



# St Mary's Redlynch Church in the Hall Newsletter February 2017

Wonderful to see so many of you at *Church in the Hall* on 15<sup>th</sup> January when we learned how Jesus chose his disciples and how "He invites us all". Of course, not everyone accepts that invitation and some need to explore what that invitation really involves. We are all learning all the time and *Church in the Hall* has a message for all ages - indeed for everyone.



Our next *Church in the Hall* will be on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February** at the usual time - light breakfast served from 9.45 am. We will be looking at Matthew 5. 13-20 and our theme will be "**Attractive Living**". What is that all about, I hear you ask! Have you considered how other people see you? Are you demonstrating in your day to day living that you are a follower of Jesus? In the passage we are told that we are "the salt of the earth" but if salt loses its taste it is of no use. Are we the "light of the world" or do we hide our light under a basket?

## Church for Everyone

Whilst all our services are of course for everyone..... and everyone is welcome, on 19<sup>th</sup> February we have an opportunity to reach out to more people who are finding their way in faith, some of whom may be coming to an act of worship for the first time. We want this to be truly "all age" with something for everyone to learn from and enjoy. And there is a cooked breakfast too! So please join us in Morgan's Vale & Woodfalls Village Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> February. This will replace our usual *Church in the Hall* third Sunday.



And it's not too late to offer your help on the day whether just setting up, assisting with activities or washing up! Just contact Veronica (01725 513878) myself.

Every year, in the weeks leading up to the Church's annual meeting (this year it is on 12<sup>th</sup> March) - called the Annual Parochial Church Meeting or APCM for short - the Parish Electoral Roll is updated and anyone interested in adding their name to the roll can do so by completing a simple form. To qualify you simply need to be 16 years old or above, have been baptised and live in St Mary's Parish or, if not living in the Parish, have habitually worshipped in the Church (and that includes *Church in the Hall*) for a period of six months. Inclusion on the Roll does not involve you in any financial commitment but means you can attend and vote at an APCM or other Parochial Meeting and is a demonstration of your support for the Church and its role in the community. If you would like to know more please contact me and I can place you in touch with the Electoral Roll Officer who will provide you with an application form.

### **Dates for the Diary – February – April**

Sunday 5th February - *Church in the Hall at 9.45 for 10.00 am*

Sunday 19th February - *Church for Everyone in Morgan's Vale & Woodfalls Village Hall  
9.30 am buffet breakfast*

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March - *Church in the Hall at 9.45 for 10.00 am*

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March - *Church in the Hall at 9.45 for 10.00 am*

26<sup>th</sup> March - *Mothering Sunday in St Mary's - Family Service at 10.00 am*

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - *Church in the Hall at 9.45 for 10.00 am*

16<sup>th</sup> April - *Easter Sunday - Family Service in St Mary's at 10.00 am followed by  
Easter Egg Hunt*

### **Key future dates**

10<sup>th</sup> March - *Concert at St Mary's by Hermitage Ensemble - see February magazine for  
details*

12<sup>th</sup> March - *St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting*

**With very best wishes and see you on 5th February.**

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