

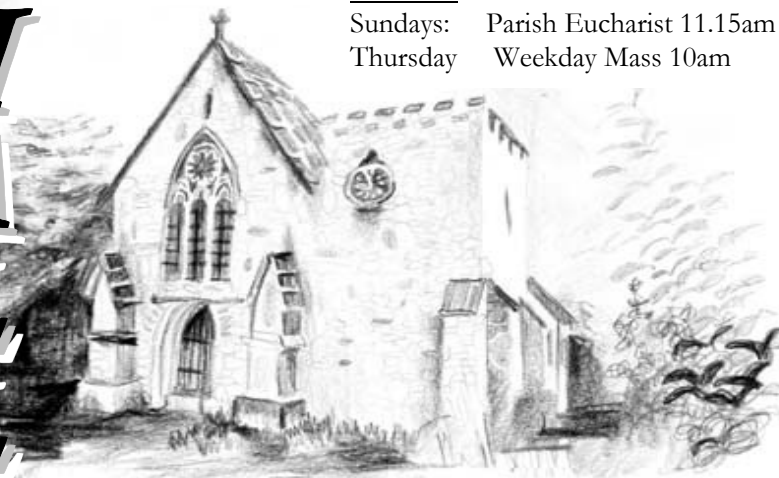
May 2018

CHALLOW NEWS

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Services.

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Thursday Weekday Mass 10am



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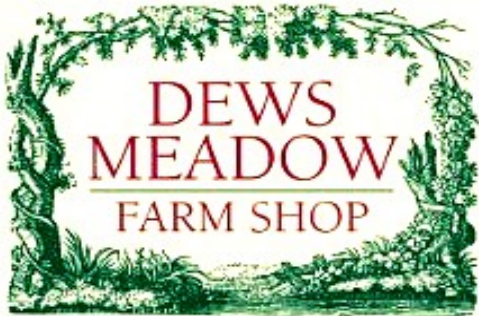
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The Parish Council Meeting takes place in the Village Hall at
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Village Hall Booking Secretary: Denise Knight 01235 769933



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East Challow Village Hall Committee AGM

Tuesday May 29th 2018 7.30pm

**Please join us – this is your village hall –
without a committee there will not be a village hall**

**All entries for June2018 Challow News
to be received by May15th 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
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Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

We helped move our son, Luke, into his new home. His brother and sister provided the muscles, his mother the excellent sustaining lunch and the skill I provided is the ability to pack a van tightly and securely. It was so much quicker this move because we did not have to climb 4 flights of stairs so we had time to help assemble some of the furniture.

I managed to put some of the screw bolts of the bed in incorrectly but fortunately Luke knew what he was doing and we had it in place and comfortable very quickly. However, the solid oak dining table which Luke and his wife had been given took us 5 attempts and a lot of discussion to get it right before it was fully functional. There was no one to guide us and no instructions either!

Wouldn't life be so much easier if there were easy to follow instructions or there was someone who could tell us what to do and how to do it?

That is surely what Christians celebrate this month at Pentecost – the coming of the Holy Spirit – our guide and friend – to those who believe in Jesus. Someone who will explain the instructions, help us follow them and give us the resources to complete them.

Jesus said: “**If you love me keep my commandments and I will give the Comforter to be with you for ever.**”

Presumably to be with us to offer guidance and direction since Jesus calls this Comforter the Spirit of Truth.

Whether you are on the move or staying put, the Holy Spirit is available to all for guidance and direction.

God bless
John

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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

April winners

£50 No 150 Mrs E Redford

£20 No 29 Mrs J Teare

£10 No 9 Mr & Mrs Mann

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

May 16th 8pm Letcombe Basset Village hall Fiona Craig, acting director of the Oxford Diocese Board of Education will speak on
The changing landscape in schools – special emphasis on parish engagement.
This will be very good and is open to everyone.

A letter went to each parish on 8th February from Rebecca Norris-Bulpitt of Oxford Diocese re Safeguarding training.

The aim is that the church provides a consistently safe environment for everyone by implementing best safeguarding practice and equipping everyone to recognise and respond to possible abuse.

The various roles and officers of the PCC may need Safeguarding training, and DBS checks.

Rebecca's letter has a very useful Appendix on the Safeguarding training modules appropriate for the various roles and officers.

With this in mind, Wantage Deanery has arranged the following face to face training sessions

June 5th and June 26th Safeguarding Level C1 Foundation level 7pm- 9.30pm, coffee etc available as from 6.45 at St Johns Rooms Grove . No charge.

Please do go online first.

Book via Pat Hudson 07787120045 Patrcia.a.hudson16@gmail.com

This is for anyone interested, required for anyone with parish safeguarding responsibilities or who has contact in the church context with children, young adults and/or adults who may be vulnerable, church wardens, music/choir leaders, admin staff, pastoral visitors, unpaid parish workers and spiritual directors.

Also required prior to C2

Full information about the revised church safeguarding courses and electronic access to C0 and C1 is available at

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/mission-ministry/safeguarding/clergy-safeguarding-training/#tab-id-1> on the Oxford Diocese website

The diocese website lists all the 2018 trainings planned and they can be booked via Eventbrite Any queries please contact Pat Hudson

PARISH COUNCIL cont.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This year's Annual Parish Meeting is being held on Tuesday 22 May, starting at 8pm in the Village Hall. All villagers are warmly invited to attend. As well as a report from the Parish Council about local issues and the year's events, the evening includes updates from village organisations on their activities. Tea and coffee will be served.

POTHoles

Snow, ice and salt have damaged our roads beyond expectation and capacity to repair right now.

Reports to Fix My Street averaged about 2000 per month and County Council highways teams were set up to respond to this need. But Fix My Street reports are now about 7000 to 8000 per month and the teams can't get round fast enough. Potholes have been raised to the top of Oxfordshire County Council's agenda, and the Government has provided £2.8 million more for pothole repairs so extra repair teams will be going out from April with an additional dragon patcher which is most effective on rural roads. Please keep reporting the potholes you see, but do not expect immediate repair, or response from officers.

PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Vanessa Bosley (Chairman): 01235 764068

Frances Webb: 012365 765176

Iris Game: 01235 770412

Ruth Vigor- Hedderly: 07860 136965

Sarah Parker : 01235 762565

Sheryl Sanders: Clerk to East Challow Parish Council.

e-mail: eastchallowpc@gmail.com. Tel: 01235 760394

PARISH COUNCIL

TENNIS COURTS

The tennis courts will be locked until further notice. The surface is unsafe and we are waiting for them to be cleaned.

LITTER

Litter continues to be a problem. The parish council litter warden has worked tirelessly to contain the on-going litter problem around the village. If you see anything untoward happening in and around the village please do not hesitate to call 101 and report the problem to the police.

BIFFA WASTE

Bins will be collected a day later than usual. Collections will be made Tuesday 8 May 2018 (Early May Bank Holiday) & Tuesday 29 May 2018 (Spring Bank Holiday). Please note: Bins should be returned to your property as soon as they have been emptied.

VILLAGE SPORTS FACILITIES

East Challow Parish Council would like to encourage enthusiastic people to join a 'think tank' group where people can share ideas for improving facilities of the sports and recreation area. If you are interested in being involved please contact the clerk (details below).

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 9 May**. 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.

Readers

May 6
Easter 6

G. Parker

May 13
Easter 7

J. Teare

May 20
Pentecost

C. Swift

May 27
Trinity

R. Pepler

June 3
Trinity 1

J. Brown

May Rotas

Isaiah 55.1-11
Acts 10.44-48

Ezekiel 36.24-28
1 John 5.9-13

Acts 2.1-21
Romans 8.22-27

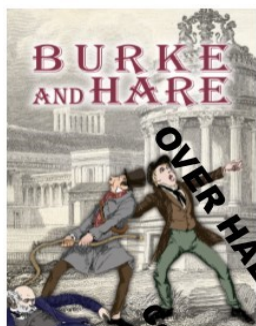
Isaiah 6.1-8
Romans 8.12-17

Deuteronomy 5.12-15
2 Corinthians 4.5-12

Date	Sacristan	Sidesman	Coffee	Cleaning
May 6	R. Bustany	R. Bustany S. Giles	M. Perkins	
May 13	J. Penfold P. Shand	J. Penfold	P. & D. Hudson	J. Penfold
20 May	S. Swift	P. & D. Hudson	J. Brown & L. Hopkins	
27 May	L. Hopkins	P. Pepler L. Belcher	J. Parker J. Penfold	J. Parker
3 June	R. Bustany	R. Bustany S. Giles	M. Perkins	
Date	Intercessions	Flowers	Thursday Sacristan	
			May 3	M. Mann
May 6	J. Brown	J. Penfold	May 10	S. Swift
May 13	L. Parker	H. Smith	May 17	S. Swift
May 20	P. Pepler	S. Swift	May 24	M. Perkins
May 27	J. Penfold	M. Perkins	May 31	M. Perkins
June 3	P. Hudson	J. Teare	June 7	J. Penfold

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

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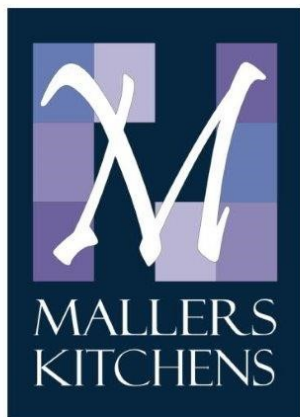
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