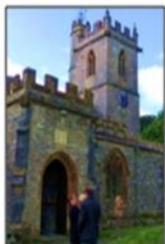
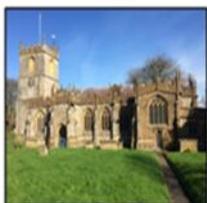


# News News

June 5th , 2022



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

## Welcome to our Benefice News

**.Pentecost**



**Readings :**

**Acts 2: 1—21 / John 14: 8—17(25-27)**

**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.*

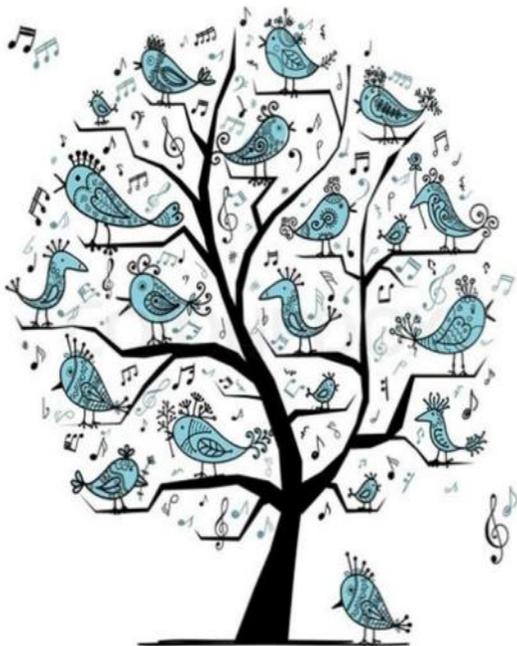
# The Zembard Singers

## 'last rehearsal' concert

An informal evening of folk music and more

St Mary's Church, Church Street, Chard

7.30pm Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022



A mixed programme of music  
familiar and new  
to celebrate Summer

Refreshments available during the interval

Free entry

Donations in aid of St Margaret's Hospice

# 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  
& FAITH

## 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.

Both days are the same so you could swap around if needed.

Dip your toes and see what you think?

We are running a course that gives us the space to reflect on who we are together in relationship with each other.

How does our Christian Teaching through Scripture and other notable theologians enable us to learn about our identities, our sexuality, our relationships and Marriage?

We will be thinking more deeply about what it means to be human and about how to live in love and faith.



## Upcoming Services

### 5th June

8am HC Chard

10am MW Chard

### 12th June

10am HC Chard

9:15am HC Wambrook

10:30am HC Combe

6:30pm BCP Whitestaunton

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

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

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

### Coffee at St. Mary's

We need one or two people to join the coffee team, either on a regular monthly basis, or to be a 'reserve' to step in when needed.

If you can offer to help with this please let Anne know in the office - 01460 67867 or [office@stmaryschard.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryschard.org.uk)

Many thanks to current and future helpers. The gift of your time is much appreciated

### 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, Maureen S, David H,

# Pentecost



We used to call it Whitsun – ‘White Sunday’ because long ago children marched to church in white on that day. No processions nowadays, and we’ve even changed its name. It’s now ‘Pentecost’, which is more accurate but needs explaining.

Pentecost marks a vital event in Christian history. It is celebrated 50 days after Easter. The year Jesus was crucified (which took place at the Passover), the remnant of His followers, just 120 of them, were together in an upper room in Jerusalem. They were afraid to show their faces in case the authorities arrested them. But on the day of Passover they had an amazing collective experience.

They described it in terms of wind and fire, a great surge of spiritual energy and confidence. Afraid no longer, they burst out on to the streets where crowds were gathering for the festival, led by Peter they began to tell them about Jesus and His resurrection. As they did so, although many of the people in the crowd were foreigners who spoke other languages, everyone heard them in their own tongue. Peter told them that what they were seeing was the fulfilment of an old prophecy when God would pour out His Spirit on the human race, men and women, young and old.

As a result of His words and the extraordinary spectacle, 3000 people believed and were baptised in the name of Jesus. They were the nucleus of what in 100 years would be a Church that would turn history upside down. For Christians Pentecost is in effect the birthday of the Church.

Many people find the whole idea of the Holy Spirit mysterious and elusive. It wasn’t helped by the earlier title ‘Holy Ghost’. The spirit is not spiritually a ‘ghost’ but a precious gift.



## 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.

# 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)*

**2 OPEN GARDENS  
IN FORTON ROAD**

**The Shieling  
& Luvere**



**Saturday 25th June from 2.30pm  
Teas, Cakes, Stalls, Raffle**

**Admission £5 to both gardens**

**Proceeds to Royal National Lifeboat Institution**

