

# News News

May 15th , 2022



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

## Welcome to our Benefice News

Consider the postage stamp. Its usefulness consists in its ability to stick to one thing until it gets there.

### Readings :

**Acts 11: 1—18 / John 13: 31 - 35**

### Benefice Office Hours this week:

The office is usually open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am to 12pm. (If I am away from my desk please look in the church or leave a message on 01460 67867)

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

# Living in Love and Faith

Join us on Monday afternoons from 2-3.30 in the Church Rooms, and Tuesday evenings on zoom from 7-8.30 for five weeks.

Both days are the same so you could swap around if needed. Dip your toes and see what you think?

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# **Benefice News**

## **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.

## **Christian Meditation Group at St Mary's**

Every Thursday at 7pm St Mary's Christian Meditation Group meets in St Mary's Church. All are welcome. Please contact Robin Bailey for more details 01460 64327

## **30 minutes of Prayer at Combe**

Tuesdays at 10am

**Living in Love and Faith** starts on Monday at 2pm at St Mary's or zoom on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. It will continue for 5 weeks. More details next week.

## **What's happening in St Mary's Chard?**

### **Late Spring Flower Festival - St Mary's Chard May 21 and 22**

Please help us to spread the word.

Have you got any bunting, red white and blue preferably, union jack

We need raffle prizes – please bring to church and give to Kath Lee or one of the warden team or hand in at the office.

We need Stewards, if you think you can do this for a period of time, sign the sheet you will find in church or let me know and I will add you to the list. (see enclosed flyer for times)

### **Abseil July 2nd from St Mary's Tower**

Please take a flyer or poster and spread the word! To book a place contact the office by phone or email (details front page)

## **Upcoming Services**

### **May 15th**

Chard 8am and 10am HC (followed by APCM),

Combe 10:30am at Methodist Church

Whitestaunton 9:15am HC

Wambrook 6pm

Ham 6pm

### **May 18th**

9:45am HC Chard

10am HC Combe

### **May 22nd**

Songs of Praise 10am Chard

10:30am Holy Communion Combe

### **APCM Chard**

On May 15th there is an APCM following the 10 o'clock service. If you would like to be a member of the PCC or a Church Warden there are opportunities available. For more information contact Patricia Minson or the Parish Office

*More details about Services can be found on the website at*

*<https://stmaryschard.org.uk/>*

**Please pray:**

**For those who are unwell:**

Iris C, Tony C, Clive S, Rowan, Joan S, M. Cox and all those at home with or recovering from Covid.

**We remember those who have died and their families**

John W, Sylvia B, Maureen S, David H,

**Come and Join us**  
**At St Mary's Church Chard**  
**For A Late Spring Flower**  
**Festival CELEBRATION**



**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 11am - 3.30pm**  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 11.30am - 2.00pm**

**An opportunity to take part in a fabulous, floral festival celebrating our community and its organizations as well as paying tribute to the Queen for her Platinum Jubilee**

**Proceeds to be shared between the church and the charity  
BARNARDOS**



## Whitestaunton Church

### Summer Afternoon Music Concert And Cream Tea

Join us for an afternoon of  
delightful instrumental music (cello,  
piano and trumpet) and song followed  
by a delicious cream tea.

**3pm Saturday 18 June 2022**  
**Whitestaunton Church**  
**TA203DL**

Tickets £8.00 (including concert and cream  
tea) Children under 12 free

Tickets available from Barrons of Chard  
2 Holyrood Street, Chard

or from Jane Harris: 01460239113 or  
[janeharris334@gmail.com](mailto:janeharris334@gmail.com)  
Also available on the door.

There will be a raffle with donations  
going to The Church Fabric Fund.



**IS IT A BIRD? IS IT A PLANE?**

**COMING TO CHARD AUGUST 2022...**



*Holiday Club 01-05 August 2022*

Grab your capes and take off on an EPIC week of games, crafts, jokes, songs and much much more!



Want to be involved? Email  
[tomtame7@gmail.com](mailto:tomtame7@gmail.com)

Volunteers are able to join the team as an adult team member or from school years 6-13 as a young helper. No experience necessary!

**Information on how to book children spaces coming soon...**



# Abseil down St Mary's Tower!



**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

**10am to 4pm**

*In aid of the church building and Barnardos*

**Booking Essential - Limited Number of Spaces Available**

If you would like to abseil visit our website at [stmaryschard.org.uk](http://stmaryschard.org.uk), our Facebook page or contact the office at [office@stmaryschard.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryschard.org.uk) / tel. 67867

**Just £20 when booked in advance**

*(£25 if there is space available on the day)*