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Thursday Weekday Mass 10am



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Associate Vicar Alec Gill,

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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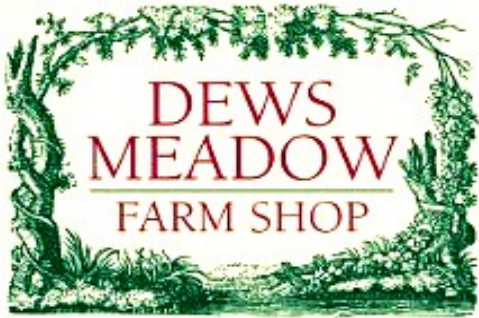
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All entries for **February** Challow News
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If you would like to place an advert for your business in Challow News
or just send in an item about things happening in the village .

please contact Nigel Langford

Email:- nigel.langford@me.com

Pat and Dave would like to thank everyone who has supported us with
Challow News over the past ten years.

East Challow WI would like to wish all residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please come and see us at the Dickensian Evening on 6th December between 6.00pm to 9.00pm where there is an opportunity to win a supersized luxury hamper.
Guess the number of items £1.00 for two guesses.

East Challow WI has supported St Nicholas School with a Red Box which provides feminine items and has proved a great success. It was also a pleasure to judge the St Nicholas School Bake Off along with Barbara WI secretary but such a difficult job. We both would like to congratulate all the children that baked an amazing array of cakes and a special thank you to the children that looked after us, they are a credit to the school.

Members of East Challow WI would like to remind women not to Fear the Smear. This is one of our national campaigns for further information contact your GP or Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust.
For more information see our Facebook page or contact eastchallow-wi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk

We start the New Year on 14th January East Challow Village Hall 07.30
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Avril Pile 07790568238 eastchallowwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk
or
Barbara Lovegrove 01235 763858

Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends

Over the summer, I did a talk comparing prayer to a mobile phone. We can take it wherever we go, we can use it to connect with God and it allows us to do different things.

Prayer can give us an opportunity to focus on God and to switch off from other distractions; prayer can help us to give time to reflect on our life, be open to God and to just be still and quiet. Sometimes we need to turn on flight-mode and switch off from the world around us.

There are lots of different ways that we can pray; quietly, out loud, through singing, by writing and drawing, while walking, on our own or with others. We can pray about our own lives, the lives of others, thank God, say sorry to God, yell at God, be still before God and ask for God's guidance.

If you want to think a bit more about prayer, I would recommend the book "How to pray: a simple guide for normal people" by Pete Greig. It is available online or down at the Cornerstone book shop, in Grovelands Shopping Centre, Savile Way, Grove. This is a good read and a very easy book to dip in and out of; it is very insightful, down-to-earth and practical.

Even if prayer is not your thing, as a culture we are realising the benefits that prayer, reflection, or mindfulness, can have for us as human beings. Maybe you could give yourself sometime and space just to be, to reflect on what's going on in your life, to be thankful for what is good, to consider what lays ahead for your and to work out what you want your priorities to be.

I find that prayer helps me to do these things; however you choose to do it, it is always worthwhile tuning out what's going around you, to consider what's going on inside you.

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

News from the Pews

We have come to the end of a very busy year, and are thankful to God and everyone for looking after us all and the church of St Nicholas.

On the 13th November we had the Archdeacons visit and inspection, she was very impressed by our lovely well kept building and the welcome she received. It is good to know that we are keeping up to speed with what needs to be done.

Thank you to our P C C , the Parish Council and the Village Hall committee and the community at large for your help and support through out the year.

This is the last edition of Challow News edited by Pat and Dave Hudson , Thank you Pat and Dave for all the years producing the magazine month by month. Thank you.

We are pleased to announce that Nigel Langford has volunteered to take over the editorship, Thank you Nigel.

As we look forward to Christmas please join us for any of the Christmas services You are free to attend.

With best wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year.

Linda & Ruth

Churchwardens

St Nicholas Church 200 Club

November Results

£50	-	No 150	Mrs E	Redford
£20	-	No 84	Mr M	Swift
£10	-	No 21	Mrs C	Andrews

If you would like to join the 200 Club, please contact Tricia Shand by phone: 01235 764222 or e-mail: the.shandies@btinternet.com

ALL 200 CLUB MEMBERS –the draw will take place on the **FIRST** Sunday of the month.

PARISH COUNCILLORS

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The Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust

So far we collected £192 and £96 will be returned to St Nicholas Church. Further donations will be collected and paid in at a later date.

PARISH COUNCIL

ALLOTMENTS

Please respect the allotment gardens and do not let your dog/s roam onto the plots. Dogs are not permitted in this area.

Please refrain from walking onto the allotments unless you are an allotment holder. Please do not remove any produce which does not belong to you.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Please take your old Christmas tree to East Challow Village Hall car park for recycling by **Sunday 19 January 2020**. Trees larger than 6ft must be cut down in size.

WASTE BIN COLLECTIONS OVER CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR:

Usual Date

Revised Date

Monday 30 December
food

Tuesday 31 December – Grey and food

Monday 6 January
(no garden waste)

Tuesday 7 January – Green and food

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 meeting room at East Challow Village Hall at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 4 December**. 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 matters with the council. The minutes of each meeting are available on the website.

The January meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 January 2020

FAMILY SERVICE

Dec 8 th 9.30am ADVENT FAMILY SERVICE

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Jan 9th 9.30am FAMILY SERVICE

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December Rotas

Dec 1 Advent Sunday	G. Parker	Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14
Dec 8 St.Nicholas	P.Rumsey	Isaiah 11.1-10,18-19 Romans 15.4-13
Dec 15 Advent 3	J.Brown	Isaiah 35.1-10 James 5.7-10
Dec 22 Advent 4	A.Tranter	Isaiah 7.10-16 Romans 1.1-7
Dec 24 Christmas Eve	C.Swift	Isaiah 9.2-7 Titus 2.11-14
Dec 25 Christmas Day	J. Penfold	Isaiah 62.6-12 Titus 3.4-7

Dec 29 10.00 Holy Communion Denchworth

Date	Sacristan	Sidesperson	Coffee	Cleaning
1 Dec	S. Swift	S. Giles	M. Perkins	
8 Dec	J. Penfold	P. Rumsey J. Penfold	J Parker H. Smith	S. Giles
15 Dec	M. Mann	N. Langford D. Mann	J. Brown J. Penfold	
22.Dec	S. Swift	L. Belcher P. Pepler	L. Hopkins	M. Perkins
24 Dec	S. Swift	T. Shand N. Langford	Christmas Eve	
25 Dec	M. Mann	N. Langford F. Webb	Christmas Day	

Date	Intercessions	Flowers	Thursday Sacristan
1 Dec	Clergy	Advent	5 Dec J. Penfold
8 Dec	J. Penfold	All (Sml Vases)	22 Dec J. Penfold
15 Dec	M. Mann	Advent	19 Dec S. Swift
22 Dec	S. Swift	Advent	26 Dec No Service
29 Dec	United Service	Denchworth	

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Jan 5	G.Parker	Isaiah 60.1-6		
Christmas 2		Ephesians 3.1-12		
Jan 12	P.Rumsey	Isaiah 42.1-9		
Baptism of Christ		Acts 10.34-43		
Jan 19	A.Tranter	Isaiah 49.1-7		
Epiphany 2		1 Corinthians 1.1-9		
Jan 26	J.Penfold	Isaiah 9.1-4		
Epiphany 3		1 Corinthians 1.10-18		
Feb 2	M.Mann	Malachi 3.1-5		
Candlemas		Hebrews 2.14-end		
Date	Sacristan	Sidesperson	Coffee	Cleaning
5 Jan	J. Penfold	S. Giles T. Shand	M. Perkins	Liz / Linda
12 Jan	P. Pepler	P. Rumsey L. Belcher	J. Parker H. Smith	
19 Jan	S. Swift	J. Penfold D. Mann	Ody Family	J. Parker
26 Jan	M. Mann	N. Langford L. Hopkins	J. Brown J.Penfold	
2 Feb	J. Penfold	S.Giles V. Brewster	M.Perkins	J. Penfold
Date	Intercessions	Flowers	Thursday	Sacristan
5 Jan	P.Pepler	M. Mann	2 Jan	S. Swift
12 Jan	J. Teare	J. Brown	9 Jan	S. Swift
19 Jan	M. Mann	K. Moss	16 Jan	J. Teare
26 Jan	Clergy	S. Green	23 Jan	J. Teare
2 Feb	J. Penfold	J. Penfold	30 Jan	M. Perkins
			6 Feb	M. Perkins

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Village News

Challow & Childrey Cricket Club

As the cricket season draws to a close the club is still open on Friday evenings with Happy Hours between 5-7pm. There will also be Quiz nights, Race nights to look out for. Pop in and see what available over the Winter months on your door step.

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Year 3/4 from St Nicholas School will be making the Christingles and we hope that many families and others from the village will join us for the celebration.

Free tickets must be collected in advance as numbers will be limited to avoid any fire risk. Tickets will be available from 25th November from the school office or, for people not connected to the school from Jenny Penfold 01235 763173 who will deliver your tickets to you.

There will be a retiring collection to be divided between St Nicholas School and the Children's Society.

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