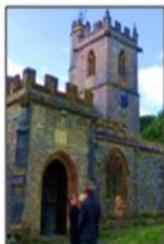
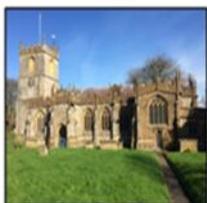


# News News

May 29th , 2022



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

## Welcome to our Benefice News

. Nobody ever outgrows Scripture; the book widens and deepens with our years. – *C H Spurgeon*

### **Readings :**

**Acts 16: 16—34 / John 17: 20 - end**

### **Benefice Office Hours this week:**

The office is closed until June 6th. If you need to contact me please send an email to [office@stmaryschard.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryschard.org.uk) Anne Perez

*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?

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

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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

## Service of Thanksgiving for the Queen's Platinum

June 3rd 11am at St Mary's Chard

## Thank you

Thank you to everyone who visited the open garden at Glebe Cottage last weekend. A huge thank you to Joan and her friends for organising and running the event in her beautiful garden. It was very successful and, with some very kind donations, a grand £501.00 was raised towards the restoration of the church gates in Whitestaunton.



## **Upcoming Services**

### **1st June**

9:45am HC Chard

### **3rd June**

Service of Thanksgiving for the Queen's Platinum

11am at St Mary's Chard

### **5th June**

8am HC Chard

10am MW Chard

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

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

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

**May 31st, 2022 at 1pm - John White's funeral**

**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)

**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



**Prayers for Thy Kingdom Come.**

**From Friday 27<sup>th</sup> until Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**

*Wednesday June 1st .*

*Thy Kingdom Come morning prayers start at 9am*



## 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

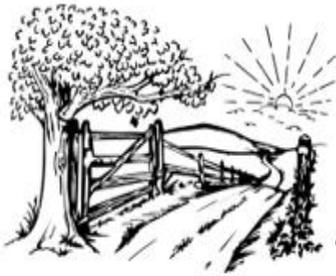
Tickets available from Barrons of Chard  
2 Holyrood Street, Chard

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.

## 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.



### Rogation Walk

Sunday 29th May

Join us for all or part of our Rogation walk  
and all or any of the stops at the village churches.

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| 9.00am   | Walk starts at St. Mary's                          |
| 10.30 am | Holy Communion at Wambrook and coffee              |
| 1.15pm   | Prayers and your own packed lunch at Whitestaunton |
| 3.30pm   | Prayers and Tea at Combe                           |
| 5.00pm   | Evensong at Ham                                    |

# 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)*