



St Mary's Redlynch Church in the Hall Newsletter March 2019

It is quite rare these days to see a March hare in the countryside - the expression "mad as a March hare" evolved from their crazy antics which only occur in March which is their breeding season. In the Church calendar, this year's March is not so much crazy as a bit confusing as Easter is very late this year - three weeks later than last year - which means Ash Wednesday, which marks the first day of Lent, is not until 6th March. This means Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the Risen Lord, is not until 21st April. The latest Easter can be 25th April but that won't happen again until 2038!



Mothering Sunday, usually in the first couple of weeks of March, is this year right at the end - on 31st. Please do put this in your diary as we will be holding a Family Service in St Mary's at 10.00 am with flowers for the mums and grandmums. Do try and join in this celebration of Motherhood and its wider meaning. There will also be a communion service in St Birinus at 8.00 am.

St Mary's and St Birinus will be running a Lent Course starting on Tuesday 5th March over 6 weeks. The sessions will be at St Birinus Church at 7.00 pm each Tuesday except for the fourth one which will be on Wednesday 27th March. The course is entitled "What do you believe?" For further details, or to book a place, please contact Veronica by e-mail batchelor446@btinternet.com or on 01725 513878.

On the first and third Sundays of March we will have our usual Church in the Hall at 9.45 am for breakfast with worship from 10.00 am.



"You have to listen in order to hear" is what we will be talking about on 3rd March - inspired by Luke 9: 28-36 - when we hear how Jesus appeared to the disciples with Elijah and Moses and was transfigured.

On 17th March the discussion is around "choosing the right path". The text is again from Luke, this time Chapter 13 v. 31-35. Jesus is advised to escape from Herod but He says His place is in Jerusalem.



THE JOINT CHURCH SOCIAL EVENT this month

Is on SATURDAY 16th MARCH
IN WOODFALLS METHODIST HALL
STARTING WITH A MEAL AT 5.30pm

There will be a Chinese Auction where everyone gets a prize!

Just bring something worth just £1.00, no more, no less, and

WRAPPED (so that it cannot be identified). You won't need extra money for the auction.

To help with catering if you hope to come please ring Anita and Graham on 01725 512648 or text 07816542204 or email social@stmarys-redlynch.org.uk - but if you haven't booked a place and can come at the last minute still come!



Creation Station will be back after half term on Wednesday 27th February and then every Wednesday in Redlynch Village Hall 10.00 - 12.00 during term time - do come along - all ages welcome and facilities for pre-school children.

Below are the usual dates for the next couple of months but you might also like to "save the date" in your diary for the following:

- **23rd February St Birinus' "JUMBAZ"** in Morgans Vale & Woodfalls Village Hall. See posters and Parish Magazine for details
- **Mothering Sunday at St Mary's 31st March**
- **Easter Sunday 21st April**
- **Saturday 18th May - Christian Aid "Big Brekkie" in Woodfalls Methodist Hall**
- **"Celebrating Village Life" 18th May in The Old School Lover**
- **Sunday 23rd June - "Hymns & Pimms" at St Birinus - details to be confirmed**
- **Saturday 6th July - Lover Fayre**

Dates for the Diary - March & April

Sunday 24th February - Church Family Communion at St Birinus at 10.00 am

Sunday 3rd March - Church in the Hall at 9.45 for 10.00 am

Tuesday 5th March - Lent course begins at St Birinus 7.00 pm.

Wednesday 6th March - Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent) - "Ashing" services in St Mary's at 9.30 am and St Birinus at 7.00 pm both with Communion.

Sunday 10th March - Church Family Praise at St Birinus at 10.00 am

Saturday 16th March - Joint Church Social Event in Woodfalls Methodist Hall

Sunday 17th March - Church in the Hall at 9.45 for 10.00 am

Sunday 24th March - Church Family Communion at St Birinus at 10.00 am

Sunday 31st March - Mothering Sunday in St Mary's at 10.00 am

Saturday 6th April - Joint Church Social Event in Woodfalls Methodist Hall

Sunday 7th April - Church in the Hall at 9.45 for 10.00 am

Sunday 14th April - Palm Sunday - All Age celebration service with Holy Communion in St Mary's at 10.00 am.

Sunday 21st April - Easter Sunday 10.00 am Family Holy Communion followed by Easter Egg Hunt in St Mary's

Sunday 28th April - Church Family Communion at St Birinus at 10.00 am

With very best wishes

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