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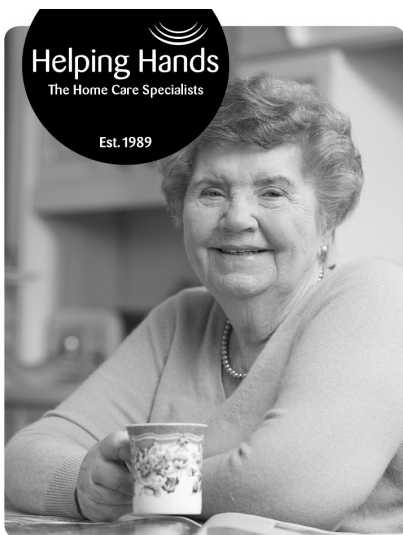
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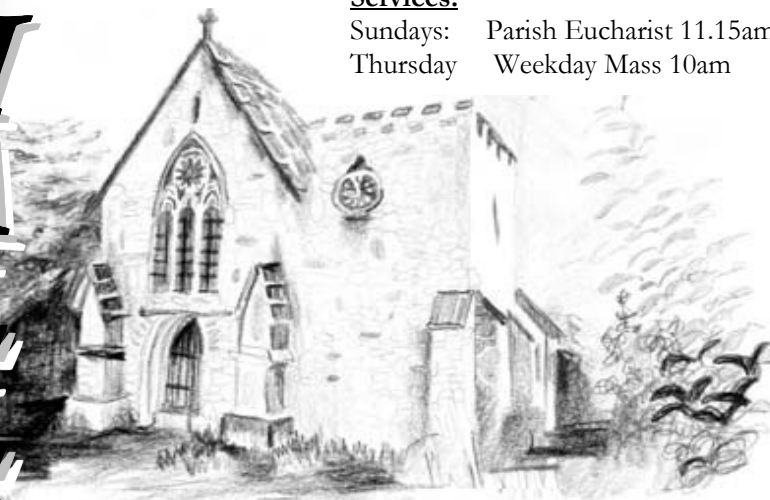
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June 2016

**St. Nicholas Church, East Challow
(Vale Benefice)**

Services.

Sundays: Parish Eucharist 11.15am
Thursday Weekday Mass 10am



Vicar Rev John Durant
The Vicarage Main St Grove OX12 7LQ

Telephone: 01235 766484

Email: vicar@valebenefice.org.uk

Curate: Revd George Moody,
Email: curate@valebenefice.org.uk

Churchwardens

Mrs Sue Swift tel: 01235 770542

Dr Jeff Penfold. tel: 01235 763173

Parish Council

Chair: Ms V. Bosley, Coach Row, Main Street, East Challow
Telephone: 01235 764068

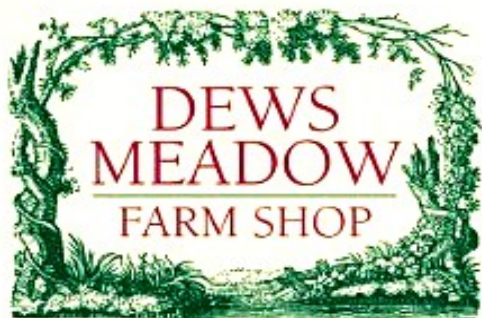
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Sunday 12th June at 6.30pm
A Celebration of the Queen's 90th Birthday



There will be a meeting at The Mission on Sunday 12th June at 6.30pm,
to thank God and celebrate the 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth II.
Free BBQ food and refreshments will be provided.
All are welcome to attend, whether you usually go to church or not.

For more details, please contact:

E-mail :, contactthemission@challowmission.org.uk

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NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME



Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends

"I'm bored!", is not an expression I would expect to hear from the readers of Challow News. But do you get bored? I would rather be busy than bored. My idea of hell is boredom; eternal, tedious and boring nothingness.

On one of the journeys around the benefice, I heard a snippet of a Radio 4 programme presenting an item on boredom. Apparently boredom is not doing nothing. Nor is it daydreaming; rather it is the lack of stimulation. Something that is both mind-numbing and pointless. We can be bored in a lecture, in a meeting, even during a conversation.

A lady called Sandy Mann was explaining on this particular programme that there are two opposite results of boredom and lacking stimulation.

It can lead to negative and destructive behaviour; from the aggression of smashing property to the less violent search for food - that when we are bored and go to the kitchen to find something to eat bored people will never choose a healthy option rather they will pick fatty or sugary foods because these have substances that stimulate our bodies.

The other effect of boredom is creativity. A much more positive reaction that can cause us to be more creative. An exercise was set asking 2 groups of people to list as many different things they could do a couple of polystyrene cups. One group had been set the tedious and pointless task of copying a list of telephone numbers. The other group had no such task to perform. What they discovered was that the bored group came up with far more creative ideas and suggestions than the other one. So boredom can be good for your creativity

If you go through a period of enforced inactivity, such as being stuck in a traffic jam, or waiting for a delayed train or finding your Internet connection is slow and not responding; it need not be as pointless as it seems. Rather, it can be the preparation time for productivity, like the planting a seed waiting to take root and grow.

The early Christians were told to wait for the promised gift of The Holy Spirit. Waiting on the Lord is not passive inactivity, rather an opportunity to be ready to God's timing and receiving his spiritual resources. The practice of taking a sabbatical or going on retreat is part of that process and the biblical command to have a weekly Sabbath rest is to bless us with the opportunity to recuperate and be re-energised.

I certainly believe that a Christian spiritual response to boredom is productive, not destructive. I hope you will not be bored as we enter the longer days of summer; but if you do have times of frustration remember that with the LORD the outcome can be positive.

John

Ps We are pleased to announce the appointment of an Associate Vicar to start in September –

He is the **Rev Alec Gill** and has been working in the Parish of Thatcham.

St Nicholas Church 200 Club May 2016 Winners

£50	No: 165	Dick McGill
£20	No: 6	Susan Green
£10	No: 37	Donated to Church

We would welcome any new members to the 200 club.

If you would like to join, please contact Tricia Shand—01235 764222

Church Fellowship

Church Fellowship will be on Tuesday 21st June at 7.45pm at Windrush, Challow Road.

We shall be talking about prayer spaces and Jenny would like to try out her ideas for the prayer space being held at St Nicholas School in October. Please come along and learn more about prayer spaces. Everyone welcome.



Celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday

St Nicholas Church, East Challow
Special service to commemorate the
Queens's 90th birthday
Sunday 12th June at 4 pm
With tea and cake in the village hall afterwards

WW1 Centenary Project 'Linking the past with the present'

We have produce a short booklet which provides a summary of the research and exhibition arising from our Heritage Lottery funded project on the involvement of East Challow in WW1. You can see a copy in church, and if you would like a copy, the cost will be ~ £4 (depending on how many we order), please contact Jeff Penfold on 01235 763173

Calling all Paddingtons

Pots of homemade Marmalade are for sale
at £2 each In aid of St Nicholas Church funds
Contact Jenny Penfold, 01235 763173 (will deliver)



**QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATIONS**



**At East Challow Cricket Club
And Royal British Legion**

Sunday 26th June

From 2.00 pm to 5.00pm

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Price: Adults £5, children under 16 free

Date and time: Sunday 26th June 2-5pm

Contact if required:

Paula Falck 01235 552660 or pfalck@redcross.org.uk

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All entries for **July/ Aug 2016** Challow News to be received by **June 15th** please.

If you would like to place an advert for your business in Challow News or just send in an item about things happening in the village . please contact us for more information.

To :- Pat & Dave Hudson (01235) 760526. mob 07787 120044

Westview House, Faringdon Road, East Challow, OX12 9TH.

Email entries can be sent to (please note this is a new email address David66Hudson@gmail.com

Readers

June Rotas

June 5th Trinity 2	P.Pepler	1 Kings 17.17-24 Galations 1.11-24
June 12th Trinity 3	J. Penfold	2 Samual 11.26-12. 10,13-1 Galations 1.11-24
June 19th Trinity 4	P.Hudson	Galations 3.23-29 Isaiah 65.1-9
June 26th	Patronal Festival at Grove 10am	
July 3rd Trinity 5	G.Parker	Ephesians 2.9-22 Isaiah 66.10-14

Sidesmen

Coffee

Cleaners

June 5th	Mr Bustany Mrs Hopkins	Mrs Perkins	Mr and Mrs Parker
June 12th	Dr Penfold	The Ody Family	
June 19th	Mrs Swift Mrs Shand	Mr. & Mrs. Mann	Mrs Perkins
June 26th	Combined service at Grove		
July 3rd	Mr Bustany Mrs Culverwell and Thobey	Mrs Perkins	Mrs Belcher

Intercessions Rota

Flower Rota

5th June	Philip	June 4th	J. Adams
12th June	Pat	June 11th	J. Penfold
19th June	Jenny	June 18th	J. Teare
25th June	combined service at Grove	June 24th	M.Mann
July 3rd	Mary	July 2nd	H.Smith

Village News

EAST CHALLOW W.I.

Here is some of our programme for the coming months, so if you think they sound interesting then please join a happy bunch of ladies who meet in the Village Hall on the 2nd Tuesday at 7.30pm.

A warm welcome awaits you so why not give it a try and bring a friend.

June 14th -History of Pinewood Studios.

July 12th - Summer flower basket.

Sept. 13th –Experiences of a fruit grower.

Oct. 11th –R.N.L.I.

Nov 8th –Hands on -Pampering

Dec. 13th –Christmas Social + Magician.

If you need to know more please telephone –01235 767860 Jan McGill (President)

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! The Letcombe Singers are bringing their popular Summer Concert to the East Challow Village Hall on Saturday, June 25.

This will be a semi-staged version of Gilbert & Sullivan's **"The Yeoman of the Guard"** . Tickets, £12, which include supper after the show, will be available at the Museum or at the Letcombe Regis Village Shop.

Please note: The Friday performance will be in Wantage Methodist Church, and not in East Challow, as erroneously printed in the Summer Festival Brochure.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF

East Challow Village Hall Management Committee will be held on Wednesday 22 June 2016 at 8pm. In East Challow Village Hall.

This is open to all villagers and representatives of organisations who use the hall.

We would welcome new committee members to keep the well used hall going

!! No committee - No hall !!

So if you have a spare evening on Wednesday 22nd June then please come along.

Jan McGill (sec)

East Challow Neighbourhood Watch

We held our half yearly meeting on 10th May and Chairman Mr Tony Evans welcomed residents and of course as always to PC Howard Pack who continues tirelessly to support our village.

One very important item on the agenda, whether to continue to run the scheme was discussed. PC Howard Pack explained the many benefits of being part of a NW scheme and Vanessa Bosley representing the Parish Council said the Parish Council would like the East Challow NW scheme to continue saying it was a very important part of keeping our village safe.

The Day of Action run by the TV Police held in the village on Saturday proved successful with 97 of the 277 homes signing up to the TV Alert messaging scheme.

It was a shame we didn't get advanced notice of this event, perhaps it would have been better supported.

It is not too late for you to sign up, just give me a call (764475) or Howard (101).

With regard to further support from residents, in each newsletter I am going to list road/street names where we need co-ordinators. The role of a co-ordinator is to receive e-mails from the police detailing crimes in our area you then pass this information to your neighbours. It can be as many or as few homes you choose by whatever means you choose, ie deliver notes in doors, by e-mail or phone. From experience you don't get messages very often, we are lucky we don't get a lot of crime in Challow.

So, can anyone help in the **Nalder Fields estate** or **Field Gardens**, I can't emphasise enough, you only need to take on as many homes as you feel you can cope with, you don't want it to become a chore. The more co-ordinators we get on board the less each will have to do. Sue Woodley

PARISH COUNCIL

QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday will be held on Sunday 26th June, from 2.00pm – 5.00pm. They will take place at the Cricket Club on Vicarage Hill. We hope that many of you will bring a picnic and join us for the afternoon. There will be something for all ages to include, a bar, tea and cake, a full size tractor, a raffle, face painting, traditional games and a bouncy castle. It would enhance the celebration if we could acknowledge anyone in the village who might also be celebrating their 90th birthday during this special year. If you or anyone you know in the village was born in 1926, please let us know.

We need volunteers to help with the planning and running of the afternoon. If you can offer any help or would like further information about the celebrations, please contact us.

Please direct all questions, birthdays or offers of help to emmafreebairn@aol.com

VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

We still have a vacancy for a parish councillor. The Parish Council represents and serves the whole community of East Challow and is responsible for maintaining the local environment and amenities. If you are interested in joining the team please contact the clerk for more information.

CORNHILL LANE

We are working to try and improve the situation on Cornhill Lane, which is once again in a poor state. We have been advised that we should maintain a log of all complaints about the state of the lane. We would like to remind you that if you have a complaint about the state of the lane, please email the clerk or send a message via the Contact Us page on the website (www.eastchallowpc.co.uk).

DOGS ON THE ALLOTMENTS

We have noticed that some people are allowing their dogs to run over the allotments. People work hard tending their allotments and growing produce for their table. It is heart-breaking for their work and produce to be damaged by dogs that are not kept under control. Please DO NOT allow your dogs on the allotments. There is plenty of space for dogs to run in the recreation ground.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 8th June. All villagers are invited to attend Parish Council meetings as observers and there is a 10 minute Public Discussion Time early in the meeting when you can raise any matter you wish with the council.

The minutes of each meeting are available on the website.

PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Vanessa Bosley (Chairman), 764068; Sue Terry, 768699; Frances Webb, 765176; Iris Game, 770412; Pat Gill (contact number tba)
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