



## Surprises in Stones

*Hazel Morris*

If you've been out walking around the village recently, you may have come across one or more of the beautiful painted stones created by Louise Wilde. Louise lives in Curry Rivel and works with local primary school children which is how her stone painting started. She painted a rainbow stone for the children to find at the National Trust land. The next day she did another one and then it just carried on. "I kept getting messages from people out on walks who were finding them, and pictures of children with them, so I decided to carry on doing it and hiding them all around Curry Rivel".

Louise says the response to the stones has been amazing and is thrilled that so many people are enjoying them. She has had messages from people saying they have been uplifted and that it's helping their families enjoy their daily exercise. Stones created by other people are also starting to appear and she thinks it's lovely that her stones are inspiring others to be creative.

Louise worked as an artist for a few years, mainly working in clay and painting wall murals. She still makes plaques from wood for people in her spare time. Painting on the stones is similar and is done using acrylic paints. She goes for a walk with her dog most days which is where she finds the perfect stones and looks for good hiding spots. The stones can take one to three hours to paint and are mostly of things



representing nature unless she receives a special request. She has a number of friends that aren't in Curry Rivel and are unable to join in with the hunt for the stones, so they have been sending suggestions of things they might like to see on them. One friend who works in an ICU requested the Gruffalo and was very happy when she was able to see it on Facebook. And at the local farm where the tractor stone was left, she has been asked if it can be set there permanently. One of the earlier stones was the Sunflower which has sadly gone missing – please look out for it and let us know if you see it (crng2019@gmail.com).

When asked if she thought she would do many more stones, Louise said "I will carry on doing as many as I can whilst we are having to stay at home". Well, let's hope that isn't too much longer but in the meantime, look out for them when you're out and about. Thank you so much to Louise for making our daily exercise fun and inspiring.



**More stone pictures inside...**



Gina Beauchamp

I am really pleased to write that the CRiB team will be planting up summer bedding in the troughs on the railings, the village ends and other locations around the village. We have a great team who will plant with safe distancing and also have a dedicated team of waterers who look after the planting everywhere as part of their daily exercise. We hope you will enjoy the summer planting on your walks around the village.

Obviously the South West in Bloom competition has been cancelled and we won't be able to do the village front garden competition this year, but we look forward to next year and also hope to hold the village Open Gardens event in 2021. North Wing Nurseries are our plant suppliers, they also plant up our hanging baskets for the war memorial and the BP petrol station. It was great to see the Points West article about them recently and they are selling plants to the public at the gates in Water Street. They are really good quality plants. Please support them.

Now that garden centres have reopened it is easier to buy plants and compost but Kelways do a great on-line order and will deliver. Sandpits have excellent compost, 80l bags at 3 for £12. Quality compost and the best value I have found locally and they will deliver! Plus, the empty compost bags make good storage bags for garden waste until we can get rid of it all.

During lockdown many people have found that gardening is very therapeutic and our gardens will be looking wonderful this summer! Villagers have been swapping and giving away plants and plant pots and discovering a new hobby. Vegetable growing has become very popular too. You can grow veg in pots and containers if you don't have room in the garden. Tomatoes and cucumbers don't like to get wet but with this weather should do well outside. You could grow chillies on a window sill indoors and runner beans in a large pot on a patio. Add in some sweet peas to climb through them to attract pollinators. In fact, runner beans were grown by the Victorians for the flowers with the beans as a bonus.

Our great team, Nicky and Lyndsey who look after the allotment are doing a fantastic job as usual, such a shame that the Brownies can't use it or that the judges won't see it. It looks amazing.

Recently at the War Memorial someone stole all our hose ends, sprays and connectors. They must have been desperate and couldn't go the shops for some, they are not exactly expensive, if they come again they will find everything labelled with 'stolen from CRiB'!

Enjoy the lovely weather and enjoy your garden. Enjoy the lovely planting around the village too.



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# NHS Community Project

Hazel Morris

**W**hat an amazing group of people!! Over 60 sewers have created more than 1000 sets of scrubs as part of the Love of Scrubs (your NHS needs you) initiative.

This group started small and has grown and grown... a local Scout leader heard that Sherborne Hospital needed scrubs and she set about helping out obtaining the patterns from the Taunton Scrubbers Group and sending them to members of her Scout group with helpful "how to use a sewing machine" tips for the younger members who might need guidance (under parental supervision, of course!).

Word spread and there are now around 60 sewers and materials supply (fabric, thread, elastic etc.) and all important distribution of materials and finished products are organised. Local suppliers have been fantastic providing materials at cost or even free of charge. And a funding page had been set up to raise money for further purchases of materials. The

completed sets of scrubs were initially collected by nurses working at the local hospital ICUs and are now also being used at doctors' surgeries and care homes.

The original group covers a wide area and includes Huish Episcopi, Fivehead, Curry Rivel, Curry Mallet and Somerton so it's truly a team effort which is why no names have been mentioned. Everybody involved is doing amazing things from sewing to distribution. The Taunton Scrubbers have now set up a hub - Taunton Langport Group and if you think you can help in any way or would like more information, take a look at the Taunton Scrubbers Facebook page as a starting point.

Thank you everyone involved!



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# Twinnings Reconnect with “apéro virtuel”

Alison Cockrell

With travel restrictions meaning that the biennial trip to our twinned town at the beginning of May couldn't take place, another means of reconnecting with our French friends had to be considered. Seldom lacking in ideas, The Curry Rivel & District Twinning Association's committee hit upon the innovative proposition of having an “apéro virtuel” (virtual aperitif).

On Sunday 3 May at midday (1.00pm in France) members on both sides of the Channel linked up via Zoom. Some 24 households in Curry Rivel and Chevilly took part and everyone seemed happy to be able to wave, say “bonjour”, chat, and raise a glass. Although members were only online for around half an hour there was sufficient time to exchange news and, importantly, to reinforce the continuing friendship between our two communities.

When the Coronavirus ceases to threaten our normal way of life, ‘twinnings’ will once again be able to visit our friends. Indeed, a visit to Chevilly is planned for May 2021!



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# Thirsty Gold Finches

Helen Breeze

I have been trying to attract goldfinches into my garden for many years, and finally success! They seem to be attracted to sunflower seeds as well as a water bath. I tried Nyger seeds, but no, not interested in those, perhaps because they were rather old and had been hanging from the tree for quite a while. I have heard their happy sounding twittering as they fly across the garden, but they never stopped until I put the water out. Also attracted to the water are 3 very entertaining squirrels (who are not friends with each other), a woodpecker, blackbirds and the slightly less welcome pigeons. I have a very effective squirrel baffle on the sunflower seed feeder, but not on the less expensive peanuts.

The collective noun for a group of goldfinches? A charm.

I have a very small pair of binoculars to see the goldfinches' fantastic colours; red faces and a yellow patch on the wings. Not rare by any means, so you can attract them with teasels in the Autumn, lavender and dandelions in the summer. A pity that my partner had just sprayed all the dandelions in the lawn, tut-tut!! Think I'll grow sunflowers next year to augment the quite pricey sacks of kernels.



## Plant Sale raises funds for RBL



A plant sale held at Stoneleigh Cottage over 3 days in May raised £218.00 for the Curry Rivel, Drayton and Fivehead Branch of The Royal British Legion. The Branch supports The RBL's Dunkirk Memorial House at Bishops Lydeard. Many thanks to those who purchased plants to support this cause.

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# Join the 200 Club!

Hazel Morris

Curry Rivel is very lucky to have such a well maintained village hall and this can only be achieved by the hard work of the army of volunteers and by the continued support of the local groups and clubs that regularly hire the hall which is also available to hire for celebratory and one-off events (virus permitting).

The Curry Rivel Village Hall 200 Club raises additional funds to contribute to the maintenance costs of the hall and anyone can join. Each member pays £10 a year (or additional

multiples of £10 if they wish). Half of each £10 is given to the village hall and the other half goes towards the prize monies.

All members are entered into a twice yearly draw (one entry per £10) which has 13 cash prizes including the top prize of £120! The draws usually take place at the annual Church Fete and the Christmas Big Breakfast. As the fete has been postponed this year, the summer draw will be made "virtually" on 4<sup>th</sup> July. Results will be posted on village notice boards and in the following edition of Curry Rivel News.

If you're not a member and would like to join, please contact our 200 Club administrator Hazel Morris ([hazelmorris200@gmail.com](mailto:hazelmorris200@gmail.com)).

If you are already a member and need to renew your subscription, reminders will be sent soon but you can also contact Hazel to re-register.

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# Quick Quiz

## General and Nautical Knowledge

1. What is the national flower of Wales?
2. Alfred, an ancient King of Wessex, is famous for burning what?
3. Who sang about being an egg man and a walrus?
4. What is manzanilla?
5. What is entomophobia?
6. Which summer dessert is often eaten during Wimbledon's tennis matches?
7. Where on the human body is the zygomatic bone found?
8. Info.cern.ch is famous for being what?
9. Which Welsh poet insisted that we do not go gently into the night?
10. Which famous novel featured Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy March?
11. Which word can be placed before bottle, bell and bird?
12. What did A.E. Frick invent in 1887, which are now worn by thousands of people?
13. What species is the world's tallest tree?
14. Water boils at 212 degrees on which temperature scale?
15. Why don't Polar Bears ever meet penguins?
16. What common foods are in the same botanical family?
17. Which sea creature has three hearts?
18. Whose face was said to have launched 1000 ships?
19. How many feet is a Fathom?
20. Who changed the name of his ship from The Pelican to The Golden Hind?
21. Where was the surfboard invented?

Find the answers somewhere in Curry Rivel News!

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# Children's Page



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## Scrambled Clues

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1. UNRES (5)
3. TIFFGEIRREH (4,7)
6. WACKERORER (4,6)
7. VERRYDIRVIDELE (8,6)
8. FOOFLPICEREC (6,7)

### Down

2. TRUCFREELECLOSO (6,9)
4. MERRAF (6)
5. POSHSTANISSAT (4,9)
9. RAMAPICED (9)
10. ROCODT (6)



# More Stones... continued from front page





# Craft and Coffee Group

*Hazel Morris*



The St. Andrew's' Craft and Coffee Group usually meet in the Old School Room on the second Tuesday of each month. It's an informal group with as much attention paid to the coffee and cake as to the crafting that goes on! A variety of skills can be seen including gift box and card making, knitting and spinning (of the wool kind - not the exercise!). Members bring along their own projects and, while working on them, have a good natter sharing stories, village news and exchanging useful crafting tips.

Obviously, the group have been unable to meet recently but have still been busy creating and sharing their makes with the group by sending pictures. Here's a selection:



William Morris Style and hare cards created by Sue Randell



Slice of cake baked by Wendy Graves



Bead necklace crafted by Lorna



Dress for baby knitted by Hazel Morris



Bears knitted by Jackie de Ronde

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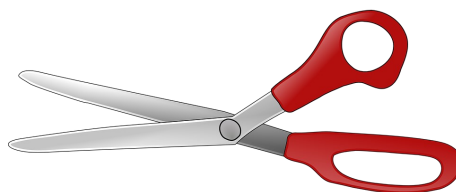
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## Craft and Coffee Group ...continued



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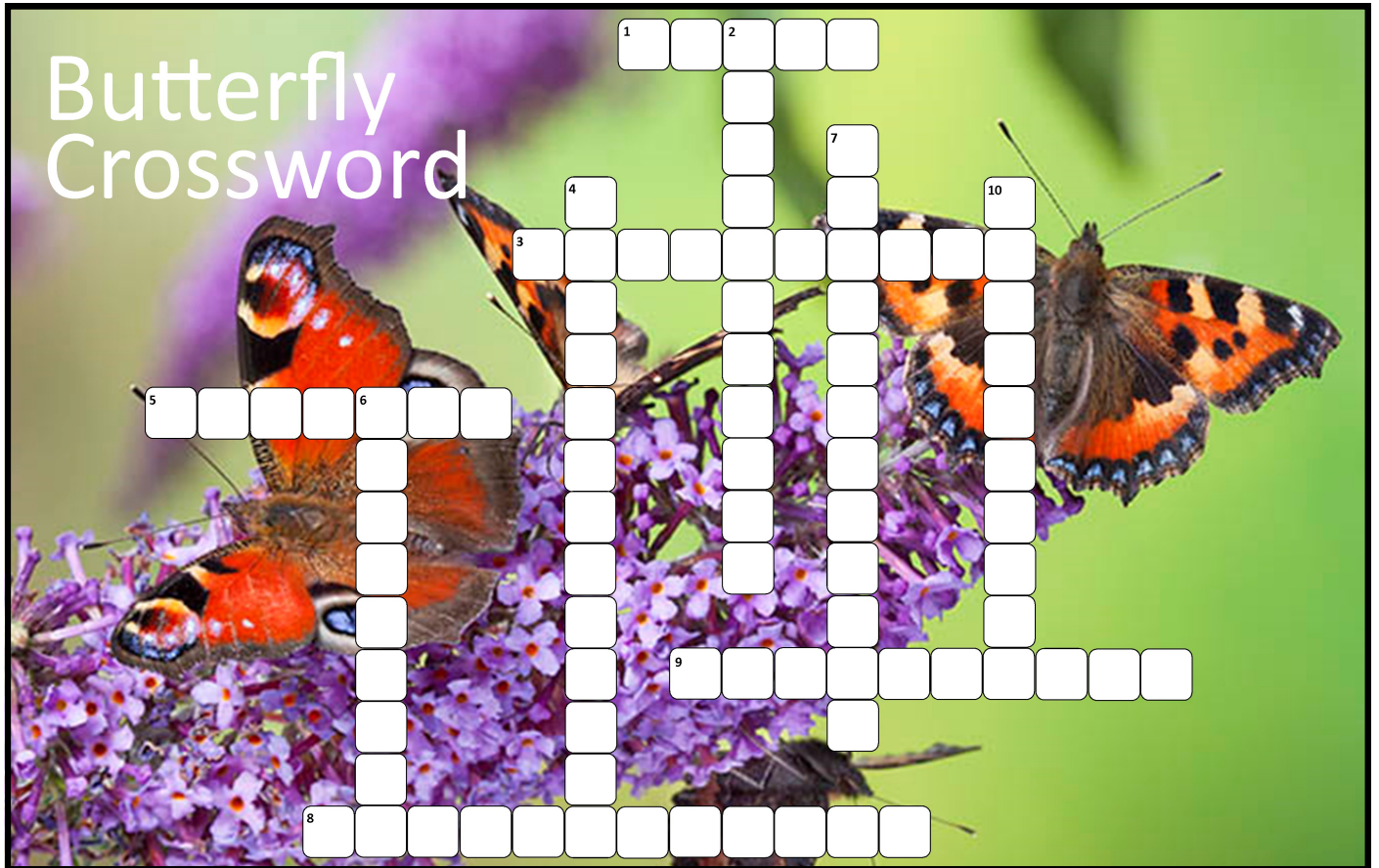
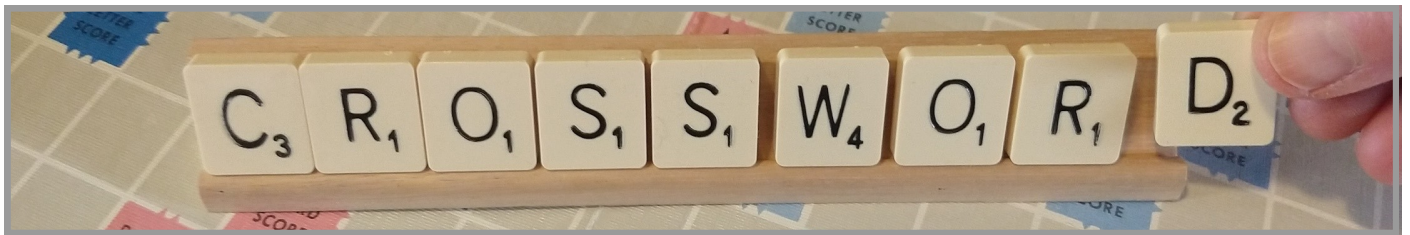


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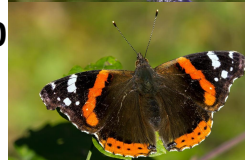
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## Dear Curry Rivel,

How quickly things change! It would seem humans are very adaptable.

People are talking about 'The new normal'; well we are currently living what has become 'normal'. We stay in more, we use technology more, and although there are things we miss (contact with loved ones being the most obvious) there are positives too, chiefly how communities have rallied to support each other.

The Curry Rivel Community Support Group got up and running early on in this current situation; the response of people utilising the coloured card system (red = I need help; green = all's well) in their windows has been very pleasing, as has the number of folk who responded to the need for volunteers to carry out a variety of tasks.

As time progressed it became apparent what was lacking in our village (due to the temporary closure of the Langport Trussell Trust satellite) was a community Food bank. To say this is an unprecedented time is to state the obvious, but what is true is that for many varied reasons families and individuals who never thought they might need to access a resource like this are finding themselves in just that situation.

From all involved in the setting up and running of the food bank we would like to thank all of the villagers who have responded magnificently to help us keep it stocked. We have received practical support from people in Drayton and beyond.

This means we are now in the fortunate position of being able to offer confidential help to any who might need it, not only in Curry Rivel but further afield in some of the surrounding villages.

It is not envisaged that this will be a permanent food bank (unless there should prove to be the need), but to exist as long as this current crisis lasts.

If you are willing to donate food then the list of what is required at any given time is updated on the village web site and collection times are between the hours of 12.00-1.00 at the United Reformed Church on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Please do not hesitate to call if you find yourself in need; the number to call is: **07716 79 2760**.

If we can help, we will.

On behalf of all, an enormous thank you to you all.

Rev. Tim Richards



## Quiz Answers

1. Daffodil
2. Cakes
3. The Beatles
4. A light Sherry
5. An irrational fear of insects
6. Strawberries and cream
7. Facial cheek
8. The world's very first website
9. Dylan Thomas
10. Little Women
11. Blue
12. Contact lenses
13. Sequoia
14. Fahrenheit
15. One lives on the south Pole, the other lives in the North Pole
16. Tomato and potato
17. Octopus
18. Helen of Troy
19. 6
20. Sir Francis Drake
21. Hawaii

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### A message from Rev. Scott Patterson

This column normally shows this month's diary with all our Benefice services, but, due to Covid-19 related regulations, these have had to be suspended.

Also, the church building has had to be closed, even for individual prayer and reflection.

However, this doesn't mean that the Church of England or Christian communities are 'shut down'. Far from it. As part of our creative response to this, if you would like to receive e-mails with reflections, encouragements, talks, news, funnies and links to some excellent live-streamed services etc. then please do contact me at: [scottr.patterson@btinternet.com](mailto:scottr.patterson@btinternet.com).

You would be most welcome to join the (virtual) gatherings.

With prayer in all we face together,  
Scott



## Scott's spot

### Ascension Day - the complete picture



Perhaps you've had the experience of reading a second hand book only to discover that near the end there are pages missing. Few of us would even start a book if we knew it would be incomplete, yet, with Jesus, we sometimes do something similar. As I write, it's nearly Ascension Day. On this day, 40 days after Easter, the church especially remembers Jesus' return to heaven following his earthly ministry. This moment marks the end of six weeks of post-resurrection appearances. Unfortunately though, this day can be something of a 'poor relation' compared to other *seemingly* more significant days. We rightly celebrate Christ's bodily resurrection on Easter Day and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, but virtually overlook his Ascension. And that's understandable. Perhaps we struggle a bit with the language used and the images we're faced with in the Bible account (see Acts 1:1-6). It seems to be stuck in a bit of a 'time-warp' with Jesus vanishing 'up' into heaven and the disciples staring stunned into the sky as Jesus vanishes through the clouds.

Yet, if we can see past the details and their mystery, this *page* at the end of Jesus' physical earthly presence is of great significance. For those disciples, and for the Christian today, this can be a watershed moment, a moment to realise the full magnitude of who Jesus is. On the earth they had followed him as Messiah / teacher / miracle-worker / friend; they had known the crushing pain of witnessing his crucifixion followed by stunned joy at his resurrection, greeting him as the risen Lord. But now, at his ascension, the final piece of the jigsaw fell into place. The one they knew as master and friend was (is) also the Son of God, the King of kings and Lord of all. To see him return to heaven in this way was a huge 'identity marker', pointing to Jesus as greater than words can begin to express. It was the jigsaw piece that gives us the complete picture, without which our faith is infinitely poorer.

Scott's spot ctd. . . .

But in a coronavirus, tentatively un-locking, fearful world, so what? How can this help us today? Well ... because recognising Jesus' identity matters enormously. In his letter to Christians living in Rome (Romans 8:31) the Apostle Paul writes: **'If God is for us, who is against us?'** The question is not simply *'who can be against us?'* because we can answer that one ourselves. Who is against you? The work-place bully, the family member who won't forgive, sadness perhaps, loneliness, illness, fearfulness, cooped-up-ness, and all the other 'ness-es' that can make life so tough. But that's not Paul's whole question.

The whole question is: **'If God is for us, who is against us?'** And the Bible is clear, God is for us. **'The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made'** (Psalm 149 verse 9). Knowing this can make all the difference in the (coronavirus) world.

Ascension Day reminds us of the majesty of Jesus Christ. It reminds us that the one within earshot of our prayers is the one who made us, who died for us, is enthroned in heavenly splendour, and who is **for us**. His love was revealed through his earthly actions, and his sovereign rule in his heavenly ascension. This means that amongst our unsettling 'new normal' the ascended Jesus continues to offer strength, courage, guidance, peace, healing, comfort, forgiveness and new beginnings, to all.

As we wobble and reel together, will you reach out and ask the ascended Lord Jesus for his **'grace to help in time of need'** (Hebrews 4:16)?

With prayer for you and those you love in this most challenging of times,  
Rev. Scott Patterson.

### St. Andrew's Church fete.

It has been decided that, considering the continuing Covid-19 situation, the original date of **4th July** is **not** viable.

A **provisional** revised date of **5th September** is being considered, but obviously, like everything else, is dependent on the evolving situation.

More to follow in due course.



### ***Are you feeling isolated and anxious because of the corona virus?***

The 'Phone-Friends' service has been set up in the village, linking people who are on their own with others in a similar position. The idea, from a local resident who felt in need of conversation, is that you can chat over the phone or via the internet (if you have that facility).

At this time our whole community is working together to provide what assistance is necessary. This includes the Parish Council, the Churches and the team of local volunteers set up to provide support during the current crisis.

If you would value conversation with someone else also managing alone, and/or perhaps pray with them or maybe specifically talk with a church minister, then please do get in touch via the dedicated Community Support Group number **07716 79 2760** or

e-mail [help@curryrivel.org.uk](mailto:help@curryrivel.org.uk)

You will soon be contacted by a 'phone friend'!



#### ***Prayer***

Loving God,

We pray for all those who are suffering because of the corona virus - may they know your healing power.

When we are afraid for ourselves and our loved ones, give us your strength and courage.

When we feel alone and isolated, reassure us with a sense of your presence.

Give wisdom to those in authority and may your community work together for the good of all.

We give thanks for those who care for others and ask you to bless them in all they do.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
healer and physician.

Amen

## **United Reformed Church**



### **June**

#### ***Our response to Covid-19 & the Government's Directives:***

*Services continue at 10:30 am on Sundays*

Still unable to gather in person at the Chapel for the time being, we are continuing to meet remotely using the video calling platform Zoom. From the comfort of our armchairs we have been sharing in scripture readings, prayers, singing together, sharing our concerns and listening to Rev. Tim's & other individual's thoughts for the day, lighting a candle for peace & hope. We have been challenged to think creatively about how we do church during this singularly unprecedented collective experience and how perhaps that might influence how we do and are church in the future.

Continuing to be *"an inclusive, outward looking community and wherever you are on your life/spiritual journey, we welcome you without regard to age, gender, denominational background, sexual orientation, race or ability"* We have been joined by folk from Glastonbury, Somerton, Stoke-sub-Hamdon - all unable to meet in their usual place of worship but still wanting to join with others as best they can.

**Anyone** who would like to feel part of a worshipping community is invited to join with us - from any denomination or none - simply email Steve Beney on [stevebeney@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stevebeney@yahoo.co.uk) expressing your interest and he will make contact with you explaining how you can join with us on Sundays @ 10:30 am.

**Prayer Requests** can be either emailed to our minister Rev. Tim Richards at [richardstim@hotmail.com](mailto:richardstim@hotmail.com) or call 01458 252799 (leave a clear message if no one is available to take your call) and they will be included in our daily & Sunday prayers for each other, our community & the wider world.

#### **TEMPORARY FOODBANK**

If you are someone who would benefit from a food parcel in this way please email the CRCSG (Curry Rivel Community Support Group) at:

[help@curryrivel.org.uk](mailto:help@curryrivel.org.uk) or call the

dedicated telephone number

**07716 79 2760**

(please do not contact the URC direct).

All contact will be made in the strictest confidence and all data destroyed once this emergency situation is over.

The generosity of the Curry Rivel Community has been so great the CRVSG have extended the reach of the foodbank to include Drayton, Hambridge and Fivehead.



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## \*WARNING\*

All the Below events are subject to cancellation at short notice due to the Corona virus epidemic please contact each group for details.

Keep well, Keep safe

### In June Regular Events



#### MONDAY

9.45 Art Club *#postponed until further notice#*  
3.30 - 5.30 Messy Church (2nd only) School Hall  
6.00 Pilates Primary School  
6.45 Explorer Scouts *#postponed until further notice#*

#### TUESDAY

10-12 Craft & Coffee (2nd only) Old School Room  
2.30 Forget-Me-Not-Café *#postponed until further notice#*  
5.45 - 8 Pilates Primary School  
6.00 Cub Pack *#postponed until further notice#*  
6.30 Guides *#postponed until further notice#*  
6.30 Langport Youth Club Ridgway Hall  
7.00 - 9.00 Short Mat Bowls Village Hall  
7.30 Sedgemoor Garden Club (2nd only) All Saints Hall, L'port  
7.30 Tuesday Group (3rd only) Drayton Village Hall

#### WEDNESDAY

9.30 Mother and Baby Group Village Hall  
7.00 Line Dancing Classes *#postponed until further notice#*  
6.45 Scouts *#postponed until further notice#*  
7.30 Bell Ringing St Andrew's

#### THURSDAY

10.00 WI *#postponed until further notice#*  
2.00 - 4.00 Short Mat Bowls Village Hall  
4.30 Rainbows *#postponed until further notice#*  
4.30 Brownies *#postponed until further notice#*  
7.30 Parish Council (1st only) Village Hall

#### FRIDAY

9.30-2 Get Together Club Village Hall  
7.30 Cinema Night *#postponed until further notice#*

### Some Useful Telephone Numbers

#### Youth Organisations

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts 01460 281184  
Rainbows 01823 698940  
Brownies 251953  
Guides 252901  
Langport Youth Club 0793 899 338

#### Sports Clubs

Short Mat Bowls Club 251201  
Cricket Club 01823 698849 & 01458 252791

#### Social

Flower Show 250311  
Out & About 252146  
Royal British Legion 01460 281115  
Twinning Association 01460 281905  
Women's Institute 259688  
Rotary Club of Langport & Somerton 252813  
PROBUS 252545  
Sedgemoor Garden Club 250091  
Heale Lane Allotment Association 253953  
Curry Rivel in Bloom 762296  
Get Together Club 251524  
Health Walks 250725  
Mother and Baby 07732 197030  
Forget-Me-Not-Café 252710 & 741606  
Inner Wheel 251940  
Tuesday Group 252657/252022

#### Arts

Entertainers 250311  
Music Club 250863  
Dancing Classes 07730 755203  
Art Club 253126

#### Community Facilities

Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.com) 741606  
Old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings@gmail.com) 250655/253856  
United Reformed Church Hall - Bookings etc. 259391

#### Community Services

Doctors 250464  
Police 101  
Yarlington Housing 01935 404500

#### Education

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

#### Local Authorities

Parish Council (Clerk) m.ludgate@btinternet.com 251432  
District Council 01935 462462  
County Council 0300 123 2224

#### Religious

Church of England Rector 251375  
Churchwarden 259003  
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Organist & Bell Ringing 253856  
Flower Guild 252710  
Roman Catholic Church, Somerton 274008  
URC Minister 252799



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