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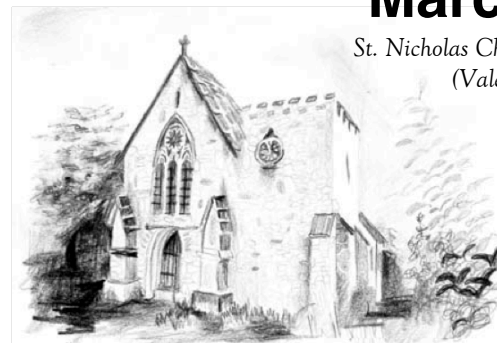
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PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting takes place in the Village Hall at 7.30pm
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Health provision review for OX12 and Wantage Hospital

I thought it might be helpful to summarise where we are with the review of health provision in OX12 and Wantage Hospital.

This is a highly complex issue and difficult to summarise in a few short paragraphs. This is the compact version and if anyone wants a more detailed review please mail me at paul.barrow@whitehorsedc.gov.uk.

- The Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG) has been carrying out a review of health service provision for the OX12 post-code.
- As a VWHDC councillor, I am a member of a scrutiny sub-committee overseeing this.
- OCCG has been very opaque in all their activities and are not used to democratic scrutiny.
- OCCG has carried out surveys and a public consultation.
- One of the main issues for the OX12 public has been the closure of Wantage Hospital and in-patient beds.
- The review carried out by OCCG has not been at all transparent and has not, for example:
 - (i) Used the most up-to-date analytical methods.
 - (ii) Reviewed Wantage Hospital in association with the other local community hospitals (Abingdon, Didcot, Wallingford).
 - (iii) Taken into account changes taking place nationally in the NHS.
 - (iv) Has not been open in their review of the GP practices (shortage of GPs, additional medical staff, how they will carry out home care etc.).
 - (v) Reviewed the effect of a 35% increase in population in OX12.
 - (vi) Reviewed dove-tailing health and social care as suggested.
 - (vii) Been open about funding limitations.
- A report of their review (which is far from complete) has initiated a consultation on the future of Wantage Hospital to be completed by this coming September. The chairman of the Health Overview Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) expects that if this consultation is not complete by September then the Wantage beds will be re-opened.
- Wantage Town and Grove Parish Councils and pressure groups wanted the OCCG report to be rejected. HOSC did not do this because (i) the review covers the whole of OX12 health services and not just Wantage Hospital and (ii) complete rejection would result in further delays.
- Instead, HOSC has asked our OX12 scrutiny sub-committee to continue and "keep OCCG's feet to the fire" to ensure that bullet points (i) to (vii) are done properly! We intend to do this.

Village Roadside Parking Problems

It has been brought to our attention that some of the grass verges and corners are being eroded by traffic, especially in Windmill Place and High View.

Narrowing of the roads by parked cars is contributing to this problem.

Please can all residents parking on the roads take special care to leave room for vehicles to get through, especially for the emergency services and school buses.

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 11th March 2020.**

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.

PARISH COUNCILLORS

Vanessa Bosley: (Chair) 01235 764068

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Sheryl Sanders: Clerk to East Challow Parish Council.

e-mail: eastchallowpc@gmail.com.

Dear Friends

If you could, what new law would you introduce? Perhaps you would like to produce some legislation that protects someone or prevents something, or feel it would benefit the community if a certain behaviour was enforced. What would you like to make compulsory?

Of course you might be a very keen advocate for freedom and dislike the idea of rules or you may consider that laws cannot achieve anything because it takes more than a directive to get something done.

Why not have a discussion with your family, friends or neighbours about what law you might introduce?

Christianity, and Lent, the period leading up to Easter in which we are now, is often viewed as following rules and there is no doubt that a disciplined life achieves a great deal and certainly can lead to a deepening of faith but it does not always lead to greater love.

Right at the end of Lent, Jesus came up with a new commandment that we should love one another. And though you can't make anyone love another person what Jesus did do was to show us by his example of loving us (particularly by his death on the cross) and promise the gift of his Holy Spirit to help us fulfil this command. Loving is much more an attitude than adherence to strict guidelines. Loving is about giving, wanting others to grow, to develop and enjoy life in all its fullness.

So if you are going to do anything for Lent this year why not try to be even more loving; perhaps with positive and kind remarks, or by generous and gentle actions or in seeking to be more understanding when irritations occur.

The website <https://40acts.org.uk> Is worth a visit if you want practical ideas of loving kindness.

May I wish you a blessed and loving approach to the celebration of Easter.

John

Pastoral Support

To help our Vicars Revd John Durant and Revd Alec Gill in the pastoral support of the village, Liz Belcher will be acting as the 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

Our Family Service, continues with dates for March and April.

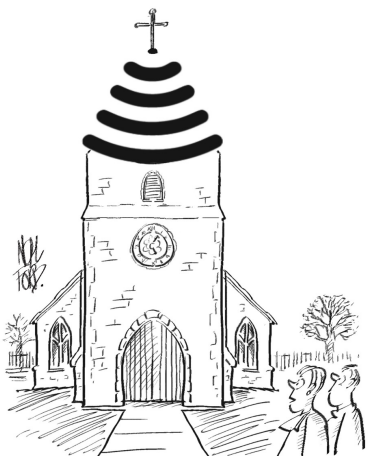
The Family Service for March will be moving from its usual 2nd Sunday date to the 22nd March - Mothering Sunday and will join the 11.15am Service for a Family Eucharist. Rev John Durant will be leading the service.

The Family Service for April will be on 12th April - Easter Sunday and will be at the usual family service time of 9.30am. We do hope you can come and join us.

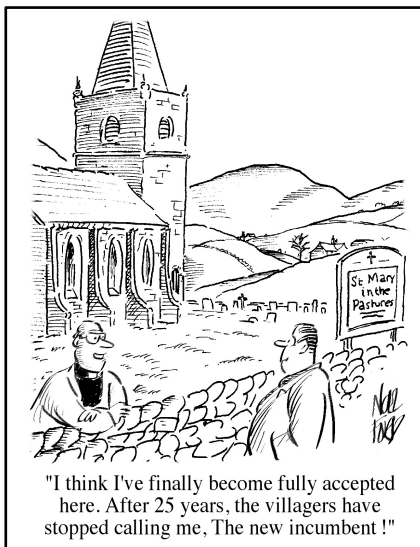
Sue Swift and Linda Hopkins will be doing the rotas again shortly. Flowers, Cleaning, Readers, Sacristan, Sidesperson's, Intersessions and Coffee. Please let either of them know your availability so that they can work around any holidays you may have booked.

We are still looking for volunteers for jobs in and around the Church. If you feel you could help out please let us know.

Thank you for your support
Linda Hopkins
Ruth Pepler
Church Wardens



"Looks like they've introduced contactless payments for their collections."



From the Registers

Funeral Service

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Church Rotas

Date	Reader	Readings
March 1st Lent 1	A. Tranter	Genesis 2. 15 - 17 + 3. 1 - 7 Romans 5. 12 - 19
March 8th Lent 2	P. Rumsey	Genesis 12. 1 - 4a Romans 4. 1 - 5 + 13 - 17
March 15th Lent 3	M. Mann	Exodus 17. 1 - 7 Romans 5. 1 - 11
March 22nd Mothering Sunday	R. Pepler	1 Samuel 16. 1 - 13 Ephesians 5. 8 - 14
March 29th Lent 5	J. Penfold	Ezekiel 37. 1 - 14 Romans 8. 6 - 11
April 5th Palm Sunday	G. Parker	Psalms 118 Philippians 2. 5 - 11

Date	Sacristan	Sidesperson	Coffee	Cleaning
1-Mar	M. Mann	S. Giles L. Belcher	M. Perkins	S. Giles
8-Mar	J. Penfold	P. Rumsey F. Webb	J. Penfold V. Brewster	
15-Mar	N. Langford	D. Mann V. Brewster	Ody Family	L. Belcher L. Hopkins
22-Mar	P. Pepler	N. Langford J. Penfold	H. Smith J. Parker	
29-Mar	L. Hopkins	F. Webb L. Belcher	J. Penfold V. Brewster	J. Penfold
5-Apr	S. Swift	S. Giles T. Shand	M. Perkins	

Date	Intercessions	Flowers	Thursday	Sacristan
1-Mar	Clergy	NO FLOWERS	5-Mar	J. Penfold
8-Mar	M. Mann	NO FLOWERS	12-Mar	S. Swift
15-Mar	J. Penfold	NO FLOWERS	19-Mar	S. Swift
22-Mar	J. Teare	All (sml vases)	26-Mar	J. Teare
29-Mar	P. Pepler	NO FLOWERS	2-Apr	J. Teare
5-Apr	M. Mann	NO FLOWERS	9-Apr	T.B.A.

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

It would also be very helpful if you could also amend the copy on the church notice board

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Village Hall ~ User Groups

>>> Village Hall Booking Secretary - Denise Knight: 01235 766933 <<<

King Alfred Patchwork & Quilters Group

Programme for March 2020

4th March: Story Quilts a talk by Gill Whitten

18th March: AGM and small project

Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month in East Challow Village Hall at 7.30pm Visitors and New Members are always welcome.

You do not have to be a member to come along to one of our talks and demonstrations, but we are sure once you have seen some of the lovely hand made items and been inspired you might want to join us to have a go.

If you would like to come along to see what we are about then please do, we are a friendly bunch and can offer help and advice, and welcome members of any level, refreshments are always on hand and our programme of events is varied throughout the year.

We look forward to seeing you.

For more information please contact

Lesley Wilkins on 01235 762707 or Janice Miller 01235 771552

Womens Institute

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10th MARCH 2020 at 07.30pm

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Exciting News

East Challow WI has recently twinned with Trevone WI near Padstow, Cornwall.

We will be sharing ideas, keeping in touch and taking up the offer of a Cornish Cream tea, jam first then cream, and we look forward to welcoming Trevone members visiting Oxfordshire.

This is an exciting opportunity to unite two WI's from different Federations who both celebrated their Centenary last year.

Coffee Morning 24th March at 10.30am in The Beacon, Wantage.
Open to non members, please come and join us for a chat and a coffee.

Contact: Avril Pile – 07790 568238
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Life in all its fullness John 10:10

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Term three has gone very fast! We have had three new pupils join the school and a couple of fundraising cake sales. Years 5 and 6 learnt first aid skills and accident prevention at Abingdon hospital. They were also very lucky to be invited to watch the film "Waiting for Anya" at the Phoenix Picturehouse in Oxford. They attended a question and answer session with the author Michael Morpurgo and were all given a copy of the book.

The Bears and Books evening was a great success in the Church. It had a lovely family feel to it and it was wonderful to see the children enjoying the stories as well as the hot chocolate and biscuits!

Exciting News

We are currently consulting on the proposal to bring nursery provision back to East Challow. We are proposing to extend the age range of the school to be able to admit children from 3 years old into a nursery setting. Some of you may remember the nursery which existed on the site for many years until 2016. Since it closed, we have frequently had requests for nursery provision but have been unable to provide it due to lack of space.

The consultation is open now and will run until Tuesday 10 March 2020. You are invited to comment and leave your thoughts at the following link:

https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult/ti/st_nicholas_age_range/consultationHome

Dates for your diary

Years 3 and 4 would like to invite you to join us for our **Easter Celebration**.

It will be held at **St Nicholas Church on Tuesday 31st March at 9:30am**. The event will involve all of the children from Falcons Class. There will be a retiring collection in support of St Nicholas School funds.

We look forward to welcoming you all and hope you can stay for refreshments afterwards!

Saturday 28th March at 2pm Easter Egg Hunt with a difference, starting at school – all welcome. Look out for the posters with more information.

Saturday 16th May Family Disco at the British Legion - all welcome.

Warm regards
Elise Keymer

St. Nicholas Church 200 Club - Monthly Draw

February Results

£50 - N° 16 ~ Ms A. Parker

£20 - N° 141 ~ Mrs M. Dillon

£10 - N° 83 ~ Mr C. Webb

We are looking for more members ~ Would you like to join?

Subscriptions to the 200 Club contribute towards the £20,000 which is required annually to keep our village Church open, in good repair and available for all who wish to use it.

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Village News

Church Fellowship

The Church Fellowship does not meet during March to enable people to attend the Lent group held in the parish and in April we take a break for Easter. Our next meeting will be an open meeting for any of the congregation to attend. We shall meet at 6.30pm at the Lamb Inn, Mill Street, Wantage for a meal. This has been a popular event in the past as there is a large and varied menu to choose from. A list will be put at the back of church after Easter for people to sign if they wish to come so that we are able to give an idea of numbers.

Christmas Angels.

We are starting a project to knit as many angels before Christmas as possible. These angels, which could be hung on a Christmas tree, will hopefully be distributed around the village on one day in December. The idea is for villagers to find one and take it home to enjoy. The angels will probably have a short message attached. If you would like to knit some angels or know someone who would be willing to, please take a pattern from the back of church. There will also be a small box for anyone to put spare wool in that knitters could use. It would be lovely to see how many angels we could knit by December.

Any queries please ask Jenny Penfold.

WANTED

Recycle / Re use

I am collecting the plain round plastic tops of about 3 inches or 8cm in diameter from various products for protection when we use candles at Candlemas and one or two other services through the year.

When the carton is empty please save the top for me.

Either place them on the back windowsill in Church (by the organ) or pop them through my letterbox.

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Thank you
Mary Mann



The Management of Challow & Childrey Cricket Club ask all dog walkers to pick up their dog poo, and to remind them that it is an offence to leave it on the ground. If it continues to be a problem we will prohibit dog walkers from using the ground for the purpose of walking dogs.

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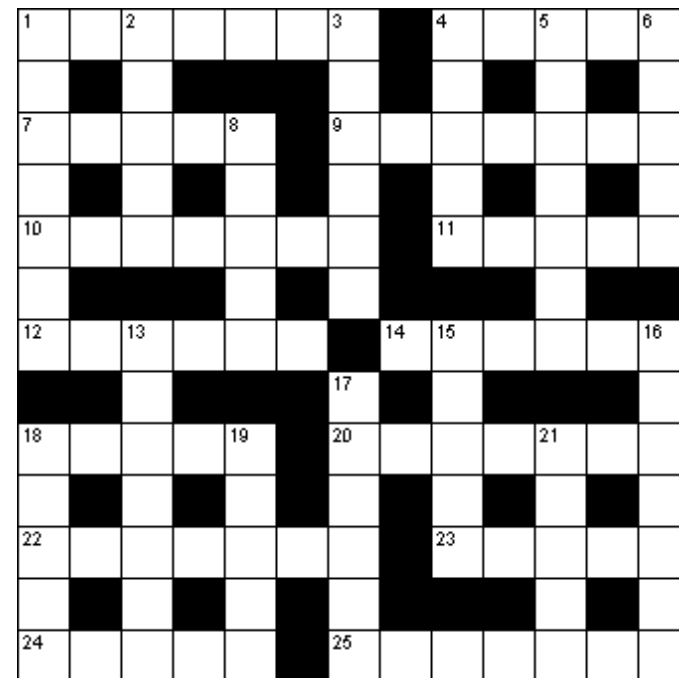
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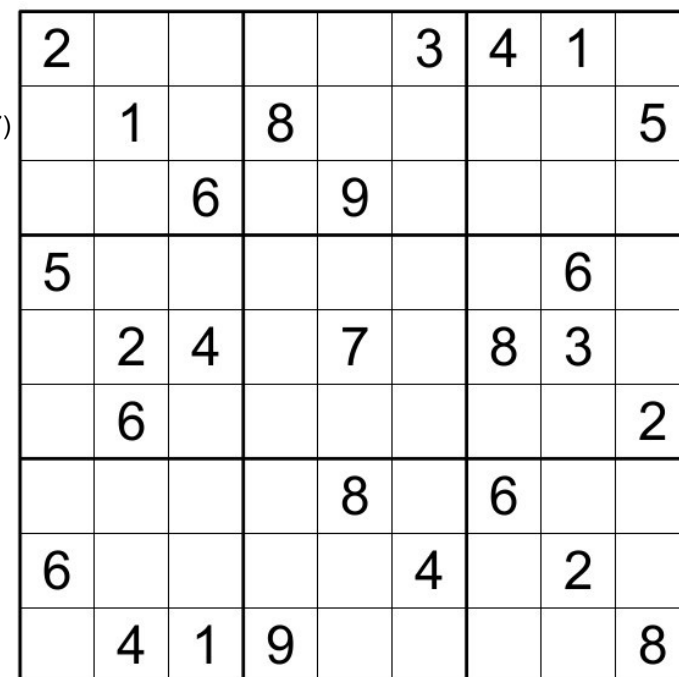
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16. Musical passage (7)
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21. Obviate (5)

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10. Inactivity (7)
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20. Drawn (7)
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23. Diadem (5)
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25. Spiny anteater (7)



Crossword / Sudoku - Solutions on Page 14



TOPICAL TALK

Garden trends for 2020

What plans do you have for your garden this year? Probably you will slow down on the digging, and maybe try making some mud pies by your new bee hotel instead. These are among the predictions of The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS).

The RHS reports a growing desire among gardeners to keep their soil healthy by adopting a 'no dig' philosophy, which limits damage to soil structure and wildlife.

As for mud pies, the RHS hopes that more parents will tempt their children into the garden to enjoy themselves with simple fun, and also to enjoy the benefits of soil bacteria on their immune system.

And bee hotels? They are just one of many ways in which we can take positive steps towards helping nature. Gardens need to be a bit less tidy, with seed heads left for the birds to eat, fallen logs left for the hedgehogs and beetles to sleep in, and piles of dead grass and weeds for our woodlice and other small crawlies. Gardens also need simple ponds, and plants for pollinators. Clipped shrubs, manicured lawns and pesticides do not help nature at all.

As Guy Barter, RHS chief horticulturalist says: "There's a rising tide of concern about the environment.... In the garden at least we can have some control. Now we are all wildlife

The soaring cost and changing tastes in funerals

Never mind living, soon it will be too expensive to die! The cost of funerals has reached record highs, with families now spending an average of £9,493 on a funeral. That is an increase of more than three per cent in just the past year. Only if you are really strict, and shop around, can you still find a very basic funeral for just under £4,500.

But it seems that more and more of us want extras. And they can be quirky! Seven out of ten funeral directors have reported requests ranging from a Disney-themed service, to an all-pink wedding-style ceremony. They have been asked to release balloons at the end of the service, or even doves. As for appropriate music, whereas once 'Abide with Me' was the favourite, these days it can be 'Another One Bites the Dust' by Queen.

As for getting your loved one to their final resting place, nowadays you needn't rely on the hearse; use a motorcycle and sidecar instead. Or, most spectacular of all, you can even choose to place the ashes of your loved one into a large firework, and blast them off, high up into the sky!

The research was done by the Competition and Markets Authority.

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Wordsearch Clues and Answers for March 2020

Lent lasts for 40 days. Sundays in Lent are ‘oases’; as Sunday is never a day of fasting, but a weekly celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. Christians have used Lent as their ‘40 days in the wilderness’, when they set aside the indulgences of life and instead look inward, seeking spiritual renewal and growth. Lent looks towards the Cross and the Empty Tomb, with the assurance of redemption and new life in Christ. The daffodils in our gardens are golden trumpets to proclaim the wonderful message of Easter! The English word for Lent is not at all religious; it is an abbreviation of the Old English word ‘lencten’, or ‘lengthen’. At last winter is over, and the days are getting longer...



- Lent
- Forty
- Days
- Sundays
- Fasting
- Weekly
- Celebration
- Resurrection
- Jesus
- Wilderness
- Indulgences
- Inward
- Spiritual
- Renewal
- Growth
- Cross
- Empty
- Tomb
- Redemption
- Daffodils
- Lencten

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Run yourself to fitness

The London Marathon will be run next month (April). Here is some good news for anyone training for it: running a marathon for the first time can reverse key markers of your ageing by up to four years. Research at University College London and Barts Health NHS Trust found that people who trained for six months had major improvements in their blood pressure and arterial stiffness.

While marathons are great, they are not for everyone, and one doctor stressed that anyone can benefit from taking more exercise. “Keeping active reduces your risk of having a heart attack or stroke and cuts your chances of an early death. Setting yourself a goal, such as training for a marathon, is a great way to stay motivated.”

Depressed doggie?

Is your pet depressed? Seriously. It seems that more and more pets are developing mental health problems, according to some research by Compare the Market. Certainly insurance claims for pets being treated for mental health problems have gone up by 50 per cent. In the past year alone, insurers have paid out more than £750,000 for dogs with depression, cats with anxiety and similar ailments. In fact, treating your pet for a mental health complaint has become so commonplace that even eight of the 10 cheapest pet insurers now offer such cover.

Mothering Sunday: 4th Sunday in Lent

There is an old Jewish saying: *God could not be everywhere, and therefore He made mothers.*

Mother Church, Mother Earth, Mother of the Gods - our human mothers - all of them have been part of the celebration of ‘Mothering Sunday’ - as the fourth Sunday in Lent is affectionately known. It has been celebrated in the UK since at least the 16th century.

In Roman times, great festivals were held every Spring to honour Cybele, Mother of all the Gods. Other pagan festivals in honour of Mother Earth were also celebrated. With the arrival of Christianity, the festival became one honouring Mother Church.

During the Middle Ages, young people apprenticed to craftsmen or working as ‘live-in’ servants were allowed only one holiday a year on which to visit their families - which is how ‘Mothering Sunday’ got its name. This special day became a day of family rejoicing, and the Lenten fast was broken. In some places the day was called Simnel Day, because of the sweet cakes called simnel cakes traditionally eaten on that day.

In recent years the holiday has changed and in many ways now resembles the American Mother’s Day, with families going out to Sunday lunch and generally making a fuss of their mother on the day.

The Doctor and the Patient



JESUS HAD MANY FRIENDS



BUT SOME WERE EXTRA SPECIAL. THESE WERE HIS 'DISCIPLES'.

JESUS ONCE ASKED A TAX-COLLECTOR CALLED 'MATTHEW' TO BE ONE OF HIS TEAM



MATTHEW AGREED TO FOLLOW JESUS

JESUS WENT TO HAVE A MEAL AT MATTHEW'S HOUSE



BUT MANY PEOPLE COMPLAINED ABOUT THIS. THEY THOUGHT MATTHEW WAS A BAD MAN - AND JESUS SHOULD IGNORE HIM.



JESUS' REPLY WAS VERY STRAIGHT FORWARD.

HE EXPLAINED THAT MATTHEW NEEDED HELP, NOT CRITICISM,



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Matthew 25: 14-30

Jesus told a story to help his disciples to be ready for the end of time. 'A rich man was about to go on a journey...'

He gave his servants money to look after, depending on what they could do.

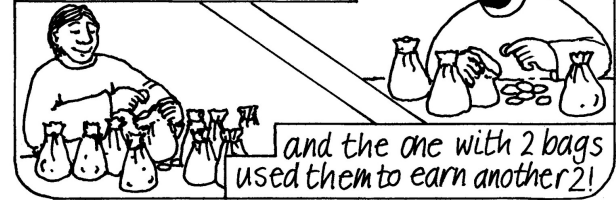


He gave 5 bags of coins to the first, 2 to the second, and 1 to the third.

As soon as he had gone, the first two servants started to work.



The one with 5 bags of coins used them to earn 5 more,



and the one with 2 bags used them to earn another 2!

The third servant dug a hole and buried his bag.



When the master came back, he called his servants to him...



The first two showed him they had doubled his money, and he was very happy with them.



You are a hard man who expects us to work. I was afraid so I just hid it.

If you knew what I expected, why didn't you do it?

