



Friends of St Mary's Wedmore

Helping the congregation raise money to maintain and
enhance St. Mary's as an all-village community centre
www.tinyurl.com/FriendsOfStMarys

Some of our projects:

Donation to the war graves fund

Replacement of the protective grille on the east window

Purchase of professional stage lighting for events



Improvements to plumbing in the Lady Chapel food and drink preparation area

Purchase of a new diocesan Cross of St. George and a new Union Flag

A new water boiler



Clock repair and maintenance

Re-gilding and enamelling of the clock face

Creation of a time capsule on the back of the clock hands using signatures of the children at Wedmore First School



Donation to the funds to replace the church sound system

Purchase of a new piano

Contribution towards the Lady Chapel carpet



Renovation and redecoration of the toilets

Donation to funds to renovate and strengthen the tower balustrade to re-allow tower open days

Refurbishment of the flower pedestals



Our Aims...

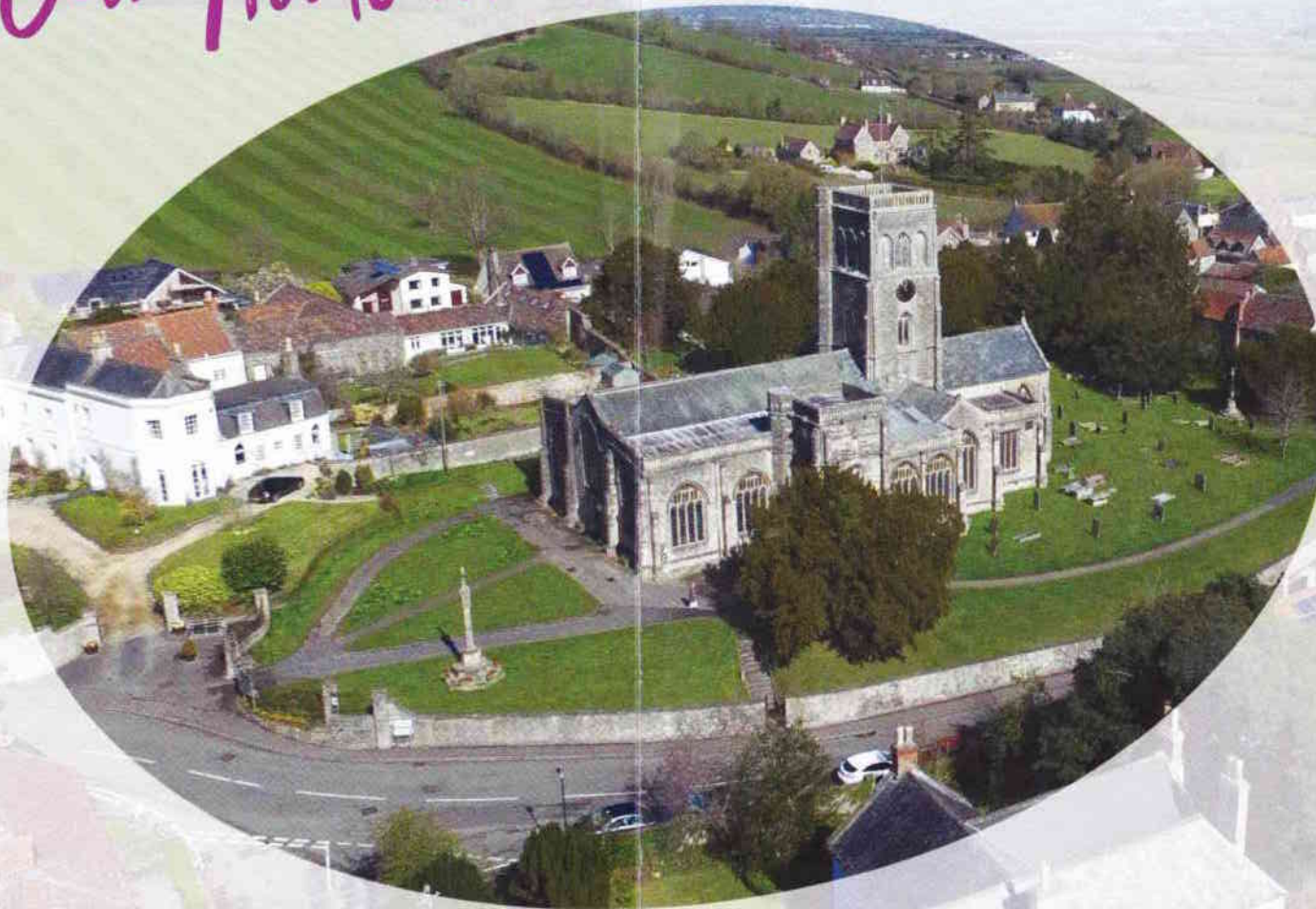


Photo: Mark Hamlin

Many of us feel connected to St Mary's as the centre of the community and as the backdrop to our lives in the village even though we are infrequently there. We love this ancient, gracious building and the continuity that it represents. We take for granted that it is there for us and will always be there for us.

We hear people say, "I am not a churchgoer"... but we all are! Hundreds of us went to *Any Questions*, the *Great Post Office Debate* and the election hustings. We are there for weddings, funerals and christenings, for Remembrance Sunday, carol services, Midnight Mass, on Christmas morning, at Easter, Harvest Festival, the First School services and Messy Church.

We all attend and enjoy the many events that are held in the church. It is hard to imagine the village without St Mary's as the venue for *The Clash of the Choirs*, *Wedmore Arts Festival*, for *Nantwich*, *The Somerset Choral Society* and so many other concerts. Hard also to picture the first Saturday of every month without the Fair Trade Coffee Shop and without the annual charity Christmas card sale or the May and Christmas Fairs.

We are all churchgoers. Without the *Friends of St Mary's* the cost of maintaining this beautiful building at the heart of our village falls on the shoulders of the active congregation only. Please join the *Friends of St Mary's* - have a lot of fun and lend them a hand to raise funds to maintain and enhance St Mary's.

Just some of our money-raising events...



The *Wedmore 40/30*. Cyclists both serious and occasional raising money for the Friends and for Weston Hospiccare

The *Clash of the Choirs* - where every year 10 local choirs face an audience of 400 and the famous *Clapometer*



Our one-armed bandit raising laughs and money at the Wedmore Street Fair

Friends of St Mary's, Wedmore

I/We wish to become a Friend of St Mary's, Wedmore.
Family subscription: £30 per year (though more if you can)

Amount: £.....

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Address.....

Telephone Number.....

Email Address.....

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3. BACS
Sort 60-05-12 / Ac number 73674443 /
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