

St Mary's Redlynch

Church in the Hall Newsletter

June 2017



I spent a few evenings of the past week helping out front of house at the Redlynch Players' 60th Anniversary production of "Thrush Green" which they staged in a huge marquee in a field in Hamptworth. For those that didn't get to see it, the story depicts life on one day - 1st May 1960 - in a rural village when the fair comes to Thrush Green. The play was adapted with great

sensitivity by our own Ron Perry from a book of the same name and the setting and production did great credit to his work. The story said much about the simple values of country life and, although much has changed in the past 60 years, so many of those values are still present in our 21st century community. This became all the more poignant as the opening night was in the wake of the atrocity in Manchester just two days earlier and our hearts and prayers go out to those who lost their lives, or who were injured, and to their families and loved ones.

Our next Church in the Hall fall on Whit Sunday, or the The Feast of Pentecost, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit amongst the Disciples. This was as Jesus had promised and the Spirit was sent for all of us and remains with us today. It is our guide, and has been for two thousand years, to which we should always listen.



So the theme for the next Church in the Hall on Sunday 4th June will be simply the "*Holy Spirit is with us*". The reading will be in dramatic form and based on Acts 2. 1-21. and describes the events of the day that the Spirit came .

On Sunday 18th June our theme will be "*stepping out*" and our text is from Matthew 9.35 - 10.8 as Jesus sends his Apostles out into the world to spread the Word. We look at what it is to step outside our own comfort zone.



Our usual time on both Sundays - 10.00 am with a light breakfast available from 9.45 am.



Thanks to all who helped with the distribution of Christian Aid envelopes this year - Sunday 4th June will be the last chance to hand in any donations and there will be a box for these on Sunday. The Big Brekkie on 20th May was a huge success and raised almost £450.00 plus some gift aid which will take it over the £500 mark. And all in 3 hours! - thanks to Anita and Graham for organising the whole thing and to all those who helped with the setting up the day before and for cooking, serving, clearing away and washing up on the day. A magnificent effort.



Now that we are almost into summer that must mean BBQ time!! Rosemary and John Hawkins are kindly hosting our annual BBQ once again in their lovely garden - on **Sunday 20th August** at lunchtime. Further details will be in the July newsletter.

Dates for the Diary – June & July

Sunday 4th June - Church in the Hall at 9.45 for 10.00 am

Sunday 18th June - Church in the Hall at 9.45 for 10.00 am

Saturday 1st July - Lover Country Fayre

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

Sunday 16th July - Church in the Hall at 9.45 for 10.00 am

Dates for the Diary – later in the year

Sunday 20th August - annual BBQ at Cedar Lodge

Sunday 3rd December - Chiristingle

With very best wishes and see you on 4th June,

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