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

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Tel: 07739 563894 Email: vicaralec@valebenefice.org.uk Curate: Revd George Moody,

Email: curate@valebenefice.org.uk



#### Churchwardens

Mrs Sue Swift tel: 01235 770542 Mrs Linda Hopkins tel 01235 767121



#### Parish Council

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



Clerk: Sheryl Sanders, 5 Hedge Hill Road, East Challow, OX12 9SD

Tel 01235 760394 Email eastchallowdc@gmail.com

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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Village Hall Booking Secretary: Denise Knight 01235 769933



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**Carols by Candlelight** 

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 6.45pm Wantage Baptist Church

You are invited to an all-age Carols by Candlelight Service, at Wantage Baptist Church on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 6.45pm. We will not be meeting at The Mission, East Challow, but will instead, be meeting with Wantage Baptist Church to celebrate Christmas, with traditional and modern Carols, prayers and Bible readings.

You are welcome, whether you usually go to church or not.

E-mail ☐, contactthemission@challowmission.org.uk
Telephone 줍, 0795 860 2364 or 01235 771322

All entries for **February 2018** Challow News to be received by **January 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 david66hudson@gmail.com

#### **WANTAGE CONCERT BAND**



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#### **CHALLOWS ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

The committee is fundraising to replace the leaky roof in the main hall. We're hoping to hold the following events. Please come and help us achieve our goal.

9<sup>th</sup> Dec Silent Disco

23<sup>rd</sup> Dec Mr & Mrs Quiz night

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## Vicar's Letter

#### Dear Friends

Have you ever been in a situation where you have no idea what you need to do or what's going on? We can feel helpless and afraid. It can be confusing and disorientating. Not many of us would choose to make ourselves so vulnerable that we would be totally dependent on others.

Yet, this exactly what God did. When Jesus was born over 2,000 years ago; God came into this world as a helpless child. He was born into poverty and grew up in a far-flung Roman province. God stepped into this world not with power and glory but wrapped in cloth and held in the arms of a young girl.

Christmas is a reminder of how much God loves us; Jesus came to earth as the Son of God to share our lives and to show us the way to live in a full relationship with God. It reminds us that God shows his strength and power through the vulnerability of coming to us as a child, who would grow to become a man that would live and die to transform each of our lives.

I hope that you have a good Christmas!

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

#### **November winners**

£50 No 43 M. Swift £20 No 25 G. Shand £10 No: 153 H. Swift

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

#### **Advent course**

An Advent course will be held at Windrush Challow Road on the first three Tuesdays of December (5th, 12th & 19th) 7.30pm It will be based on the book by Bishop Steven "The Beatitudes".

Books are available £2 each from Sue Swift Tel: 01235 770542

There are other parallel groups running in Denchworth, Grove and Hanney if Mon, Wed, Thurs evening or afternoon would suit you better.—details in church.

#### Dates and Information for Dec/Jan

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 11.15 am Parish Eucharist 4pm Christingle – Grove parish church 6pm Advent Carols - Denchworth

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Patronal Family Service 11.15am Patronal Eucharist

Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30am School Christmas Service

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Carol Service

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> NO morning Service 4 pm No - Rehersal Nativity - Family Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 11.15am Christmas Eucharist

Dec 31<sup>st</sup> NO service at Challow (10am Holy Communion at Denchworth)

#### NO MIDWEEK EUCHARIST BETWEEN 26 Dec and 6 Jan

Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Family Service

11.15 am Parish Eucharist

- Invest in a timer to open and close your curtains or turn on your lights or, better yet, ask a family member or neighbour to pop in and do it at random times of the day so a potential thief does not see an exact pattern.
- Dispose of boxes and rubbish discreetly. Leaving boxes outside will give away the fact that you have new and valuable items in the house.

#### Rural Patrol

I have been involved in Hare Coursing Patrols in the Wantage and Faringdon areas and recently sighted 3 males in a silver 4x4 in fields near CHILDREY crossroads (B4507 Jct B4001), I was able to call up support from other officers and these persons were appropriately dealt with.

#### Vulnerable Residents

With the advent of 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.

If you'd like to receive FREE crime alerts and info about where you live by Email, Phone or Text then please contact me on 101 or when you see me on patrol and I will be happy to 'sign you up' alternatively please register at www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk and please use www.thamesvalley.police.uk to visit our Website.

#### <u>Useful Numbers</u>

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WantageandGroveNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Regards Howard MERRY XMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!, in advance, to all residents of EAST and WEST CHALLOW, from the WANTAGE Neighbourhood Policing Team.

2018 looks like being a year of 'Challenges and Changes' for everyone, so, please keep safe and enjoy the Festive season.

#### Crime prevention

#### Five top tips on personal safety for a crime-free Christmas:

- When Christmas shopping, be aware of how much you are carrying with you. iPods, digital cameras, mobile phones and extra cash to buy presents mean you could be the ideal target for thieves.
- When you are out and about at Christmas, don't leave your bag unattended. Keep your purse safe in an internal pocket, and don't carry your PIN number with you.
- Don't leave your drink unattended. It takes a matter of seconds for someone to tamper with your drink.
- Have you ever considered getting a personal safety alarm?
   Don't allow threats of crime to intimidate you into never going anywhere alone. Just be aware of what's going on around you and be confident that you can keep safe.
- Plan your journey home. If you use a taxi, ensure it is registered. If you have to walk home, try and walk with a friend, stick to well lit and busy streets, and make sure someone knows the route you are taking.

#### Five top tips on home security for a crime-free Christmas:

- Property-mark presents and valuables with your postcode, house number or name, then register on the Immobilise website (www.immobilise.com) Make a note of all model numbers and serial numbers of all electrical items.
- Keep presents out of view placing presents in plain view of windows will only draw attention to your house and its contents.
- Be cautious when using social media such as Facebook do you really want to advertise that your home is empty by showing you are somewhere else or having a countdown to your holiday?

	Readers	December and January Rolas				
	Year B Dec 3 Advent	L.Parker	Isaiah 64.1-9 1 Corinthians 1.3-9			
	Dec 10 St. Nicholas	P.Hudson	Isaiah 40.1-11 2 Peter 3.8-15a			
	Dec 17 Advent 3	J.Brown	Isaiah 61.1-4 8-11 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24			
	Dec 24	Joint Service Denchworth				
	Advent 4 Dec 24 Christmas Eve	P.Hudson	2 Samuel 7.1-5,8-11,16 Acts 13.16-26			
	Dec 25 Christmas Day	C.Swift	Isaiah 52.7-10 Hebrews1.1-4(5-12)			
	Dec 31	united 10.00 Denchworth				
	Jan 7 Epiphany 1	J. Penfold	Genesis 1.1-5 Acts 19.1-7			
	Jan 14 Epiphany 2	R. Pepler	1 Samuel 3.1-10(11-20) Revelation 5.1-10			
	Jan 21 Epiphany 3	J. Teare	Genesis 14.17-20 Revelation 19.6-10			
	Jan 28 Epiphany 4	L. Parker	Deuteronomy 18.15-20 Revelation 12.1-5a			
	Feb 4 Candlemas	M. Mann	Malachi 3.1-5 Hebrews 3.14=18			

**December and January Rotas** 

Readers

If you are unable to take your turn, please arrange to swap or get someone to step in. It would be very helpful if you would amend the copy on the church notice board. Thank you.

Date	Sacristan	Sidesman	Coffee		Cleaning
Dec 3rd	R. Bustany	R. Bustany S. Giles	M. Perkins		J. Penfold
Dec 10th	P. Pepler	J. Penfold L. Belcher	J. Brown J. Penfo		
Dec 17th	J. Penfold	P. Pepler V. Brewster	H. Smith L. Hopk		J.Parker
Dec 24th	Morning Se	ervice at Denchwor	th		
Mid-Night	Mass S. Swift	T. Shand F. Webb			
Dec 25th	M. Mann	D. Mann T. Shand	No Coff	ee	M. Perkins
Dec 31st	United Serv	rice at Denchworth			
Jan 7th	R. Bustany	R. Bustany S. Giles	M. Perk	ins	S. Giles
Jan 14th	S. Swift	P. Hudson D. Hudson	J. Penfold J. Parker		
Jan 21st	P. Pepler	J. Penfold S. Swift	J. Brown H. Smit		L. Belcher
Jan 28th	J. Penfold	L. Belcher G. Parker	P. Huds D. Huds		
Feb 4th	R. Bustany	R. Bustany S. Giles	M. Perk		L. Hopkins
Date	Intercessions	Flowers	Т	hursday s	Sacristan
Dec 3rd	P. Pepler	Advent No flowers		7th Dec	J. Penfold
Dec 10th	J. Brown	Everyone	1	4th Dec	J. Penfold
Dec 17th	P. Hudson	Advent No flow	wers 2	1st Dec	S. Swift
Dec 24th	J. Penfld	Everyone			
Dec 25th	L. Parker				
Jan 7th Jan 14th	P. Pepler J. Brown	H. Smith M. Mann		1th Jan 8th Jan	M.Mann M. Perkins
Jan 21st	P. Hudson	J. Teare	2	5th Jan	M. Perkins
Jan 28th	M. Mann	J. Brown	1	lst Feb	J. Teare
Feb 4th	L. Parker	M. Perkins	8	8th Feb	J. Teare

### A Date for your 2018 Diary

# Tuesday 15th May 2018, 7.30pm at Challow Village Hall

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#### EAST CHALLOW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

#### Have you looked at the results of your Community Survey?

The results are on the Parish Council website for you to view at any time. They include findings from respondents such as:-

- The most valued things about living in East Challow are the village's setting in a rural landscape, and the ease of access to the countryside.
- Nearly 60% would like to board a bus at The Goodlake Arms (as was).
- Over 40% have lived in the village for more than 15 years.
- Nearly 40% are in favour of further substantial housing development in the village if this would mean improved village facilities or infrastructure.

#### **Future Housing Developments**

There are currently 367 dwellings in our parish. Planning approval has already been granted for a further 128 dwellings at Park Farm and Challow Park.

As reported in the survey questionnaire, property developer Dandara proposes a development of 750 new houses on land to the east of Woodhill Lane and contend that this would finance construction of the proposed Western Relief by-pass of the village. Dandara have offered to present the details of their proposals to the village in the near future and this will be publicised as soon as we have a date. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group does not have a preference for or against the development, but villagers are encouraged to consider the proposals and make their views known.

#### Help still needed with Document Preparation

Unfortunately we have, as yet, had no offers of help with formatting perhaps 60 pages of text, photos, plans and tables in Microsoft Word. We still need a volunteer who can take on the task of compiling this document from text and material provided by others. Can you do this job for the village?

If you would like more information or are interested in getting involved in any way, please contact Peter Rumsey (Chair, NP Team) on 07580 291258







#### Please come to

## St Nicholas Church, East Challow Christmas Eve December 24th 4 pm **No-Rehearsal Nativity**

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#### EAST CHALLOW VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Could you possibly spare about an hour a month to support the village hall? The size of our friendly committee is dwindling and we would welcome more members to bring their input and lend a helping hand. We meet once every two months and most members take on a small task between meetings. Tasks vary from typing up minutes to being at the hall to let in an electrician or plumber.

We would be REALLY grateful for any support, so please contact Emmafreebairn@aol.com if you could offer up a small amount of time.

THANK YOU

#### **East Challow Neighbourhood Watch**

# East Challow Neighbourhood Watch AGM 7th November 2017

Mrs Woodley resigned as secretary and co-ordinator for the Neighbourhood Watch and as there was no-one willing or able to take over, and lack of residents support, it was decided to have no further meetings for the foreseeable future.

Other co-ordinators in our village are happy to continue their role and we will keep the NW signs erected.

Can we suggest, if you are not already registered, you sign up to the FREE crime alert where you can get up to date information relevant to our area either by Email, phone or txt. For that just call 101.

Can we also suggest you contact your home insurers to check if it will affect your insurance as we are no longer an active neighbourhood watch.

#### Village News

#### **PARISH COUNCIL**

#### **WASTE BINS**

A reminder: **Please** could you ensure that you remove your waste/recycling bin from the kerbside as soon as possible after the waste collection. Thank You

#### WASTE BIN COLLECTIONS OVER CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR:

**Normal Collection Day Revised Collection Day** Which bin? Monday 25 December Wednesday 27 December Green and food

(no garden waste)

Monday 1 January Wednesday 3 January Grey and food Tuesday 9 January Monday 8 January Green, food and garden

waste

#### SEASON'S GREETINGS!

The Parish Councillors send best wishes to all residents for a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

#### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** (a week earlier than usual). 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.

January Meeting: Wednesday 10 January 2018 at 7.30 in the Village Hall

#### CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Please drop your Christmas trees to East Challow Village Hall (adjacent to the church wall) by Monday 8 January 2018. Please can we request any large/heavy trees be cut up, as these can be difficult to get into the recycling truck.

#### PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Vanessa Bosley (Chairman): 764068;

Frances Webb: 765176: Iris Game: 770412:

Ruth Vigor- Hedderly: 07860 136965

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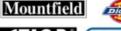
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