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Thursday Weekday Mass 10am



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The Vicarage Main St Grove OX12 7LQ

Telephone: 01235 766484 Email: vicar@valebenefice.org.uk

Associate Vicar Alec Gill,

Tel: 07739 563894 Email: vicaralec@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

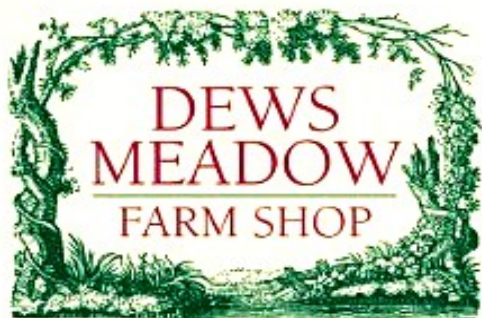
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Clerk: Julia Evans Moorcroft, The Greenway, West Hendred,
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The Parish Council Meeting takes place in the Village Hall at
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Community Policing cont.

Most of the HIGHWAY CODE is common sense but as always where the Police receive a complaint this will be investigated and when an offence has occurred there might be a Fixed Penalty ticket involved or a vehicle might get towed away.

Vulnerable Residents

With the recent colder temperatures could I ask the Residents in the CHALLOWS to help me and the Neighbourhood Policing team by keeping an 'eye' on Vulnerable members of the Community, especially the elderly, and if you have any concerns please let us know via **101** or contact one of our Partnership Agencies eg. Local Councils, Social Services. Where we are notified of a possible vulnerable person we will contact them via a visit or telephone call and ensure they have the help they require.

Please use 101 to report any 'Non-Urgent' Crime related matters... Report it so that we know about it.

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Regards Howard

Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends

“So, will you be doing anything for Valentine’s Day this year?”

Valentine’s Day has become very commercial. We send around one billion cards, second only to Christmas.

But Valentine’s Day reminds us of St Valentine, a priest in 3rd Century Rome who was beheaded for illegally marrying young couples, because it was thought that single soldiers fought better. St Valentine believed in the importance of his faith and in marriage. He died 270AD on 14th February, and later this day become linked with love and romance.

Love is not just about how we feel; it’s about how we chose to live and what we stand up for. Jesus said “love God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind, and love your neighbour as yourself.” He showed us what that looks like through his death and resurrection, which we remember at Easter.

St Valentines reminds us to stand up for what we love and believe in, as he stood up for his faith and for marriage. Our love is shown practically by how we treat others; Jesus in dying for us and St Valentine in marrying young couples. This may come at a cost of our time, money and maybe even more, but Jesus reminds us that there is “no greater thing than laying down your life for another” in great and small ways every day.

...And yes, Gemma and I will be doing something for St Valentine’s Day, as long as I remember to get it organised!

God bless
Alec

Pastoral Support

To help our Vicars Revd John Durant and Revd Alec Gill in the pastoral support of the parish Liz Belcher will be acting as local contact within the village for those who are in need of a home visit, home communion or other support that we as a church may be able to provide. If we can help please contact Liz on 01235 763966

St Nicholas Church 200 Club December 2016 January 2017 Winners

December	£100	No:	131	Mrs R Hanford
	£50	No:	169	Mrs N Day
	£20	No:	139	Miss M Betteridge
	£10	No:	2	Mrs S Stonehouse
January	£50	No:	60	Mrs P Hudson
	£20	No:	42	Mrs V Swift
	£10	No:	53	Mrs S Lawther

We would like to thank all members of the 200 Club for their support in 2016.

Subscriptions to the 200 club contribute towards the £22,000 which is required to keep our village church open, in good repair and available for all who wish to use it.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

The 200 Club is a monthly draw which usually takes place on the second Sunday of every month. There are 3 prizes each month - £50, £20 and £10. In December there is an additional prize of £100.

The cost is £2 per number per month.

This can be collected monthly, 6-monthly or annually and can be paid by cash, cheque or standing order.

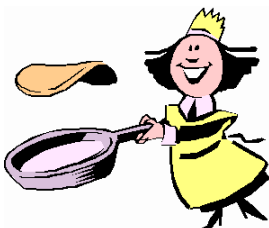
We would welcome any new members to the 200 club.

If you would like to join, please contact Tricia Shand—01235 764222 or email: the.shandies@btinternet.com

Church Fellowship Pancake Supper

We are having a pancake supper at Windrush, Challow Road, Wantage on Shrove Tuesday 28th February to raise funds for St Nicholas Church.

We shall ask for a minimum donation of £10 per person to include a supper of jacket potato with a choice of fillings followed by pancakes and wine and soft drinks. There is a limit of 30 tickets so please fill in the list at the back of church as soon as possible.



Community Policing - PCSO Howard Pack C9600 - Thames Valley Police

Rural Patrol

Recently, residents have seen several suspicious vehicles (normally vans) out in the countryside that appear to be looking for a suitable place to dump the contents of their vehicle or 'Fly Tip'; I have followed up each report and to date have found nothing.

What you should do if you find this while 'out and about';

If you can 'safely' obtain the vehicle registration, please contact the Police on 101.

If the fly tipping is on private land then it will be the private owner's responsibility to arrange clearance. The best contact number for anyone to phone is 03000 610610 which is the council's contractor called Biffa who will record all details and then contact the council if there is any evidence.

Parking

Over recent months I have spent a lot of duty time dealing with Parking issues in WANTAGE Town Centre especially with the enforcement of YELLOW LINES, **DOUBLE YELLOW** Lines mean NO WAITING at any time and **SINGLE YELLOWS** are dependent on the Restrictions shown on a nearby Time Plate eg. NO WAITING Monday to Saturday between 8:30 am and 6pm (This can vary).

Vehicles have also been illegally parked in 'Disabled badge holder's only bays' in the MARKET PLACE, this risks a £30 fine and I have issued a number of Fixed Penalty Tickets to offenders.

Please can I remind residents of some good advice found in the HIGHWAY CODE;

Rule 240 - You **MUST NOT** stop or park on

- a pedestrian crossing, including the area marked by the zig-zag lines eg. Potential penalty of **£100** fine and **3 points** on your Driving Licence
- **Rule 243 - DO NOT** stop or park
- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend

Cont.

PARISH COUNCIL.

NEW DEPUTY CLERK

East Challow Parish Council is pleased to welcome Sheryl Sanders to the team as Deputy Clerk. Sheryl is responsible for the day to day administration of the Parish Council's affairs. She can be contacted on eastchallowdc@gmail.com.

DOG FOULING

Dog fouling continues to be a problem in many parts of the village. As well as being unpleasant it presents a health risk to everyone. Please be a responsible dog owner and clear up after your dog.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 8 February. 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; 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

Readers

Feb 5 P. Pepler
4th before Lent

Feb 12 J. Penfold
3rd before Lent

Feb 19 L. Parker
2nd before Lent

Feb 26 M. Mann
Sunday before Lent

Mar 5 G. Parker
Lent 1

February Rotas

Isaiah 58.1-9a(b-12)
1 Corinthians 2.1-12

Deuteronomy 30.15-20
1 Corinthians 3.1-9

Genesis 1.1-2.3
Romans 8.18-25

Exodus 24.12-18
2 Peter 1.16-21

Genesis 2.15-17,3.1-7
Romans 5.12-19

Date	Sacristan	Sidesman	Coffee	Cleaning
Feb 5th	R. Bustany	R. Bustany S. Giles	M. Perkins	
Feb 12th	L. Hopkins	P. Pepler V. Brewster	Ody Family	L. Belcher
Feb 19th	P. Pepler	D. Mann S. Swift	P & D Hudson	
Feb 26th	J. Penfold	D. Hudson P. Hudson	M. & D Mann	L. Hopkins
March 5th	R. Bustany	R. Bustany S. Giles	M. & D. Mann	

If you are unable to take your turn, please arrange to swap or get someone to step in.

Date	Intercessions	Flowers	Thursday Sacristan
			Feb 2nd J. Penfold
Feb 5th	J. Penfold	J. Adams	Feb 9th J. Penfold
Feb 12th	P. Hudson	M. Perkins	Feb 16th S. Swift
Feb 19th	M. Mann	J. Teare	Feb 23rd S. Swift
Feb 26th	J. Brown	L. Hopkins	March 2nd M. Mann
March 5th	P. Pepler	No Flowers	

Christian Aid House to House Collection in East Challow

We have organised the house to house collection for this charity for a number of years but feel we are unable to continue. There is an active group for this charity in Wantage who organises an annual house to house collection and various other fund-raising events.

If you feel able to organise a house to house collection, or any other event in East Challow for Christian Aid please contact the chairperson of the Wantage group, Pam Martin tel. 01235 764754.

Thank you for all the support you have given us over a number of years from Jenny and Jeff Penfold

Open the Book Awareness Week

On 5th February our church service at 11.15am will be a celebration of the work of Open the Book. This is a scheme whereby members of the local church visit the local school to tell the children stories from the Bible. We have been visiting St Nicholas School each Thursday for five years and the children have great fun joining in our stories. We hope that as many children as possible will attend this service with their families. An Open the Book story will be told by the team and the children during the service. Please come along to learn more about this scheme which is spreading rapidly amongst many schools in the UK.

Trip to the Watermill theatre, Newbury

Thirty tickets have been reserved at this theatre on Monday 26th June at 7pm to see a production of a 'House and Garden' by Alan Ayckbourn. This pair of linked comedies will be performed simultaneously by the same cast between the theatre and a marquee in the beautiful theatre gardens. Tickets cost £15.50 each. Please sign up at the back of church as soon as possible or telephone Jenny Penfold 01235 763173 if you wish to come.

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New Entrance, Toilet and Servery.

The Present position.

A detailed design for the scheme has been produced and this has been followed by a tender action which has turned out to be unsatisfactory in that only one tender was received.

Representatives of the Diocesan Advisory Committee have visited the church and find the scheme to be acceptable so no objections are expected to the Petition for a Faculty.

The Petition for a Faculty has been submitted.

We are waiting for the result of the Building Regulations application.

The Next Steps.

The raising of funds for the project will be commenced in the early Spring. It is believed that a sum of around £30,000 will be needed by local fund raising in addition to grant aid, which it is hoped will raise a similar figure.

Applications for grant aid towards the project will also be commenced early in the New Year.

An offer has been made to refurbish the main entrance door to the church. Also a family member of a churchgoer has offered to carry out the Installation of the external drain. Both of these at minimal cost. These jobs may well be carried out before the main scheme commences.

A brief History of the Project (So far)

2013/4 The idea of installing a toilet was mentioned at a meeting held in church.

2014 The project was discussed at PCC which decided to look at designs.

March 2015 An outline design approved by the PCC.

July 2015 Meeting at church with Secretary of Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC). No problems with our proposals were found.

October 2015 Statements of Significance and Needs sent to the DAC for comment. (Needed for Faculty application)



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November 2015 Christian Randall retained as the project architect, and requested to produce an outline scheme.

January 2016 Architect's scheme presented to the PCC subcommittee and comments made to the architect.

Email from DAC stating that the Statements of Significance and Needs were good.

February 2016 A revised scheme received from the architect, much closer to the PCC original design and was accepted. He was asked to produce a detailed design and specification.

Architect sent the proposed design to Historic England and the Victorian Society.

March 2016 Letter received from Historic England finding the proposals acceptable.

April 2016 Email received from the Victorian Society stating that they had no comment to make.

June 2016 The initial plan to run the foul drain down the church path and across the road to connect to the sewer was dropped (expected to be very expensive). A revised route across the churchyard to connect to the drain in the Village Hall carpark was proposed. This has been agreed by the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council.

October 2016 A tender action was commenced with four companies invited to provide quotations.

A Building Regulations application submitted.

November 2016 Representatives of the DAC visited the church and had our proposals described to them. They saw no problems with our scheme.

December 2016 Only one quotation was received following the tender action. This means that a further tender action will be needed.

A Petition for a Faculty was submitted to the diocese.

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We are currently reviewing and hoping to extend our provision for children and families at church. We don't want to offer people what they don't want so your views as to what would suit you and what you would like to see put in place would be very helpful. We are working towards reordering the building to include a toilet and small kitchenette which will make life easier.

Please complete the below and return either via a box that will be available in church or email patricia.a.hudson16@gmail.com. It will never be too late to return the slip or to make suggestions but to help us gather ideas together and plan, could we aim at a deadline of the end of February please for an initial audit?

We would like any/all

- Regular children's activities during the main 11.15 am church service ☐
- An extra family friendly shorter service catering specifically for children held earlier e.g. 9.30 once a month initially ☐
- Something for accompanied children on a Saturday morning/afternoon or Sunday afternoon or an after school weekday slot ☐
- More special events e.g. linked to special times of the year such as an Easter workshop, Mothering Sunday, weekday sessions during the holidays ☐
- Messy church or similar ☐
- Any other ideas very welcome space continued over leaf

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Village News

EAST CHALLOW – THE FUTURE OF OUR VILLAGE

The Parish Council has appointed a Steering Group to lead the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for the village of East Challow. The completed plan, which will be the subject of a village referendum in the near future, will set a vision for the future of our village and will include planning policies for the development and use of land in the parish.

The Steering Group invites all villagers to a meeting to explore and contribute to the ideas and vision behind the plan on Monday 13th March 2017 at East Challow Cricket Club.

For further information please contact Peter Rumsey (Chair of Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group) on 07580 291258.

Food Bank

We are currently in need of more volunteers for the Food bank on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You need to be fit and able to carry bags of food short distances. Access to a car is helpful but not necessarily essential. People usually help once a fortnight on a rota basis. It involves putting together and delivering food parcels, and takes about an hour. If you are interested please contact Helen Margetts by emailing - wantageandgrovefoodbank@gmail.com.

Helen Margetts