

Ministry profile

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- St. Mary the Virgin, Dedham is a growing parish church in a quintessentially English village on the Essex-Suffolk border. It has a long evangelical heritage, going back as far as the early 17C when the Puritan 'roaring' John Rogers was Lecturer. Worship styles are a mix of traditional and contemporary. We have close links with both the village (for Remembrance Sunday and other high days and holidays) and the village school (a Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School). The parish is part of group of rural parishes known as the Tendring and Dedham Parishes (website [here](#)), served by two Rural Missioners, Revds. John Saxon (based in Great Oakley) and Phillip Young (based in Dedham).
- In late 2022, in order to more effectively serve young families in and around our village, we established a Junior Church for 3- to 10-year-olds during the normal Sunday service. This is run by a committed group of volunteers every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month, when we have an all-age service known as Rise 'n Shine. There is also a monthly contemporary service known as Revive@5 with a youth group (DJB) for 11- to 18-year-olds who meet together after the service for fun, fellowship and food.