



St Mary's Redlynch

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Church in the Hall Newsletter

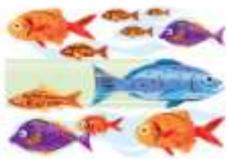
I chose the image at the head of this letter as it will be Ascension Day on 30th May. Last month was a very busy one in the Church with the lead up to Holy Week and then the celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday when nearly a hundred adults and children joined together to worship in St Mary's for the Easter Day service. Those of us who attended the screening of "Risen" last Saturday will have witnessed the "post Easter" story from a very different perspective - that of a Roman Tribune who was an important figure within the Roman Army that controlled the Holy Land. Tasked with finding the body of Jesus which had mysteriously vanished from the tomb, he becomes involved with the Disciples and his life is turned around.

Interestingly, the story concludes with Christ's Ascension to heaven - just 40 days after Easter. Such a very short time for the Disciples to come to terms with what had happened to their Messiah and for Him to teach them what was required of them in spreading the Gospel.

There will be a Holy Communion service in St Mary's on Ascension Day (30th May) at 9.30 am.

There is a lot happening in and around the Church this month including two Church in the Hall services which I will summarise first and then list brief details of everything else that is happening.

The first Church in the Hall will be this coming **Sunday - 5th May** - at the usual time of 9.45 am for breakfast with worship from 10.00 am. The theme will be **"fish and forgiveness"**. The text is John 21.1-19 when Jesus appears to the Disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee and tells them to cast their nets on the other side of their boat. He then tests their loyalty and tells them what is expected of them.



On **Sunday 19th May** is our second Church in the Hall of this month and we explore **"breaking down barriers"** based on Acts 11. 1-18. Peter is in Jerusalem and is criticised for mixing with gentiles. He explains that God's gift of the Holy Spirit is for everyone.



JOINT CHURCH SOCIAL EVENT
SATURDAY 11th MAY
WOODFALLS METHODIST HALL
STARTING WITH A MEAL AT 5.30pm THEN
EASY MINUTE GAMES



To help with catering if you hope to come please sign up at Church in the hall or Woodfalls Methodist or ring Anita and Graham on 01725 512648 or text 07816542204. But if you haven't signed up and can come at the last minute still come.



Creation Station is back 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. The Lover Repair Café, a brand new enterprise, now meets on the same mornings as Creation Station. Using the committee room in the hall, they offer to repair household and garden items. If you have something that they might be able to help with take it along on a Wednesday morning in term time.

Don't forget St Mary's APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) is on 12th May following the 9.15 am service. There will be vacancies for PCC members to fill - if you think you would like to contribute in some way to the governance and activities of our Church or would like to know more about the work of the PCC and how you might be able to play a part then why not speak to Veronica or myself.



May is the month when we support Christian Aid week - this year from 12th- 18th. We will be seeking volunteers at Church in the Hall on Sunday to deliver envelopes - if everyone could deliver just one or two roads each it would make light work of the task and you would be supporting this worthwhile cause. We only need you to deliver the envelopes - you are not required to collect them.

And then on **Saturday 18th May** we will be holding our fourth "BIG BREKKIE" in Woodfalls Methodists Hall between 8.00 am and 11.00 am. Why not join us for a "Full English" and help support Christian Aid with a donation.



If you would be willing to be involved helping on the day please contact me - contact details below.

Also on 18th May is a new event organised by Lover Community Trust at the Old School Lover - "Celebrating Village Life". Organisations of every kind from our community have been invited to take a stall to promote themselves and there also be entertainment during the afternoon. Our church will be represented as will Creation Station so why not call by between 12.00 noon and 4.00 pm.

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

- **Sunday 23rd June** - "Hymns & Pimms" at St Birinus - details to be confirmed
- **Saturday 6th July** - Lover Fayre

Dates for the Diary - May

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

Saturday 11th May - Joint Church Social Event in Woodfalls Methodist Hall

Sunday 12th May - APCM in St Mary's approx 10.15 am

Church Family Praise at St Birinus at 10.00 am

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

Sunday 26th May - Church Family Communion at St Birinus at 10.00 am

Thursday 30th May - Ascension Day service in St Mary's at 9.30 am.

With very best wishes

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