March Newsletter

The name of March comes from Martius, the first month of the earliest Roman Calendar. It was names after Mars, the Roman god of war, and an ancestor of the Roman people, through his sons, Romulus and Remus.

Many other cultures and religions still celebrate the beginning of the New Year in March.

<u>March Birthdays</u>

1st David Niven (1910) 13th Dr. Joseph Priestly (1733)

3rd Alex. Graham Bell (1847) 14th Mrs Beeton (1836)

5th King Henry 11 (1133) 18th Neville Chamberlain (1869)

11th Malcolm Campbell (1885) 20th Vera Lynn (1917)

March's Birthstones are Aquamarine and Bloodstone

March's Birthflower is the Daffodil

March 1st marks the beginning of Spring (meteorologically speaking) where we start seeing new shoots on the trees and bushes, where everywhere we look life is bursting out all over, and we are looking forward to the nicer weather, when we can get out into the garden.

Here are two poems to get us into the mood.

<u>Springtime</u>

Tranformation of the landscape
By subtle changes seen
Is binding every season
To the life that lives between
One link within this cycle
Is neither life nor death
But suspension from creation
A pause to take a breath
Then nature changes swiftly
As growth starts filling well
The emptiness of Winter
That froze each living cell
The elements are changing
With increasing light and heat
And with the pulse of life renewing
Tranformation is complete
And this first green hue of growth
That the power of life can bring
Is the living from the dying
Our Easter and our Spring.

By Susan Turner

Spring Song

Frogs Croak

Rain soak

Chicks peep

Crickets leap

Bees hum

Robin come

Birds sing

It's Spring!!!

Katie gave me this song by The Dubliners, after I asked for some songs with odd lyrics, some time back, and didn't have chance to include it until now, and this one definitely fits the bill.

The Woman from Wexford

Well, there was an old woman from Wexford

And in Wexford she did dwell

She loved her old man dearly

But another one twice as well.

When me tiggery, tiggery, toram

And me toram, toram, ta.

Ah, one day she went to the doctor

Some medicine for to find

She said, will ye give me something

That'll make me old man blind?

When me tiggery, tiggery, toram

And me toram, toram, ta

Says he, give him eggs and marrow bones

And make him sup them all

And it wont be so very long after

That he wont see you at all

When me tiggery, tiggery, toram

And me toram, toram, ta

Well, the doctor wrote a letter

And he signed it with his hand

He sent it to the old man

Just to let him understand

When me tiggery, tiggery, toram

And me toram, toram, ta

Well, she fed him eggs and marrow bones

And she made him sup them all

And it wasn't so very long after that

He couldn't see the wall

When me tiggery, tiggery, toram

And me toram, toram, ta

Said the old man, I think I drown meself

But that might be a sin

Says she, I'll come along with you

And I'll help to shove you in

When me tiggery, tiggery, toram

And me toram, toram, ta

Well, the old woman she stood back a bit

For to rush an' push him in

But the old man gently stood aside

And she went tumblin' in

When me tiggery, tiggery, toram

And me toram, toram, ta

Oh, how loudly she did yell

And how loudly she did bawl

Arra, hold yer whist, old woman

Said he, I can’t see you at all

When me tiggery, tiggery, toram

And me toram, toram, ta

Ah, sure eggs and eggs and marrow bones

May make yer old man blind

But if you want to drown him

You must creep up close behind him

When me tiggery, tiggery, toram

And me toram, toram, ta

Hey, tiggery, tiggery, toram

And the blind man he could see

If you have any funny lyrics or poems, let me have them and I will include it for everyone to enjoy.

Daily activities and events are shown on the white boards just outside of the lifts.

<u>Dates for the diary</u>

2nd March	Collaton St. Mary School Zoom meeting	10.30am
9th March	Morning worship	10.30am
	Sit-com theme day	11.00am
16th March	Communion Service	10.30am
23rd March	Morning Worship	10.30am
30th March	Morning Worship	10.30am