



## Church in the Hall Newsletter

On Saturday evening we have to remember to put our clocks forward which means one less hours sleep but we can start to enjoy those lighter evenings as the weather begins to warm up and we can leave winter well and truly behind us. Easter, which as I said in the last Newsletter, is late this year, is just around the corner. Lent doesn't officially end until Maundy Thursday (18 April) but we begin Holy Week on Palm Sunday (14 April) and this year we will hold a joint service with St Birinus at **10.00 am in St Mary's**. It will be a service of Celebration with Communion to which everyone is welcome. The theme is "as the crowd gathered" and you will have the opportunity to make your own Palm Crosses.



A reminder that this coming Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, is Mothering Sunday, A Family Service for all ages 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.

Only one Church in the Hall this month due to Easter. **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April** at the usual time of 9.45 am for breakfast with worship from 10.00 am. The theme will be "a moment of extravagance". The text is John 12: 1-8 and the story of Mary of Bethany who anoints Jesus with expensive perfumed oil resulting in some criticism from some disciples who felt the oil should have been sold and the proceeds given to the poor. Were they right to say this?



**JOINT CHURCH SOCIAL EVENT**  
SATURDAY 6TH APRIL  
**WOODFALLS METHODIST HALL**  
**5.30pm Meal**

THEN READINGS, CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES WITH THE EASTER MESSAGE

For all ages

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](mailto:social@stmarys-redlynch.org.uk) - but if you haven't booked a place and can come at the last minute still come!



There will be no Creation Station during the Easter break on 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> April but we will be back on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 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.



Easter Sunday this year is on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April** and there will be a Church Family Communion service in St Mary's at 10.00 am taken by Veronica. This will be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. This will replace our usual *Church in the Hall* worship on the third Sunday of the month.



Then, in the week after Easter - on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April** - the Mission Group have organised a Film Evening in Woodfalls Methodist Church on the Ridge. The film is "Risen" which was first released in March 2016 and stars Joseph Fiennes as a Roman Tribune charged with investigating what happened to the body of Jesus following the Crucifixion. It is classified as a "12" viz *video release suitable for children 12 years and over*. You can find out more about the film by Googling "Risen" (there is also a trailer on YouTube) or on the

flyer a copy of which is attached to the covering e-mail with this newsletter. Tickets are £3.00 available from me - email [risen@stmarys-redlynch.org.uk](mailto:risen@stmarys-redlynch.org.uk) or phone 01725 512779. Light refreshments will be available during the evening for a donation and there will be an optional opportunity on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May** to meet in St Birinus Church for a discussion about the film. This is something "different" and we do hope you will be able to join us to support the evening and enjoy the film.

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

- **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Christian Aid "Big Brekkie" in Woodfalls Methodist Hall**
- **"Celebrating Village Life" 18<sup>th</sup> May in The Old School Lover**
- **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - "Hymns & Pimms" at St Birinus - details to be confirmed**
- **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Lover Fayre**

#### **Dates for the Diary - March & April**

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Mothering Sunday in St Mary's at 10.00 am

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Joint Church Social Event in Woodfalls Methodist Hall

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April - *Church in the Hall* at 9.45 for 10.00 am

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Palm Sunday - Joint service with St Birinus - Palm Sunday Celebration with Communion. Everyone welcome in St Mary's at 10.00 am.

14<sup>th</sup> - 21st April Holy Week Services - please go to [www.stmarys-redlynch.org.uk](http://www.stmarys-redlynch.org.uk) and click on "services" for full details.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April - Easter Sunday 10.00 am Church Family Communion followed by Easter Egg Hunt in St Mary's

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April Screening of "Risen" in Woodfalls Methodist Church 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Ticket event.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April - Church Family Communion at St Birinus at 10.00 am

With very best wishes

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