

Church News



July 2026

While July is part of the long quiet season of Ordinary, it is filled with the remembrance of numerous saints and holy people. On 3 July we celebrate Thomas the searching apostle, who asked questions the other eleven disciples were afraid to raise. While he is remembered as 'doubting Thomas' his desire to probe for the truth is a reminder that faith is a journey, not a destination. Soon after, on 11 July, we celebrate Benedict of Nursia, the father of western monasticism. The 'Rule' that he wrote for his monks is guidance humbly offered from his experience, teaching that the whole of life is spiritual, it is a response to the divine.

Passing over reformation martyrs Thomas More and John Fisher, poet and scholar John Keble and Swithun, the Bishop of Winchester who is most associated with summer storms, we find a group of notable women. These include Elizabeth Ferard, who in 1862, became the first deaconess in the Church of England; Macrina, a fourth century deaconess, noted teacher of the faith, sister of the Church Father Gregory of Nyssa, and Mary Magdalene, the woman with a unique place in all the Gospels, the person Jesus entrusted to tell his disciples that he was risen, and thus who became the first apostle.

Later in the month we reach social reformers Josephine Butler and William Wilberforce. Wilberforce is best known for his work, informed by his faith, of campaigning for the end of slavery, the crucial vote being passed only three days before his death in 1833. Born in 1828, Josephine Butler was outraged by the treatment of prostitutes, opening her home as a refuge while campaigning to change laws which placed all responsibility on the women. She was also instrumental in raising the age of consent in Britain from 13 to 16.

July ends with St Ignatius of Loyola, the late medieval founder of the Jesuits, and writer of a prayer treasured by many:

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Richard Greatrex

Tower Café @ Dundry

Held in the church

Saturday 4th July

10.30am-12.30pm

Drinks, Savouries & Cakes

Jam & Pickle Stall

If the weather is

DRY

**the Tower
will be open
10am-12pm**



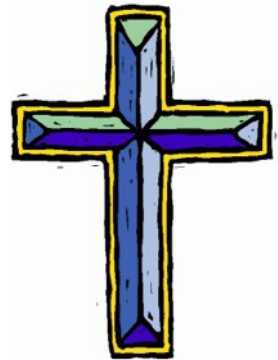
Dundry Primary School Year 6 Leavers

On the 22nd June, we welcomed the Year 6 leavers from Dundry Primary School to the church for a tour of the tower and ringing chamber, where they each had the chance to ring one of the church bells.

From the Parish Registers

10th June

**Service to Celebrate the life of
Pete Hamblin**



Many thanks to Annette Milton for these & the front cover photograph showing how beautiful the church yard is.



**Forthcoming Events
at Dundry Church**

28th November
Christmas Fair
with the Salvation Army Band

17th December
Christmas Music
with organist James Baker

**Tower café @ Dundry
10.30am-12.30pm**

1st August tower open if dry
5th September tower open if dry
3rd October Harvest Food bank
collection for the Salvation Army
7th November Royal British Legion
Poppy stall,
Christmas Hamper raffle tickets



Dundry Church Tower will be open on the following dates in 2026

4th July, 1st August, 5th September
10am - 12pm
(IF THE WEATHER IS DRY)

TOWER HEALTH & SAFETY REGULATIONS

Due to the steep narrow access to the Tower the following points should be observed –

- No high heels or flip flops
- Only children aged 8 and over are allowed up the Tower, and they must be accompanied by a responsible adult
- No children under the age of 8, this also includes babies in slings
- No rucksacks, large shoulder or hand bags
- It can be windy and cold at the top so you are advised to wear a jumper/coat

**Only 6 people allowed at the top of the tower
at any one time, plus 2 volunteers**

Please respect our Health & Safety Regulations as they are there to protect you

Suggested Donation

ADULTS £2 and CHILDREN (AGED 8 – 16) £1

**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 July 2026

	5 th July Trinity 5	12 th July Trinity 6	19 th July Trinity 7	26 th July Trinity 8	2 nd August Trinity 9
Chew Magna		10.00am Holy Communion Revd Richard Greatrex		8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Richard Greatrex	
Dundry	10.00am Group Service Holy Communion Revd Jan Knott		9.30am Coffee & Chat Ruth Day		10.00am Group Service Holy Communion Revd Richard Greatrex
Norton Malreward		10.00am Morning Worship Ruth Day		10.00am Holy Communion Revd Richard Greatrex	
Stanton Drew			10.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Saplings Crafts 11.00am Saplings Revd Richard Greatrex		