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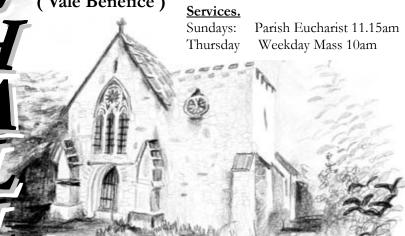




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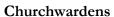


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The Parish Council Meeting takes place in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Villagers are invited to attend.

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For more details, please contact: E-mail □, contactthemission@challowmission.org.uk Telephone ☎, 0795 860 2364 or 01235 771322

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Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends

Early in June, I was invited to attend the dedication of a memorial in the National Memorial Arboretum. I went there with my eldest daughter and during the Act of Remembrance halfway through the silence we heard a loud splat and saw the man standing in front of my daughter and who had come because his father was one of those named on the memorial, reach out and touch his hair and start to wipe the mess that had been deposited on the top of his head with his handkerchief. Afterwards, he looked up and said "Thanks, dad"

Two days later I was standing next to my daughter again, and a similar present from the sky just missed us.

You may have seen the advert with Eric Cantona suffering a similar fate, claiming it was good luck and encouraging us to watch the European football matches on TV. By the time you read this the finals will be almost complete and you could be feeling thrilled because our national sides are doing well or just resigned to disappointment.

Is there such a thing as luck? How else can we explain or understand the vagaries of life?

Luck is not a biblical concept yet even the writers in the bible while calling us to trust the LORD question the mystery of why bad things happen to good people and why the dishonest often are prosperous.

Whether it is luck or not, what is **not luck** is how we respond to life's situations.

Later that day at lunch I was talking with the lady who manages the charity which organised the Memorial. Part of the charity's aims is to support soldiers who are in need. It was really pleasing to her when she could help soldiers cope with the unfortunate situations they get themselves into and told me of one who had taken out a payday loan because his young daughter was ill. She went on to explain me how difficult the loan companies make it for people to pay off and finish the loan. The companies she was dealing with kept finding different reasons why they needed more information, and even deliberately put down wrong details.

It is a good job there are charities which help those who are in difficulties; but it reminded me that we ought to warn people against taking out payday loans. It is wise rather than luck to trust people and organisations that have integrity and honesty and ensure that when we are desperate we need to be especially cautious.

What is **not luck** is the time and effort that people put into keeping St Nicholas Churchyard looking well cared for and especially Vanessa who opens the church each day so both villagers and visitors can look round the St Nicholas and find peace, and time to pray.

We are truly grateful for their hard work and commitment.

May I encourage you to make use of this wonderful opportunity of a sacred quiet place to come and pray to our loving Heavenly Father for your concerns and give thanks for the Lord's many blessings.

God bless John

St Nicholas Church 200 Club June 2016 Winners

£50 No: 123 Mrs G. Moss £20 No 151 Mrs C. Howes

£10 No: 48 Paul & Ruth Rogers We would welcome any new members to the 200 club.

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

Church Fellowship

Our July meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th July.

We will be organising an evening meal at the Fox, Denchworth at 7.30pm. Please sign the sheet at the back of church if you wish to come.



Christian Aid Collection 15th – 21st May

Thank you to all the people of East Challow who gave to this charity during the recent house-to-house collection. The total raised was £401.41. The collection in church on 15th May of £154.00 was also donated to Christian Aid.

Therefore, a total of £555.41 was given to Christian Aid from East Challow. A magnificent total which I am sure will be put to good use.

Thank you Everyone

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July 3rd	Mary	July 2	H. Smith
July 10th July 17th	Jenny Patronal Festival Hanney	July 9 July 16	M. Perkins J. Adams
July 24th	Philip	July 23	S. Swift
July 31st	Linda	July 30	J. Penfold
Aug 7th	Jenny	Aug 6	J. Teare
Aug 14th	Pat	Aug 13	H. Smith
Aug 21st	Linda	Aug 20	M. Perkins
Aug 28th	Rev. J Durant	Aug 27	S. Swift
Sept 4th	Jenny	Sept 3	M. Mann
		Sept 10	J. Adams



The 2016 Jam Season has arrived

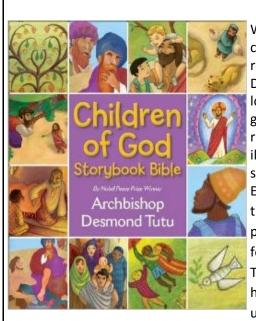
Gooseberry and Gooseberry and Elderflower jam is now for sale at £1.50 per pot in aid of church funds. If you would like to buy some contact

Jenny Penfold, 01235 763173 (delivery can be arranged).

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)





Book Recommendation

While searching for a bible for a young child, I found this one and would like to recommend it.

Desmond Tutu retells 56 of his most beloved bible stories highlighting God's forgiveness and reconciliation for all. With a rich display of culture from international illustrators, this Children's Bible represents a global faith.

Every story shows how God works through history and ends with a short prayer, which personalizes the message for each reader's own life. Archbishop Tutu's wisdom, compassion, and sense of humour shine throughout, as he reminds us that 'We are all God's children.'

Can you help?

At Open the book we could make use of old sheets (both flat and fitted) in white and coloured plain and striped.

We use them to make costumes and back grounds.

Mary Mann tel:- 762408

All entries for **September 2016** Challow News to be received by **August 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

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July 3 Trinity 5		G. Parker		Ephesians 2.9-22 Isaiah 66.10-14	
July 10 Trinity 7		L. Parker		Deuteronomy 30.9-14 Colossians 1.1-14	
July 17		Hanney – Par	ronal Festival		
July 24 Trinity 9		C. Swift		Genesis 18.20-32 Colossians 2.6-19	
July 31 Trinity 10		J. Teare		Ecclesiastes 2.17-27 Colossians 3.1-11	
August 7 Trinity 11		R. Pepler		Genesis 15.1-7 Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16	
August 14 Trinity 12		J Penfold		Jeremiah 23.23-29 Hebrews 11.29-12.2	
August 21 Trinity 13		P. Pepler		Isaiah 58.9b-15 Hebrews 12.18-29	
August 28 Trinity 14		M. Mann		Proverbs 25.6-7 Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16	
Sept 4 Trinity 15		P. Hudson		Deuteronomy 30.15-20 Philemon 1-21	
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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)

East Challow Neighbourhood Watch

We are looking for Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators for the **High View** and **Main Street** area, whether all or part.

Just give me a call and I will explain what is involved.

Sue Woodley (764475)

Do you need someone to feed your pets or water your plants whilst you are on holiday?

My name is Daniel Hannaby, I am 11 years old and live in East Challow. I am responsible and trustworthy and am looking for small jobs to earn some pocket money during the summer.

Please contact Kate Hannaby on 07890 358123

Licensing of Associate Vicar

The Licensing service for Rev Alec Gill, our new Associate Vicar at the Vale Benefice, will take place on 8th September at St John's Church, Grove at 7.30 pm.

Please come to support and welcome Alec and his family as he starts his ministry with us.

PARISH COUNCIL cont NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Parish Council has decided to lead the development of a Neighbourhood Plan, in order give the community a say in where new housing development should be sited. We are looking for volunteers to be members of the Steering Group, who will have the responsibility of running the project. Please contact the Clerk or the Chair if you would like to take part.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 13th July. 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 07807 914833 Julia Evans, Clerk to East Challow Parish Council; e-mail: eastchallowpc@gmail.com Tel. 833466

King Alfred Quilters Exhibition

East Challow Village hall was filled with Quilts on the weekend of 14 & 15 May, all made by the members of King Alfred's Quilters, who have been meeting there regularly for more than ten years. There were over 200 people who came to visit to look at the quilts. Pride of place went to a kingsize quilt made as a group project and raffled in aid of the Thames Valley Air Ambulance. There were many other prizes too and we raised a wonderful £1200.00. There were also lots of small handmade items for sale as well as two Patchwork fabric traders and some lovely tea and cakes. Looking at quilts and chatting to other quilters was a most enjoyable way to spend a few hours over the Weekend

Sue Woodley

PARISH COUNCIL

CORNHILL LANE

We are working to try and improve the situation on Cornhill Lane. We need to maintain a log of all complaints about the state of the lane and would like to remind you that if you have a complaint, please email the clerk or send a message via the Contact Us page on the website

(www.eastchallowpc.co.uk). We are working with the Green Lane Association (GLASS) with a view to implementing a voluntary restraint scheme, which will encourage motorised users to avoid using the lane when the ground is soft or wet. It is hoped that this will minimise damage to the lane. We will keep you updated with our progress.

PARK FOOTPATH

We are using the Community Payback scheme to clear the Park Footpath, which has become very overgrown. This could take a few weeks to complete, so please bear with us.

DEFIBRILLATOR

We have placed the order for the defibrillator unit and have also applied for Listed Building consent to install it in the telephone kiosk on the village green. We hope to have the defibrillator operational by the end of the summer.

BUS SERVICES

Due to the loss of the bus subsidy the 38 service will be withdrawn on 20th July. A new 67 service will stop at the village green but will not come through the village. At the moment we are not clear how many people will be affected by the loss of the 38 service and we are keen to hear from you if you will be stranded as a result of these cut-backs.

MOBILE LIBRARY

We have been informed that the mobile library service will cease to operate in September. Service users will be offered alternative library provision through the network of 43 library buildings; the online library services; and the Home Library Service. Oxfordshire Library Service already has a successful Home Library Service that works through paid staff, partners and volunteers to deliver books and resources to those residents who are unable to get to a library themselves, and this is being expanded to accommodate any additional demand.

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