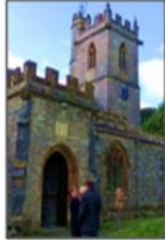


News News

May 22nd , 2022



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

Welcome to our Benefice News

Readings :

Acts 16: 9—15 / John 5: 1 - 9

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 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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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.

Ascension Day Service

Thursday 26th May

7pm

St Mary's Chard

Upcoming Services

May 22nd

Songs of Praise 10am Chard

10:30am Holy Communion Combe

May 25th

9:45am Holy Communion Chard

May 26th

Ascension Day Service 7pm Chard

May 29th

8am HC Chard

10:30am HC and coffee at Wambrook

1:15 Prayers and Lunch at Whitestaunton

3:30pm Prayers and Tea at Combe

5pm Evensong at Ham

More details about Services can be found on the website at

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

What's happening in St Mary's Chard?

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)



Prayers for Thy Kingdom Come.

From Friday 27th until Saturday 4th 9.30-10.00

in Church at St Mary's.

Join us for a Novena each morning based on

1 Peter written by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

We are encouraged as congregation members to commit to praying for 5 people during the 11 days. Please come with someone to pray for in mind.



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
Also available on the door.

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

Chard Churches Together

After a break of three years, due to inclement weather and covid, Chard Churches Together will be holding the annual Worship and Picnic at Forde Abbey, by kind permission of Mrs Kennard. This year Pentecost falls on the same weekend as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration and therefore our event will be held on 12th June at 5pm and will celebrate Trinity Sunday. All are welcome: bring your own picnic and enjoy sharing the worship and giving thanks in this beautiful setting.

Whitestaunton

Glebe Cottage Open Garden and Cream teas

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd May 2—5pm

Please part at Whitestaunton Church

Taunton Deane Morris Men

Tuesday 28 June 8pm

By The Old School House

Abseil down St Mary's Tower!



Saturday 2nd 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, our Facebook page or contact the office at office@stmaryschard.org.uk / tel. 67867

Just £20 when booked in advance

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