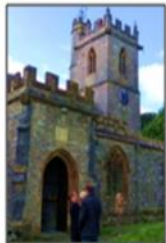


News News

February 20th, 2022



**Benefice of St Mary's Chard, Combe St Nicholas, Wambrook
and Whitestaunton**

Welcome to our Benefice News

“Some people treat God as they do a lawyer; they go to Him only when they are in trouble.”—Anon

Readings :

Rev 4 / Luke 8 22-25

Benefice Office Hours this week:

The office will be open on Monday 21st February and Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd February from 9am to 12pm.

Please send your prayer requests and any notices to the benefice office. Post, or email the office@stmaryschard.org.uk or call Anne during office hours (01460 67867). The deadline is Tuesday each week for the following Sunday.

Church Services

February 20th

St Mary's Chard - 8am Holy Communion 10am 3rd Sunday Service

Combe - 10:30am MW with Methodists

Wambrook - 6pm BCP Evensong

Whitestaunton - 9:15am Common Worship

Morning Prayer on Zoom

Each Tuesday we gather on zoom at 9.00am to share in Morning Prayer, everyone is welcome to join us, if you would like the link please contact the office or one of the clergy.

Chard Churches Together Holiday Club

With Chard Churches Together we hope to take part in providing a Holiday Club for 6 - 11year olds, from 1st to 5th August this year. Plans cannot go ahead unless we have a commitment to take part from a sufficient number of volunteers. If you would like to help with this worthwhile project, please give your name and phone number to Anne in our office, tel. 67867, and the planning group will contact you.

Please pray:

For those who are unwell:

Iris C, Sylvia B, Ivy D, Tony C, Mhari H, Clive B, Robin B,

We remember those who have died and their families

Betty Farmer, Doreen Wild, Peggy Moore, David Orchard,

"CHILDREN SOCIETY HOUSE BOXES

Many house box holders are finding that they no longer deal with cash, there are Direct Debit Form which can be used instead.

By using this form, it means that the donation will still be considered as part of St. Mary's network.

If you decide to do this, please return the form to me or if you send it off yourself, please would you send a covering letter stating that you are already an existing box holder who is switching to Direct Debit to ensure the children society do not add a second record for you on their data base.

Many thanks Monica Mason (01460 221356) "

LENT COURSE

I am delighted to announce that we are running a 5 week Lent course on consecutive Monday afternoons from 2-3.30pm in St Mary's church rooms, and on Tuesday evenings from 7-8.30 via Zoom, starting on Monday 7th and Tuesday the 8th March. The course will be based on a book called Borders and Belonging which focuses on the biblical book of Ruth.

This course is open to all and everyone will be very welcome. If you would like to join us to explore this fascinating story and see how it is still relevant to our lives today, please come along to one or all of the sessions. There is no need to book.

However, in order to get some idea of how many people would be interested in attending, it would be helpful if you would let us know by contacting Anne Perez in the parish office. Email:

office@stmaryscharde.org.uk or 01460 67867.

Detached Youth Ministry: Prayer Line

Hi all,

Our detached youth work is continuing across Chard. Our team of volunteers will continue to spend time on Wednesday evenings building relationships with young people and seeking to share God's kingdom with them.

We would really appreciate your support in prayer as we take on this work. While we cannot meet together in person to pray at this time, we would love it if you could pray for us as we step out in faith together. Some particular points of prayer are as follows:

For new relationships to be formed with young people whom we are meeting for the first time. In particular in the skate park at Lower Henson.

For the opportunity to explore "next steps" with some of the young people we have met already.

For our volunteer team to continue to grow so that we can be enabled to develop the ministry further.

Thank you all for your continued support, and we hope to be able to see you all soon.

God bless,
Tom Tame
(Youth Pioneer)