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If adventures will not befall a young lady in her own village, she must seek them abroad...

Barbara Hamlin

I was having a great conversation with 18-year-old Julia during a party last year in Chevilly as she told me about her plans to travel and how much she was enjoying learning English. When I quoted the above sentence, she instantly replied "That's Jane Austen – Northanger Abbey." Astonishing! I thought that a catch up with Julia and a couple of other young people from Chevilly to find out how they are doing would make interesting reading.

Julia tells me "When I was 12 years old, my family joined the Curry Rivel-Chevilly Twinning Association. The regular exchanges helped me to discover a new culture and way of life, especially when I stayed for a week with Madelaine and Ted. I had a great time and learned so much, thanks to them. I wanted to learn more about the UK and become fluent in English. The Twinning visits allowed me to practise, improve my accent and my grasp of grammar. At school I wanted to join the International course for which an almost native level of English is required. Thanks to my years on the

Twinning exchanges, I was accepted on the course and am delighted with my in-depth studies of Jane Austen and the poetry of Shelley. At the moment I am in a Preparatory Class for entry into a 'Grande Ecole'. [These are highly prestigious French Universities. The competition for places is very demanding!] Julia finishes by saying "I believe English is one of my main assets and will continue to be so in my future career."

Next, I contacted Soline whose daughter Yaëlle, who will be 18 in September, has prepared her 'Bac' [roughly equivalent to our 'A' level exams] in English, History, Geography and Political Sciences. Soline and her family, her parents, Marie-Madeleine and Hubert and her nieces Doriane and Elodie all visited Curry Rivel on Twinning visits. Soline explains that Yaëlle, in addition to the basic 6 hours of English on her timetable, also studied Maths and Biology delivered in English. As well as continual assessment throughout the year on current affairs, English grammar

and translation, Yaëlle's final oral exam was about the inequalities between men and women in the film industry with a written exam lasting three and a half hours. Next year she will be studying Law, in particular European Law.

Finally, Noëlie wrote to me at the end of her first, highly successful year teaching English in a school near Orléans. She says that her first visit to Curry Rivel aged 10 with her aunt was very memorable although she was shy and couldn't speak English. On her second visit aged 12 she met Judy who lived with Fran Harris. The two girls became friends and Fran invited Noëlie to stay every summer with visits to many places in England. As a result Noëlie gained excellent grades in English and a little later worked in Manchester for a video production company for a year on the Erasmus+ programme. She gained a first degree in English and a Master's in Education. She thinks she will be a teacher for a very long time as she is really passionate about it. She concludes "English is a very big part of my life, and speaking English

is probably the thing I am most proud of. Everything I can do in English I do – I watch, listen, read everything in English. It gave me the job I absolutely adore, and I honestly don't know what else I would do."

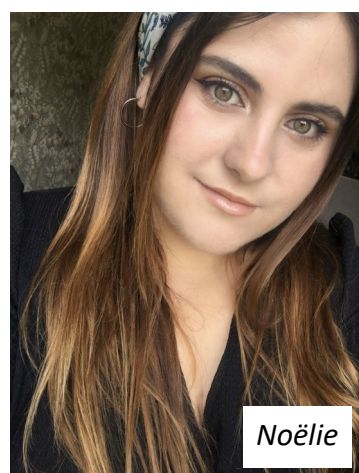
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Julia



Yaëlle



Noëlie

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Many congratulations to these young people for their hard work, tenacity and enthusiasm. I think we can feel quietly pleased and proud that our Curry Rivel – Chevilly Twinning link helped produce these astounding results. As you will have read in last month's News the Twinning continues in an informal way with private visits to and fro. As our Twinning song, written in 1998, says "it's a friendship that never ends. Curry Rivel and Chevilly what good partners we'll always be."

News from our Primary School

Ali Pook - Head Teacher



It has been a busy time at Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School, including:

A visit from the Planetarium Dome - this was a large structure in the hall which took the children into a 3D space environment and an international space station.

Gala and Camelot classes have visited to Magdalene Farm & Vivary Park respectively last month, with Blenheim class going on their week-long residential to the Quantocks, where they enjoyed outdoor activities including swimming, kayaking, archery, high ropes, survival skills and team challenges. They also enjoyed an Escape Room, Silent Disco, Campfire and a 'Mrs Pook Geography walk' learning about the estuary of the River Parrett and the importance of the Steart Marshes. The pupils represented our school with real pride, working together, showing great team spirit, determination and resilience- and of course enjoyed the wonderful home-cooked food.

'During our stay, there were countless opportunities to step out of your comforts of electronics and become better friends with nature, as well as learning crucial skills. I loved the survival skills and Black Rock. I also learnt other valuable skills - compromise, understanding and empathy.' Isabelle. These trips enhance the curriculum, but also develop personal and social skills and of course create great memories.

Over 100 people visited our beautiful grounds last month, with many staying for a cream tea. The PTA teas raised £137, and we should receive a slice of the Open Gardens profits, which we can reinvest into the school gardens.

We had a fantastic Sports Day - a big thank you to each and every pupil - behaviour was excellent and there was a real commitment to trying their best and not giving up. It was great to see so many parents/carers at the event (who were also keen to take part in some races themselves!). Congratulations to Polden House who won the overall cup- presented to the Sports Captains. We also enjoyed the wonderful Olympic opening ceremony, with the torch travelling from St Andrew's Church to us here at school to mark the start of the event. And of course, we all loved singing 'Three lions' together to support our England team - hopefully you have seen the film and drone footage on Facebook.

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Folk and Acoustic Music Nights at Fivehead Baptist Church

Laurie Burn

Fivehead Folk and Acoustic Nights are held at Fivehead Baptist Church (Butchers Hill, Fivehead, TA3 6PD) on the second Saturday evening of each month.

Starting at 7:30pm, the first hour of the evening is open to "floor singers". ie anyone who turns up to sing or play will get a chance to perform (depending on numbers). Sign up in the book when you arrive.

At about 8:30pm there is a half-hour break with a coffee bar offering fresh filter coffee, tea, soft drinks and snacks. **The church has a no-alcohol policy which all visitors should respect.** Please note that only cash is accepted. (The coffee

bar is also open from 7pm until the music begins.)

In the second half (from about 9pm) an invited guest artist or group will perform for about an hour. The guest artists on 14th September are David and Issy Emeney.

There will be no charge for entry, but a donation jar will be passed round for the guest performers. Please come prepared with cash to give generously as the artists do not otherwise receive a fee.

For more information contact Laurie Burn: laurieguitars@gmail.com



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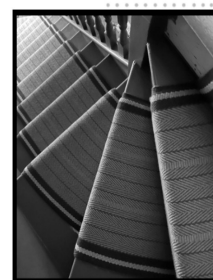
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Alison Cockrell

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Friday 20 September 2024



Vindication Swim recounts the inspirational true story of Mercedes Gleitze, who in 1927 became the first British woman to swim the English Channel. Not only did she have to battle against the cold waters of the Channel but also the overbearing society of 1920s Britain, especially after a rival steps forward, who claims to have accomplished the same feat.

Stars: Kirsten Callaghan, John Locke, Victoria Summer, Douglas Hodge and James Wilby.

Doors open at 6.30pm, show starts at 7.00pm in the Curry Rivel Village Hall.

Tickets (£8 in cash) are available at the door. Refreshments available (cash bar).

Please continue to support your Movies in the Village Hall (on the third Friday of the month). The number of attendees was up in July but, in order to continue, we still need more people to attend.

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Curry Rivel Village Hall 200 Club

The Winners June 2024

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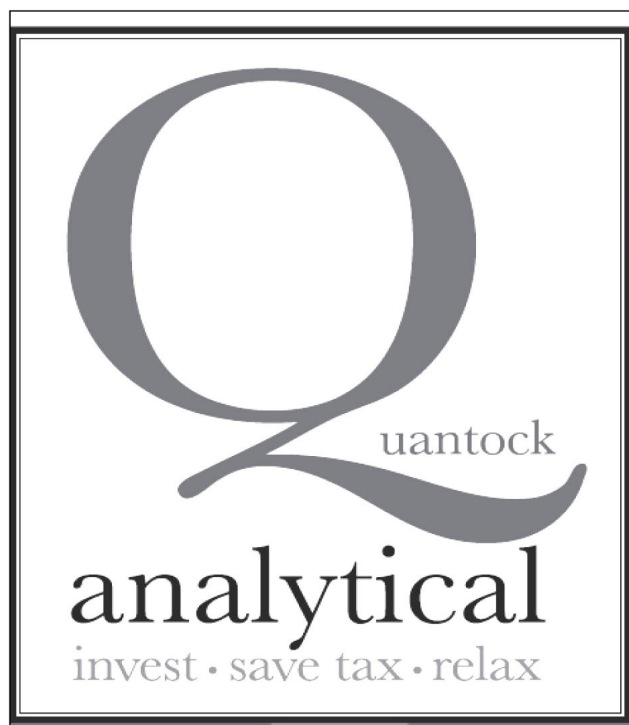
This draw has raised £332.50 for the ongoing running costs of the Village Hall and we would like to thank all ticket holders for their continued support.



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Your cemetery

Elaine Owen, Parish Clerk

We don't know how many people visit the cemetery each week, but there are always fresh flowers on many graves, including some of the oldest ones.

Very little money was spent on the cemetery for decades and many things now need attention all at once. The Parish Council is committed to a programme of works so residents can be reassured that this will remain a cared for place. Improvements are described below and will continue as funds permit.

More Cemetery space

In recent times, due to a lack of plots, the parish council had to suspend offering new Rights for burials. Space for ashes was also running out. However, by removing vegetation and researching records extra plots have been identified. As a result, new Rights for burials are once again available.

To ensure that the cemetery can continue to serve the community for decades to come some of the unused space around the perimeter of the cemetery will have to be prepared to accept burials. These new areas will be described in a Plan which will be made available for public comment by the end of this year.

Other improvements

The Lych Gate will have a structural review and its guttering repaired. A new bench will be added by the shed, and a noticeboard installed near the tap.

A wooden fence will be installed on the back boundary. It was always the case that the cemetery should have had a higher fence, but this was not done, perhaps for costs reasons.

The utility area will have new bins for green waste. There is presently no general waste collection, so we ask that visitors take flower wrappings and other non-compostable waste away with them. Alternatively, rubbish may be put in the bin on the Village Green.

Grave Management

Memorials belong to families who should maintain them. A few have fallen over onto their faces. These will be turned over. All memorials have recently been 'topple-tested' and a number have been laid down because they were unsafe. If this affects one that you own, please contact the clerk to discuss options.

Legally all ground remains the property of the burial authority. Rights are granted for burial and permissions are granted to erect a single memorial. Some graves have extra memorials or anchored markers on them (additional permission would have been granted). Recently a stone item was placed in the centre of a plot and, being hidden in grass, it was not seen by the maintenance crew. Pieces flew up and could have caused serious injury. We ask for your co-operation to keep tributes on, or near, the memorial plinths for this reason. Where mowers cannot get access, a strimmer is used. The crew use a blower to dislodge grass leavings, but wet grass may stick to memorials. They are not permitted to brush it off the

headstones in case any damage is caused, so the grass is left to fall off naturally.

New tidy ups

The cemetery will be tidied up twice a year with first to take place in late autumn. This will be done sensitively. Seasonal decorations and loose empty containers will be removed, and items may be moved onto plinths. Flowers (real and artificial) that have substantially deteriorated will be disposed of. Of course, many families do this already, but others can only visit occasionally. One of the main objectives will be to remove things that might otherwise blow around over winter.

More information

If you have any concerns, or questions, you are very welcome to contact me using clerk@curryrivel.org.uk or 07354 318840. The Rules and more information can be found on this web page: <https://www.curryrivel.org.uk/parish-council-1/use-of-council-cemetery.html>

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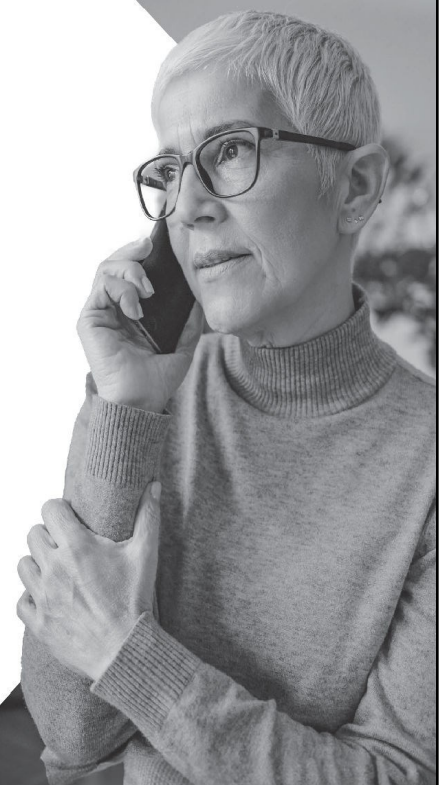
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Second Somerset & Exmoor Coast Festival set to be bigger and better

Somerset Trail Partnership for King Charles III England Coast Path

Organisers of the second Somerset and Exmoor Coastal Festival are on their marks and getting set to make this year's event even bigger and better than the first, having added trail running to the mix.

The festival, scheduled for September 21 to 29, is put together by the King Charles III England Coast Path team based at Somerset Council, which this year has teamed up with local outdoor events organisers, Channel UK Events CIC to offer new challenges.

As well as the 80 Miles in Eight Days walking challenge - starting at Brean Down and ending in Porlock via County Gate - this year's festival will include trail running events with a Marathon and a 100km Ultra Marathon on the penultimate day, September 28, courtesy of Channel Events. Both trail running distances will finish with a lap of Brean Down, the 100km starting in Minehead and the marathon starting in Bridgwater.

According to Dan Brice of Channel Events, the initial response to the new events has been overwhelming. He said: "We hope this translates into fantastic entry numbers making these a 'must do' 100km ultra and marathon."

The idea behind the festival is to showcase Somerset's unique yet often overlooked coastline and all it has to offer residents and visitors. Organisers are working with tourism and hospitality businesses close to the coast to raise awareness of its beauty, history and heritage.

Isobel Pring, of the Somerset Trail Partnership for the King Charles III England Coast Path, said: "We are excited to introduce so many newcomers to our stretch of coast which is rich with geology, wildlife, history and spectacular scenery."

"We already have 60 events on the website and are delighted that the festival is running at the same time as the wonderful Somerset Art Weeks and the fabulous Brean Country and Western Festival, giving visitors a great range of activities to choose from while they are with us."

Festival goers planning to walk can opt in to the

whole 80-mile challenge or enjoy just sections of it, and there are numerous other walks on offer with themes including poetry, art and history. There are even night walks and a walk for toddlers.

Among the many highlights of this year's event are a Fuse Fire and Light Trail in Bridgwater at the start on September 21 and an evening of shanty songs with the Barnacle Buoys, at Sparkhayes Campsite in Porlock on September 29, followed by a free Fire and Light night walk on Porlock Marshes to finish.

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July's meeting, our last before the August break, saw members sharing updates on all the recent activities, enjoying catching up with friends over coffee before settling down to listen to the speaker.

As always, the weeks between our monthly meeting have been busy, with the various groups meeting as well as some other events for members. The walking group had enjoyed a walk along the canal from Maunsell Lock and the book group had met to discuss this month's book *The Four Winds* by Kirsten Hannah, the table tennis group had also met. Unfortunately, the planned demonstration and talk about Air Fryers had to be postponed until the autumn.

The July speaker was Dr Paul Bygrave, the nursery manager from Forde Abbey who gave an illustrated and informative talk which included the history of the Abbey as well as the seasonal highlights of the renowned gardens. Members were fascinated to find out about the history of the Abbey itself from its origin as home to the Cistercian monks who lived and farmed there through its time as a private home, when a number of notable people resided in the house some making adaptations or additions that can still be seen today.

The award-winning gardens are popular with people coming from March to the end of October to see them. Paul was able to share a

flavour of the gardens month by month starting with the snowdrops and other spring bulbs, through the summer planting and into the autumn highlighting not only the things that the visitor would see but also the work of the gardeners. He was also able to share gardening tips and make plant recommendations which were very useful to members. The talk was enjoyed by all members some of whom had visited Forde Abbey and others who planned to add it to their list!

Our new programme of speakers has just been published and the activity groups are putting together their book list and planned list of walks for the forthcoming year. We are also planning on starting a craft group for members in September.

The WI meets once a month on the 2nd Thursday at 10.00 – 12.00 in the Village Hall. If you wish to know more, or are interested in joining, please contact Sally Harvey, President, on 01458 253431.

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Revd Tim Richards

(1956-2024)

Steve Allinson

It is with a true mixture of emotions that I write this tribute to my very good friend and true man of our community, Revd Tim Richards.

On the one hand, I write with real sadness, because it means Curry Rivel has lost someone who was a friend and confidante to so many of us here in Curry Rivel. On the other hand, it gives me the opportunity to write this heartfelt appreciation of Tim.

Having had the privilege to get to know Tim particularly well over a good number of years, what always struck me was the rich tapestry of life that he enjoyed. Many of us knew Tim, of course, as the minister at Curry Rivel United Reform Church (and several others in Somerset), where he was always visible and available both to his congregations and anyone who needed him. The URC may have been, in recent years, a relatively small congregation, but, under Tim's leadership, it always played a full role in so many activities, from harvest celebrations, Christmas services, shared Maundy Thursday worship with St. Andrew's, as well as autumn craft fairs and other village charitable events. Tim was instrumental in encouraging the formation of the Curry Rivel, Hambridge & Drayton Food Bank and throughout the COVID pandemic it was housed at the URC church and Tim volunteered to help whenever he could.

However, Tim's contribution to village life was so much more. He personified in so many ways what a village minister should be. Tim was always ready to meet for a chat or offer a kindly ear. He never judged, but always listened and offered thoughtful advice and guidance. In his care for others, Tim's passion for social justice and inclusivity shone very brightly. In recent years, he became a stalwart of our village skittles team (and when on occasions it was not his finest night, you certainly wouldn't have thought he was a vicar)!

Some reading this may know that Tim's first career was as an actor, and he continued that interest in many local amateur dramatic performances. Indeed, his love of the arts and music was legendary. Tim attended the Glastonbury Festival for many years, often as a volunteer

working to assist those who may have needed personal help and support throughout the festivities. I had the privilege of sharing some of these times with Tim and his easy manner and friendly disposition helped so many.

The numbers who attended Tim's funeral and thanksgiving services was testament to the love and respect so many had for him. We, of course, as a village community send our own love to Tim's wife, Ali, and his children and grandchildren at this difficult time.

So, farewell "Rev", and thanks for everything. So many people will miss you in this community and beyond, but are so glad to have known you, and your spirit lives on here.



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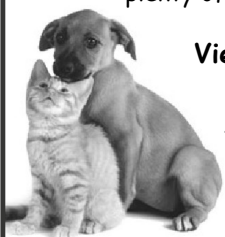
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Curry Rivel Flower Show

Sat 3rd Aug 2024

Kevin Loe

Congratulations to all of the 2024 Curry Rivel Flower Show award winners. The village hall, on Saturday 3rd Aug was a riot of colour and alluring smells.

Cups and awards were presented by the Flower Show president Tim Schroder, before a paying public of 150 people, including many children. Many thanks to Mike Mason for photos of the displays and prize winners.

Huge thanks must go to those who help run the show, assist the judges in their marking, run the raffle, bake and sell cream teas, cakes, etc..... and still find time to enter the show themselves.

Before the prize-giving and fantastic raffle, Flower Show stalwart of many years, Anne Pouncey, presented a cheque for £300 to Steve Allinson, for of the Curry Rivel, Drayton & Hambridge Food Bank.

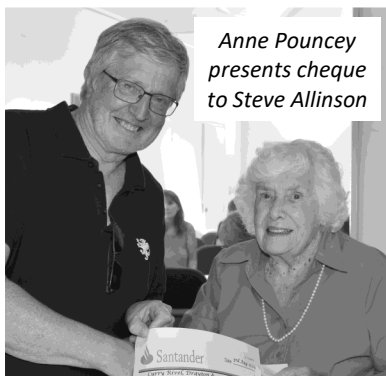
2024 Award Winners

Annette Stein (Top Vase), Kath Thornton (Flowers), Rod Williams (Vegetables), Nicola Barker (Orchid), Steve Allinson (Fruit), Elizabeth Leigh (Baking, etc), Gillie Purves (Decorative), Joan Chapman (Painting), Stuart Cave (Photography), Joan Chapman (Painting), Irene Drew & Joan Chapman (Craft), Henry Spencer (9-12s), Maddie Barker (Under 9s)

Why not enter next year? As well as being good fun, it can be wonderful for one's mental and physical health - or you could come and help with running next year's show! We would like to attract more entries by the young. Maybe you can think of ways to help with that and other aspects of the show.

Remember to USE IT OR LOSE IT.

See pictures of the flowers and vegetables on page 16



Anne Pouncey
presents cheque
to Steve Allinson



Flower Cup
Kath
Thornton

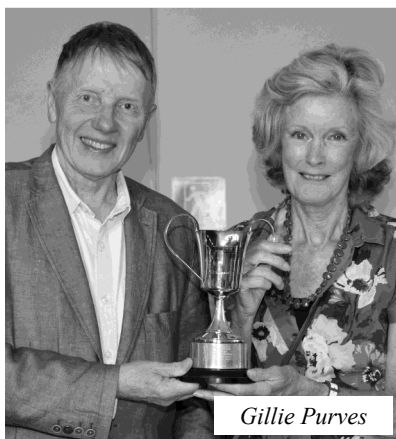


Tim
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Elizabeth
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Gillie Purves



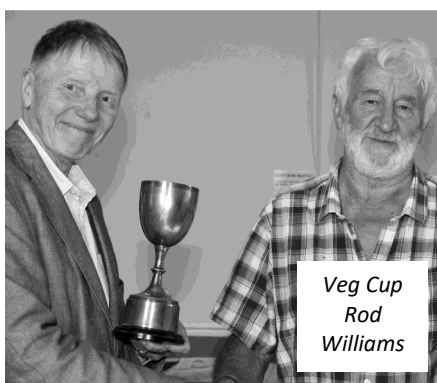
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Top Vase
Annette
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We warmly welcome visitors and new members of the community to any of our services and other events.

September

Sunday 1st

10.00 **FH** - All Age Family and Friends Service + refreshments
 11.15 **FH** - Said Communion CW
 6.00 pm **CR** - Evening Prayer

Saturday 7th

3.30 - 5.30 pm **CR OSR** - Messy Church

Sunday 8th

9.30 **SW** - Holy Communion BCP
 11.00 **CR** - Parish Communion CW

Tuesday 10th

10.00-12.00 **CR OSR** - Craft & Coffee

Sunday 15th

9.30 **FH** - Morning Worship
 11.00 **CR** - All Age Family & Friends Service + refreshments
 12.15 **CR** - Said Communion CW

Monday 16th

3.30 - 4.30 pm **CR OSR** - Lego Club

Sunday 22nd

9.30 **FH** - Parish Communion CW
 11.00 **CR** - Morning Worship CW
 6.00 pm **SW** - Evensong BCP

Monday 23rd

3.30 - 4.30 pm **CR OSR** - Lego Club

Sunday 29th

10.30 **CR** - United Benefice Holy Communion CW

Monday 30th

3.30 - 4.30 pm **CR OSR** - Lego Club

CR = St. Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel
CR OSR = Old School Room, Curry Rivel, 'behind' St. Andrew's Church
FH = St. Martin's Church, Fivehead
SW = St. Catherine's Church, Swell

The Lord is my Shepherd

Harvest takes place throughout the year. We plant the seed and tend it but it is God who makes it grow. Seeds of the gospel are planted at Messy Church for instance, where people of all ages meet informally and with various activities, crafts and songs based around a Christian message, concluding with a meal provides an enjoyable time for all.

Recently Messy Church visited a farm where we were able to touch lambs in the field - very exciting. The shepherd told us many interesting facts, including comparing his job of caring for his sheep, to our Lord Jesus who loves and cares for each one of us.

The Bible reference being **Psalm 23** which will be familiar to many.

The Lord is my shepherd:

I have everything I need.
 He lets me rest in green meadows,
 He leads me beside peaceful streams,
 He renews my strength,
 He guides me along right paths,
 bringing honour to his name.
 Even when I walk
 through the dark valley of death,
 I will not be afraid,
 For you are close beside me.
 Your rod and your staff
 protect and comfort me.
 You prepare a feast for me
 in the presence of my enemies.
 You welcome me as a guest,
 anointing my head with oil.
 My cup overflows with blessings.
 Surely your goodness and unfailing
 love will pursue me
 all the days of my life,
 and I will live in the house of
 the Lord for ever.

This Psalm was written by David out of his own experience because he had spent his early years caring for sheep. Sheep are completely dependent on the shepherd for provision, guidance and protection. The New Testament calls Jesus the good shepherd {John 10-1}, the great shepherd {Hebrew 13-20}, and the head shepherd {1 Peter 5-4}.



The Lord is my Shepherd ctd. . . .

As the Lord is our shepherd so we are his sheep --- not frightened, passive animals, but obedient followers, wise enough to follow one who lead us in right places and in right ways. This Psalm does not focus on the animal-like qualities of sheep but on the discipleship qualities of those who follow.

When we allow God to guide us, we have contentment. When we choose to sin and go our own way, however, we cannot blame God for the environment we create for ourselves. Our shepherd knows the "green meadows" and "peaceful streams" that will restore us. We will reach these places only by following him obediently. Rebelling against the shepherd's leading is actually rebelling against our own best interest. We must remember this the next time we are tempted to go our own way rather than the shepherd's way.

Death casts a frightening shadow over us because we are entirely helpless in its presence. We can struggle with other enemies --- pain, suffering, disease, injury --- but strength and courage cannot overcome death. Only one person can walk with us through Death's dark valley and bring us safely to the other side --- the God of life, our shepherd. Because life is uncertain, we should follow this shepherd who offers us eternal comfort. Jesus promises to guide and protect us throughout our life and to bring us into his house for ever. We must worship God, trust and obey his commands.

When you recognise the good shepherd follow him!

Liz Richardson

Lego Club

For children of primary school age, to create and play. Please bring a parent / guardian - they can chat over a cuppa.

Term time Mondays 3.30 — 4.30 pm in the Old School Room (see diary).

Donations for drinks and snacks are welcome.

For more information contact
 Rev Mark McKnight on 074 7155 6366
 or markmcknight5@gmail.com

From St. Andrew's Registers Weddings

*We wish them God's blessing
at the start of married life*

20th July - Abigail Mary Renshaw
and Terry Steven Cousins

Baptisms

We welcome into God's church.
28th July - Clementine Alma Graydon

St. Andrew's Rotas September

Brass - Jackie de Ronde

Flowers

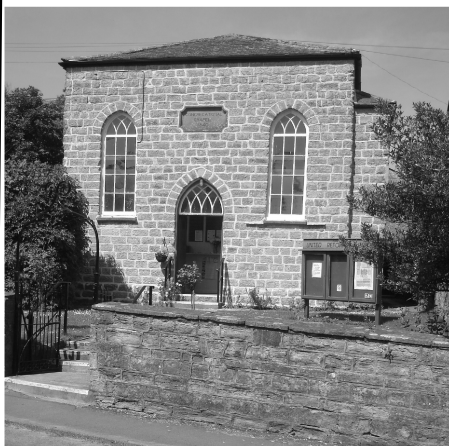
7th & 14th - Weddings
21st & 28th - Gina Beauchamp

Cleaning

7th - Jackie & John
de Ronde
14th - Anne Goff
21st - Nicky Barker
28th - Liz Rendell



United Reformed Church



September

*Services take place in our Chapel
building, starting at 10.30am.*

- 1st - Service of Prayer and Fellowship
led by Mrs Jo Morling
- 8th - Service of Prayer and Fellowship
- 15th - Service of Prayer and Fellowship
led by Rev Evelyn Ridout
- 22nd - Service of Prayer and Fellowship
- 29th - Service to celebrate Harvest
Festival led by Mrs Jo Morling

We are a small, inclusive, outward looking group of people and we welcome all wherever they are on their life/spiritual journey, without regard to age, gender, denominational background, sexual orientation, race or ability. We respect the traditions of our past, engage with the present and look forward to the future, believing our work together is rooted in our relationships with God, each other, and the world around us.

Tea/coffee is served after every service providing the opportunity to meet and chat with each other and the service leader.

URC Minister: vacant

Hall Bookings: 01458 253953

In memory of our much loved minister the Reverend Tim Richards.

We are very much mourning our friend and Minister the Reverend Tim Richards who died on July 15th 2024 after a long and unpleasant illness. Our thoughts and prayers are centred on his wife Alison, daughter Leahmay and wider family. We offer our gratitude to St. Margaret's Hospice, which gave Tim, Alison and Leah their loving care and attention.

Tim had a keen interest and involvement in community affairs. He carried out his pastoral duties with much enthusiasm – visiting homes and hospitals within the wide area of his five churches. He assisted in the establishment of the Food Bank in Curry Rivel, which was originally based at our Chapel in Willtown and subsequently at St. Andrews Parish Church. Having been trained as an actor he performed in a number of local pantomimes. He also joined URC members in a number of Dickensian and Victorian themed Craft Fairs held in Curry Rivel Village Hall.

During Tim's absence over recent months, we have managed with the determination of church members to plan and conduct services of hymns, prayers and fellowship. In the future services will continue to be open to anyone who would like to join us. There is always a warm welcome. We shall be arranging a **Harvest Lunch on Saturday 28th September** when there will be an opportunity to donate towards St. Margaret's Hospice. This will be followed on Sunday morning with our Harvest Festival service.

Robert A.C. Crowley, Elder

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Regular Events

MONDAY

	Acrobatic Arts Club ages 3+	
10.00am	Art Club	Village Hall
10.00am	Table Tennis (kevl@outlook.com)	Village Hall
6.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
6.45pm	Explorer Scouts	Scout Hall, Langport

TUESDAY

10.00am	Craft & Coffee (2nd only)	Old School Room
10.00am	Keep Fit (nicky.barker1@btinternet.com)	Village Hall
2.30pm	Forget-Me-Not-Café	Village Hall
5.45pm	Pilates	Primary School
6.00pm	Cub Pack	Scout Hall, Langport
6.30pm	Langport Youth Club	Ridgeway Hall, Langport
7.00pm	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
7.30pm	Sedgemoor Garden Club (2nd only)	All Saints Hall L'port

WEDNESDAY

5.30pm	Beavers	Scout Hall, Langport
6.30pm	Cycling Club	Bridge Café, Langport
6.45pm	Scouts	Scout Hall, Langport
7.30pm	Bell Ringing	St. Andrews
7.30pm	Parish Council (1st only)	Village Hall

THURSDAY

10.00am	WI (2nd only)	Village Hall
6.30pm	Yoga	Village Hall

FRIDAY

9.30am-2pm	Friday Club (fortnightly)	Village Hall
4.00pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
7.00pm	Movie Night (3rd only)	Village Hall

SATURDAY

9.00am	Cycling Club	Bridge Café, Langport
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Some Useful Telephone Numbers

Youth Organisations

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorer Scouts	(gslthelevelsscouts@gmail.com)
Langport Youth Club	07930 899338

Sports Clubs

Short Mat Bowls Club	251616
Cricket Club	251453
Yoga	07789 862548
Pilates Emily Fagence	07940 276265

Social

Flower Show	250311
Out & About	0788 737 7942
Royal British Legion	01460 281115
Twinning Association	01460 281905
Women's Institute	253078
Rotary Club of Langport & Somerton	252813
Sedgemoor Garden Club	250091
Heale Lane Allotment Association	741880
Curry Rivel in Bloom	762296
Friday Club	252791
Forget-Me-Not-Café	252710 & 396123
Langport Cycle Club	0777 567 0546

Arts

Acrobatic Arts Club	Phoebe Cridlin	07842 518140
Entertainers		250311
Music Club		250863
Art Club		253126

Community Facilities

Food Bank (help@curryrivel.org.uk)	07714 265384
Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.com)	07789 661288
Old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings@gmail.com)	250655/253856
United Reformed Church Hall - Bookings etc.	253953

Community Services

Doctors	250464
Police	101
Yarlington Housing	01935 404500
Footpath & Litter Warden	johncasebourne@sky.com
Secret World Wildlife Rescue	01278 768723 07463 087507

Education

Little Pips	252822
Primary School	251404
Huish Episcopi Academy	250501
Huish Episcopi Leisure Centre	251055

Local Authorities

Parish Council (Clerk)	clerk@curryrivel.org.uk	07534 318840
District Council		01935 462462
County Council		0300 123 2224

Religious

St. Andrew's Church - church office	251375
Churchwarden	079 3638 0994 259003
Secretary PCC	251355
Organist & Bell Ringing	253856
Flower Guild	252710
Roman Catholic Church, Somerton	07483 120 603
URC Minister (vacant)	
Messy Church	01458 762523



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Curry Rivel Flower Show Saturday 3rd August

...a sample of the entries...



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