

NOVEMBER

Monday 20th 3.30pm MESSY CHURCH at Curry Rivel School

26th First Sunday before Advent - Christ the King
9.15am Holy Communion (CW) at Curry Rivel + Sunday Club
11.00am Holy Communion (CW) at Fivehead

DECEMBER

3rd ADVENT SUNDAY
10.00am All Age Family Service at Fivehead followed by
11.00am Short Holy Communion (CW)
6.00pm Evening Worship at Curry Rivel

UNITED BENEFICE OF CURRY RIVEL, FIVEHEAD AND SWELL

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



Scott's Spot – Seeing is believing

If I were to tell you that I can pull a bus with my teeth, or sprint a ten second one hundred metres, or that I've just been voted the best dressed man in the UK, would you believe me? Well probably not! You'd either think me a show-off, misguided, or the worst liar you've encountered! If, however, you could see me doing those things then that would be very different. There'd be no question then – after all, seeing is believing.

Unfortunately none of those claims are true! But consider this. If someone arrived claiming to be the Messiah (God's chosen One), able to do extraordinary things like heal the sick, forgive people their sins and raise the dead, would you believe them? I doubt it. The thing is though; neither did Nathaniel when his friend Philip told him that he had found the long awaited Saviour. In John's gospel chapter 1 we read of Philip finding his friend and saying: *"We have found the one written about in the Law of Moses and the prophets: Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."* Nathaniel responded, *"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"* Philip answered, *"Come and see."*continued overleaf

*Continued.....*Clearly Nathaniel (soon to become one of the 12 disciples) was unconvinced by the claims of his friend. But as we note Philip's reply: "*Come and see*" his words reminds us about something important when it comes to the good news of Christianity. They remind us that the gospel is not about ivory tower philosophy or speculation but is a testimony to the experience of billions of people over the last 2,000 years, whose lives have been directly touched by the ministry of Jesus. It includes eyewitness accounts of real events in real history and a flesh and blood person who never travelled more than 200 miles from his place of birth, yet changed the world. Most importantly of all, it invites us to put our faith in Jesus, to respond to His promises and to see for ourselves the truth of who he is and all he means.

Philip said to his friend "*come and see.*"

Words today that are just as pertinent for you.

With every blessing,

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

OCTOBER

1st Sixteenth 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

OCTOBER

8th

Seventeenth 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

15th

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at Curry Rivel
9.30am Morning Prayer (CW) at Fivehead
10.00am All Age Family Service at Curry Rivel followed by
11.15am Short Holy Communion (CW)

Monday 16th

3.30pm MESSY CHURCH at Curry Rivel School

22nd

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.15am Holy Communion (CW) at Curry Rivel + Sunday Club
11.00am Holy Communion (CW) at Fivehead
6.00pm Harvest Evensong at Swell followed by cider + apple cake

29th

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am United Benefice Family Communion at Curry Rivel

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5th

Twenty first Sunday after Trinity

10.00am All Age Family Service + Baptism at Fivehead followed by
11.00am Short Holy Communion (CW)
6.00pm All Souls Service at Curry Rivel

12th

Remembrance Sunday

10.30am Remembrance Service at Fivehead - joint with Fivehead (full details will be on notice boards in due course) Baptist
10.53am Remembrance Service at Curry Rivel

19th

Second Sunday before Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at Curry Rivel
9.30am Morning Prayer (CW) at Fivehead
10.00am All Age Family Service + Baptism at Curry Rivel followed by
11.15am Short said Holy Communion

