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Thursday Weekday Mass 10am



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The Vicarage Main St Grove OX12 7LQ

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Tel: 07739 563894 Email: vicaralec@valebenefice.org.uk

Churchwardens

Mrs Ruth Pepler tel 01235 762197

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Parish Council

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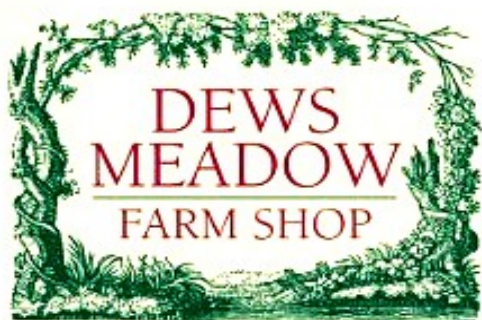
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Please contact editors

All entries for **May2019** Challow News
to be received by **April 15th** please.

If you would like to place an advert for your business in Challow News
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To :- Pat & Dave Hudson (01235) 760526. mob 07787 120044
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Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends

Recently, I have heard a few new words that I am getting my head around; our bodies can get into a parasympathetic state, our minds have the capability of neuroplasticity and we need to be concerned at the rise of what-about-ism!

During March and April, the church has a 40-day countdown to Easter called Lent. It is a time to give up or take up things that will benefit our relationship with God. One of the words we associate with Lent is temptations, but what does it mean? Apart from being a long-running Motown ensemble group, we usually think of temptations as things we shouldn't do but like anyway; eating cake and drinking wine!

Jesus was tempted in the desert for 40 days. He was tempted with turning stones into bread (he was hungry), changing his allegiance and gaining authority over the nations and demonstrating his power and identity as God's son to others. Now, these seem to be okay things to do. We can think about temptations in terms of having too much of a good thing or as bad things that we shouldn't do. The news reminds us that people are tempted with many different moral choices and our actions can have a damaging effect on ourselves and others.

Sometimes, the choices that we have can seem like Jesus' temptations; not really bad things in themselves. The reason why Jesus said no to his temptations was because of his friendship with God; he had committed to fasting for God, was only going to serve God and was not going to show-off just to win followers for God. Jesus said no to things that would harm his relationship with God.

When we face decisions in life, they may not be clearly right or wrong; we could do this, or we could do that? Which should we choose? I am challenged by Jesus to consider the impact of my decisions on the most important relationship in my life; how does doing this affect my friendship with God, my family or my relationships with others?

Sometimes we need to say no to something, when we are tempted to say yes, not because it is a bad thing to do. But, by saying no, we are actually saying yes to an important relationship in our lives; to prioritising those most important to us, by not spreading our time commitments too thinly and by keeping our promises to our loved ones.

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

April family services are going to be slightly different due to school holidays and Easter so on the second Sunday of the month which will be

Palm Sunday April 14th, instead of a 9.30 service at East Challow, we will join the procession with a donkey at Hanney. Meet at 10 am...outside the church.

Then

EASTER SUNDAY 9.30am April 21st

St Nicholas Church East Challow

A family friendly service lasting approx. 30minutes

Interactive story, craft activities and Easter egg hunt

Refreshments afterwards

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

We will be having a joint Family Eucharist Service for Mothering Sunday . This will be March 31 st. at 11:15 the open the book team will be there to take part in the Service.

There will be coffee and cakes in Church afterwards.
All welcome.

Next Month we will be at Hanney for the Family Service for the Donkey Procession on Palm Sunday April 14th at 10:00, hopefully there will be a live Donkey. Meet at the church

The Village Hall is out of use at the moment due to structural problems we waiting the results of the structural expert.

Please contact the Hall booking Secretary for further information.

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Parish Council cont.

EASTER WASTE COLLECTIONS

Normal Collection Day	Revised Collection Day
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Which bin?

Monday 22 April 2019	Tuesday 23 April 2019	Grey and food
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EAST CHALLOW FOOTPATH NO.196/5 – TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ORDER

This Order has been introduced because of construction works on the Park Farm development which are anticipated to take 8 months to complete.

The effect of the Order is to close temporarily footpath No.196/5 which runs between the A417 Challow Road and Canal Way.

HEDGEROW & TREES ADJACENT TO PARK FARM DEVELOPMENT

The hedgerow and trees have been removed in accordance with the planning permission (**P18/V1571/DIS**) and will be re-planted accordingly.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 10 April 2019**. 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.

Vanessa Bosley (Chairman): 01235 764068

Frances Webb: 01235 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

ALLOTMENTS

There are plots available for rental. Please contact the Parish Clerk for further information.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

Local Council Elections – May 2019

Local elections for the Vale of White Horse District Council and Parish Councils will take place on 2nd May 2019.

If you wish to apply to become a parish councillor for East Challow you will be required to complete a nomination pack and to submit it to the Vale of White Horse District Council in the period between 18th March and 3rd April.

If more than seven residents of East Challow put themselves forward a 'contested' election will be held for the seven parish councillor positions on East Challow Parish Council.

All parish councillors are volunteers and the work of the parish council is non-political.

For more information please email eastchallowpc@gmail.com or telephone 01235 760394.

DOG FOULING

There continues to be a high incidence of dog fouling in the village. This is unpleasant for all and it spreads diseases, which can cause illness and even blindness. Under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 a person who is in charge of a dog must clean up after it when it fouls any footpath, highway, verge or other open space to which the public have access. It is therefore a crime to allow a dog to foul in any public area without clearing it up.

Those that fail to do so could face a fine or even prosecution.

Please clean up after your dog.

Cont..

Readers

Apr 7 Lent 5	C. Swift
Apr 14 Palm Sunday	P. Rumsey
Apr 21 Easter Day	A. Tranter
Apr 28 Easter 2	G. Parker
May 5 Easter 3	M. Mann

April Rotas

Isaiah 43.16-21 Philippians 3.4-14
Psalms 118 Luke 19:11-15
Isaiah 65:17-End 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Psalms 150 Rev 1:4-8
Psalms 30 Revelation 7:9-17

Date	Sacristan	Sidesperson	Coffee	Cleaning
7 April	R. Bustany	R. Bustany S. Giles	M. Perkins	
14 April	S. Swift	P. Rumsey J. Penfold	H. Smith L. Hopkins	J. Penfold
21 April	M. Mann	N. Langford T. Shand	Ody Family	
28 April	P. Pepler	D. Mann V. Webster	J. Brown J. Parker	S. Giles
5 May	R. Bustany	R. Bustany S. Giles	M. Perkins	
Date	Intercessions	Flowers	Thursday Sacristan	
			April 4	J. Teare
April 7	M. Mann	No Flowers	April 11	J. Teare
April 14	J. Penfold	No Flowers	April 18	S. Swift
April 21	J. Brown	Everyone	April 25	S. Swift
April 28	M. Mann	S. Swift	May 2	M. Perkins
May 5	P. Pepler	M. Mann	May 9	M. Perkins

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.

There will be no Church Fellowship meetings in March and April due to Lent Groups meeting.

Lent Groups will all be based on the Oxford Diocesan booklet Living Generously by Jonathan Farnhill. Available free.

All groups start the week beginning March 10th

Tuesday evenings at St Nicholas Church East Challow 7.30 pm

Wednesdays at Philberts Manor, East Hanney 2pm

Wednesdays at St John's Rooms, Grove 7.30 pm

All Welcome.

Holy Week and Easter services

Palm Sunday April 14th

The family service will join with Hanney at 10am outside the church.

11.15 East Challow Eucharist

Monday 15th April Benefice service 8pm East Challow

Tuesday 16th April 10am at Hanney and 8pm at Denchworth

Wednesday 17th April 8pm Hanney

Maundy Thursday April 18th 10am East Challow and 8pm at Grove

Good Friday April 19th

11am open-air service at Grove, 12 noon Denchworth,

1.30 pm at Hanney,

2pm at Grove and 2pm at East Challow

Easter Sunday April 21st

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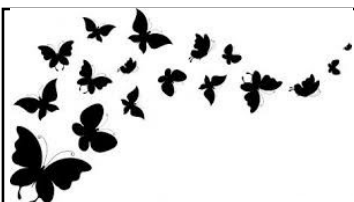
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March Results

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£20 - No: 164 - Mr D Alder

£10 - No: 69 - Mr & Mrs Ilott

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

VILLAGE HALL

TO all users of East Challow Village Hall
It is with great regret that the East Challow Village Hall Management Committee has been directed to close the hall and surrounding carpark with immediate effect by our insurance company, due to potential structural issues with the roof!

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Tom Endean, Les Cannings and David Alder are now looking into possible solutions to prevent further damage and cope with access by larger vehicles. This follows a letter tabled during the October Parish Council meeting from three village residents suggesting that a parking restriction be considered, which was noted by the Parish Council.

The parking restriction suggestion has received both support and opposition from those in the village and so we felt it was an opportunity to raise it so that you are able to add your own view, both for and against, to the discussion. This will help greatly in looking at all benefits and all problems with any solution.

We wish to find a solution that is best for the village as a whole and we would like to consider the most practical and beneficial options for all. This includes minimising the impact on parking around the village green and also recognising pedestrian access needs at the dropped kerb by the post box.

For a trial period of three months, residents are asked to desist from parking within one car length of the junction during weekdays and normal working hours.

We would like to ask if you have any views on the proposed trial outlined above, or if you have any other views or suggestions that you would like us to consider. Obviously, any solution needs to be viable both in terms of manageability long-term and any potential cost, as well as account for the need for parking.

All we ask is that you share your views with us before the end of April to enable us to collate any feedback and consider all sides before any solutions are considered or not.

To share any view simply visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GT8P8TS>

This above link is an online survey tool that will allow you submit all comments.

Yours sincerely

**Tom Endean
Les Cannings
David Alder**



St. Nicholas C of E Primary School

East Challow, Wantage, Oxon, OX12 9RY



We have had a busy couple of months at St Nicholas CE Primary. Last month we had a visit from local author Kita Mitchell. She led an assembly and held a couple of workshops with KS2. It was interesting to hear where Kita got her inspiration from for her books "Grandma Dangerous and the Dog of Destiny" and "Grandma Dangerous and the Egg of Glory". Can you guess from the titles?

Our Year 6 have enjoyed a visit to Abingdon hospital, as part of the Immunisation Minimization Programme for Schools. The children learnt about injury prevention as well as giving them the skills needed for them to take responsibility for managing their own risk and how to cope in an emergency.

On March 7th we celebrated World Book Day and everyone dressed up as characters from their favourite books. The children enjoyed taking part in a book swap. We are very keen to have a small outdoor unit so swapping of both children's and adults' books can happen more regularly. The picture below is the sort of thing we are thinking about. Please can you let the office know if this is something you might be able to help us with.

We ended the day by having a very successful Bears and Books evening. The children came back to school in their pyjamas to listen to stories and enjoy hot chocolate and biscuits.

We have a group from KS2 who are looking forward to performing at the Beacon as part of The Vale Academy Trust Primary Schools Singing Festival. Also, a group from Year 3/4 will be representing us at the Small Schools Football Tournament.

Finally, I would like to invite you to our next community event at the village hall on Monday 1st April at 1:30pm. We will be sharing some of our musical talent with children playing the piano and guitars as well as a group singing. We are also looking forward to sharing some of the learning the children have been involved in this term. Tea and coffee will be available and we will be holding a raffle. Please look out for the posters and flyers around the village.

Warm regards Elise Keymer

