

Don't forget!

Saturday 9th September 3.00-5.00pm Teddy Bear's Picnic
Come and watch the teddies (and sometimes other creatures)
as they parachute from the top of the church tower!

Sunday 24th September 11.00am Harvest Festival in Church
followed by Harvest Lunch in the village hall. Come and enjoy
a delicious lunch for just £5. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.



St. Martin's Church, Fivehead
and
St. Catherine's Church, Swell



Scott's Spot - You shall!

There are times when being a parent feels like you're constantly nagging, forever saying no. 'Don't do that!' 'Stop it!' 'Leave it alone!' The same, sadly, is the impression that some people have about the Church and Christianity. Some see the Christian faith as being all about what you **can't** do; a view perhaps reinforced by those posters you sometimes see outside churches, starkly proclaiming "*The wages of sin is death*" or some other equally cheery message! Undeniably, there is a negative element in the Bible, not least when it comes to the majority of the 10 Commandments with their repeated opening: "***Thou shalt not...***" The fact remains that we **are** all called to take seriously the loving warnings we find within its pages. This, however, is far from the whole story.

In the reception area of our church primary school in Curry Rivel you will find these words by Jesus (John chapter 10 verse 10): '***I have come so that you shall have life, and have it to the full***' – these words form part of the 'Christian ethos' that undergirds our school's approach to education.

..... *continued overleaf*

UNITED BENEFICE OF CURRY RIVEL, FIVEHEAD AND SWELL

Rector: - Rev. Scott Patterson, Tel: 01458 251375

Reader: - Margaret Smith, Tel: 01460 281555

Churchwardens:-

Fivehead: - Meg Tyler, Tel: 01460 281574
Ellen Balmer, Tel: 01460 281578

Swell :- Anna Rees , Tel: 01458 253067

.....continued

But as we hear Jesus saying ‘**you shall**’, we see that actually, in balance to the negative commandments and as a challenge to those who view Christianity as such, Jesus brings a message of great positivity. Time and again it is the same story: you **shall** have, you **shall** know, you **shall** find – the blind **shall** see, the lame walk, the imprisoned be set free, the pure in heart see God, the hungry and thirsty be satisfied, and so on. Never think that being a Christian is about what you *can’t* do, still less give that impression to others. Above all, it is about what you **can** do. It’s about the infinite possibilities that the love, forgiveness, and guiding strength of Christ opens up. First and foremost Christianity is about the sheer potential of life lived in partnership with the One who made us. **You shall!**

With prayer and summer blessings to you and those you love,

Revd. Scott Patterson

DIARY

THERE ARE CELEBRATIONS OF HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) AT 10.30 am EVERY THURSDAY (BUT NOT IN AUGUST) IN THE OLD SCHOOLROOM BEHIND CURRY RIVEL CHURCH.

BCP = Book of Common Prayer, CW = Common Worship, UB = United Benefice, URC = United Reformed Church

AUGUST

Revd. Scott Patterson, our Rector is on summer leave from 7th to 27th August inclusive

AUGUST

- 6th Transfiguration of Our Lord**
10.00am All Age/Family Service at Fivehead followed by
11.00am Short Holy Communion (CW)
6.00pm Evening Worship at Curry Rivel
- 13th Ninth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00am UNITED BENEFICE Holy Communion(CW) at Swell
- 20th Tenth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00am UNITED BENEFICE Holy Communion(CW) at Curry Rivel
- 27th Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**
10.00am UNITED BENEFICE Holy Communion(CW) at Fivehead

SEPTEMBER

- 3rd Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**
10.00am All Age/Family Service at Fivehead followed by
11.00am Short Holy Communion (CW)
6.00pm Evening Worship at Curry Rivel
- Saturday 9th Ride and Stride - see details on the last of the church pages**
3 - 5pm Teddy Bear’s Picnic + Cream Teas at Fivehead
- 10th Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**
9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) at Swell
11.00am Holy Communion (CW) at Curry Rivel + Sunday Club
6.00pm Evening Prayer (CW) at Fivehead
- 17th Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at Curry Rivel
9.30am Morning Prayer (CW) at Fivehead
11.00am HARVEST CELEBRATION at Curry Rivel
- Monday 18th 3.30pm MESSY CHURCH at Curry Rivel School**
- 24th Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**
9.15am Holy Communion (CW) at Curry Rivel + Sunday Club
11.00am HARVEST CELEBRATION at Fivehead
Followed by HARVEST LUNCH in the Village Hall, Fivehead

