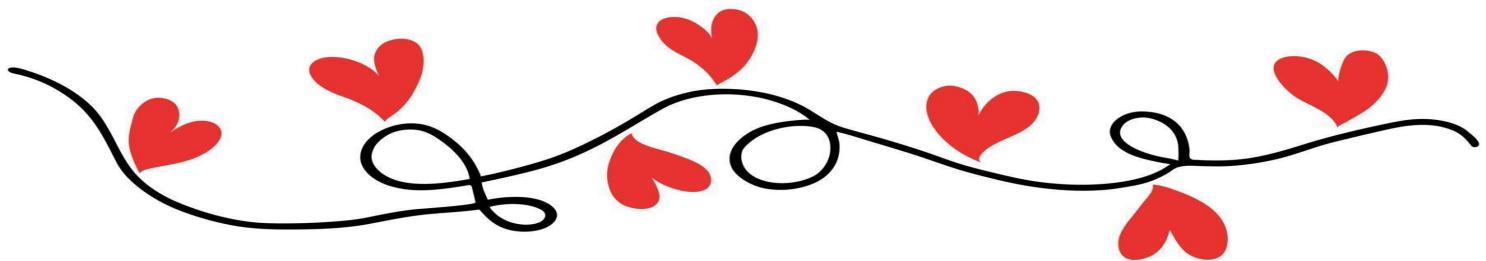


Dundry Church News

February 2026



Lent: stepping back or stepping up?

Giving things up for Lent is a longstanding approach to the season that leads to Holy Week, lately become overwhelmed by the foil wrapped dazzle of festive Easter treats. However, the Lenten practice of stepping back from an activity, attitude, or behaviour, that perhaps offers both comfort and clouds our vision, is valuable in allowing us to discern and make space for fresh opportunities, both individually and collectively.

This year's Lent Course, **Growing Good**, will require giving up a little of our time over two months, but is designed to provide stimulation, encouragement and tools which will enable us to develop ourselves, our churches and our neighbourhoods so that we can be stronger, more caring communities and individuals.

The course, hosted by Chew Magna Parish Church, is divided into six sessions:

Session 1: Saturday 21 February, 9.30am-12.00noon.

Presence – *being an active, visible presence in your community.*

Exploring how we can be present and connected in our communities – physically, relationally, in person and online.

Session 2: Wednesday, 4 March, 7.00pm – 9.30pm.

Perseverance – *exploring the value of investing in communities.*

Reflecting on the challenges of committing time and energy, especially when growth appears to be slow, while celebrating the fruit of persistent engagement.

Session 3: Wednesday, 11 March, 7.00pm – 9.30pm.

Hospitality – *building a culture of giving and receiving.*

Discovering the value of offering a welcome that is all encompassing, as demonstrated by Jesus, along with the importance of building two way relationships.

Session 4: Wednesday, 18 March, 7.00pm – 9.30pm.

Adaptability – being open to challenge and change.

Acknowledging where we may need to change and adapt to allow everyone to flourish, discussing the cost and value of being open to change while looking at practical steps for becoming more inclusive.

Session 5: Wednesday, 25 March, 7.00pm – 9.30pm.

Participation – social action and community engagement.

Considering how social action can provide an entry point for people into the life of the church and sharing our own experiences of growing in faith.

Session 6: Saturday 18 April, 9.30am – 12.00 noon.

Next Steps – what have we learned, where are we going?

Building on what we have learnt together and recognising what practical steps we can take to see some of these ideas flourish.

This is a course designed to encourage us to perceive how, with our modest resources, we can be part of God's work transforming people and places. One inspiring example, from the parish of Goathurst, further south in our Diocese, can be seen here:

<https://growing-good.org.uk/goathurst-story-film>

As the film shows, Growing Good, is down to earth, practical and reflective. We invite you to join us in mapping a positive and engaged future for our local church communities.

Richard Greatrex



Tower Café

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Dundry

Held in the church

Saturday

7th February

10.30am-12.30pm

**Hot drinks,
savouries, cakes**

2026 Cafes at Dundry Church

**10.30am-12.30pm
unless stated differently**

7th March

Easter Raffle tickets will be available and orders can be taken for Easter Lilies. Foodbank collection for the Salvation Army

4th April

Draw of Easter Raffle, Easter Lily Viewing

2nd May 10.30am-1pm Plant Swap and Sale

Tower Open (weather permitting)

6th June

Tower Open (weather permitting)

4th July

Tower Open (weather permitting)

1st August

Tower Open (weather permitting)

5th September

Tower Open (weather permitting)

3rd October Christmas Raffle tickets will be available

7th November

Christmas Raffle tickets will be available & orders being taken for door decorations

28th November 1pm-3pm

CHRISTMAS FAIR

NO CAFÉ IN DECEMBER

New Monthly Prayer Group

A friendly, new monthly Prayer group is planned to start this month in Chew Magna organised by members of the churches in the Chew Valley East family.



It will include:

time for structured, general prayers;
readings for reflection;
space for your own prayers for your family,
yourself, anyone you know or world issues;
social time with a cup of tea!

The group will meet on the ***third Monday afternoon of each month***, starting on:

Monday 16 February 2026 from 2.00 – 3.00pm

Meeting at: 3 Madam's Paddock, Chew Magna, BS40 8PN (thanks to Constance Bowdler), then moving to St Andrews Church from Monday 20 April.

Additionally, there is also a group meeting on ***Monday mornings*** via Zoom at 9.15am which follows Morning Prayer from the Church of England. If you would like to join this weekly group, then please contact Richard for the Zoom login.

**For further details about both prayer meetings,
please contact Richard:
rectorcve@gmail.com or 01275 461179.**

Ash Wednesday Group Service

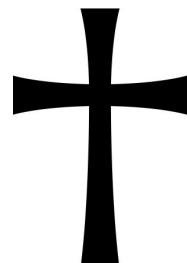
18th February, 11.00am

at St Andrew's, Chew Magna

**Imposition of Ashes
and Holy Communion**



**From the Parish
Registers
Interment
of Ashes
10th January**



**Jean
Sidwick**

**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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Services for February 2026

	1st February Presentation	8 th February 2nd before Lent	15 th February Next before Lent	Wednesday 18th Ash Wednesday	22 nd February Lent 1
Chew Magna		10.00am Holy Communion Revd Richard Greatrex		11.00am Group Service Imposition of Ashes and 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 Half Hour Morning Worship Revd Richard Greatrex		
Norton Malreward		10.00am Morning Worship Ruth Day			10.00am 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 Ruth Day		