greatrex	Christmas	Ruth Day	Ruth Day		
Norton Malreward		10.00am Worship Together		6.00pm Carol Service Revd Richard	9.00am Christmas Communion Revd Richard	
				Greatrex	Greatrex	
	8.00am	10.00am	4.30pm	2.00pm	8.00am	
Stanton Drew	Holy Communion (BCP)	Morning Worship 10.30am	Carol Service	Crib Service	Christmas Communion	
	Revd Richard Greatrex	Crafts 11.00am Saplings Ruth Day	Revd Richard Greatrex	Revd Richard Greatrex	Revd Richard Greatrex	

Monday 8th December 7.00pm- Carol Service, Dundry Church Monday 22nd December 7.00pm- Carol Service, Chew Magna Church



Tower Café @ Dundry

Our next café will be on Saturday 7th February 2026 10.30am-12.30pm

Many thanks to everyone who has supported the café and our fundraising events throughout 2025. With the proceeds we have been able to buy books for Dundry Primary School Year 6 Leavers, top up the gravel path in the upper churchyard and contribute towards the maintenance of the roof slates and gutters as well as heating the church in the winter months.

Happy Christmas and see you at the next café in February 2026

The fundraising team x

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





Chew Valley East Family of Churches



Christmas Services 2025

Carol Services

8th December 7.00pm St Michael's, Dundry 21st December 4.30pm St Mary's, Stanton Drew 22nd December 7.00pm St Andrew's, Chew Magna 24th December 6.00pm Holy Trinity, Norton Malreward

Blue Christmas

13th December 4.00pm St Michael's Dundry A gentle, reflective service for those who are suffering a loss or find Christmas a difficult time

Crib Services

21st December 10.00am St Andrew's, Chew Magna 24th December 2.00pm St Michael's, Dundry 24th December 2.00pm St Mary's, Stanton Drew

Midnight Mass@9.30 Christmas Eve

9.30pm St Andrew's, Chew Magna

Christmas Day

8.00am Christmas Communion, St Mary's, Stanton Drew 9.00am Christmas Communion, Holy Trinity Norton Malreward 11.00am Family Service, St Andrew's, Chew Magna



What is the best gift you have ever been given? Not just at Christmas, but ever? Perhaps it was a relationship, children, skills, the opportunity to live in a beautiful part of the country, or simply being alive, being you. What is the best gift you have ever given? That's a question you may never know the answer to because something seemingly trivial you gave to, said to, or did for someone might have made a hidden but significant difference to their life.

For the shepherds and magi, travelling 'haphazard by starlight', in the poetry of U.A. Fanthorpe, any gifts they gave, however well intentioned, were utterly dwarfed by those they received on meeting the child Jesus, who was God-with-us. Shepherds, part of the night-time rural economy protecting valuable ovine assets from marauding predators, were often poorly treated by the rest of society. Yet it was to them and not politicians, officials or Influential citizens, that God's messenger angels brought news of Jesus, the Messiah's birth. Following the angels' directions, they saw the child, then left with a new role, becoming God's messengers themselves, telling everyone that a babe had been born who would shake up the world's relationship with God.

The magi, strangers making a risky journey over tough terrain to a hostile nation before facing interrogation by unsympathetic authorities, brought a lucky dip of symbolic gifts to the child's bedside. While we aren't informed how they were changed by their encounter with infant Jesus, the fact that they returned to their own country by a different road is a sign that they too had been gifted with a new purpose, seeds perhaps being sown which blossomed much later in their lives.

Could this be true for us? Throughout all the bustle, jollity, tension and cheer of the season, there may be an unexpected gift waiting for us that will bring a new dimension to our lives, or one we might give, either intentionally or inadvertently, that brings light to others. Whatever it is, and wherever we find it, may we be open to the possibilities it offers and may we be filled with the energy, hope, compassion and generosity to be found in the open arms of the Christ child.

Richard Greatrex



Carol Service 8th December at 7pm

Hot drinks & mince pies afterwards





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Dundry Church is a Grade 1 Listed Building



It costs over £1,000 per month or £264 per week to maintain this church.

We receive no money from central or government sources: we are entirely funded by our local church community.

We would love your help in keeping this beautiful ancient building open. If you are able to give, please scan this QR code and follow the link:

Thank you for any help you can give.