

St Mary's Redlynch Church in the Hall Newsletter March 2017



I began putting this letter together a couple of days ago but now I come to finish it I have had to change the image from the original one I chose showing the forthcoming springtime to this one now that we are in the grip of Hurricane Doris! Bad as it is locally with trees down and debris on the road, how fortunate

we have been in the south compared with "up north" with snow blizzards and lethal conditions on the roads and city streets. Perhaps we should spare a thought and a prayer for those who have been injured or, as in at least one case, lost their life, or suffered damage to their homes.

The planning group have met and I am able to let you know what is happening next month.



Church in the Hall will be on the first and third Sundays as usual so the first one will be on Sunday 5th March at the usual time. Don't forget the bacon rolls are served from 9.45 am! Our theme will be "who should we listen to?" Our reading will be taken from Matthew 4. 1-11 which tells us about Jesus' experience in the wilderness for 40

days - the time we call Lent. He is tempted by the Devil to save Himself and demonstrate his power. We are all tested from time to time.....but who do we listen to?

The following *Church in the Hall* will be on Sunday 19th March and our text is from John 4.5-42 about Christ's encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well. This image is of a famous sculpture outside Chester Cathedral called "The Water of Life" which just happens to be our theme for our worship on 19th. The passage has a number of messages for us. We all depend on water to survive - a vital and rare resource in Biblical times. Something we take for granted when we turn on the tap but here "living water" has a greater meaning.





A reminder that this year Mothering Sunday is on Sunday, 26th March at 10.00 am and will be a family service in St Mary's. Veronica and her team are working with the children at Morgan's Vale School so that they are fully involved in this annual celebration, not only of motherhood, but also of all those who care for us. There will be posies of flowers for the children to distribute so it's a celebration of Spring too!! Do try and join us on the 26th.

....and finally, a big thank you to all who helped to make *Church for Everyone* last Sunday a great success. Over sixty came along - of all ages - and enjoyed breakfast together followed by over an hour of worship with everyone agreeing "*all you need is love*". A lot of work goes into the preparation and execution of these events but the numbers that participate mean that it is all worthwhile and shows how important God's love is for us all.

Dates for the Diary – March & April

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

Sunday 19th March - Church in the Hall at 9.45 for 10.00 am

Sunday 26th March - Mothering Sunday in St Mary's - Family Service at 10.00 am

Sunday 2nd April - Church in the Hall at 9.45 for 10.00 am

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

Key future dates

10th March - Concert at St Mary's by Hermitage Ensemble - see February magazine for details

12th March - St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting

With very best wishes and see you on 5th March,

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