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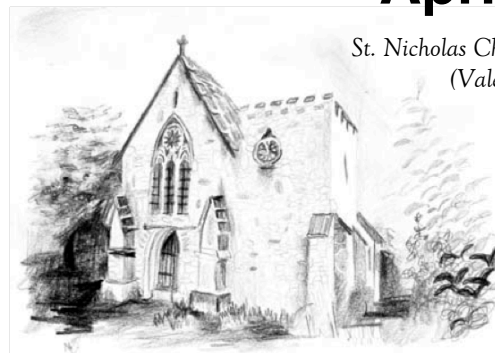


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Challow News

April 2020



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(Vale Benefice)

Parish Eucharist

Sundays: 11.15am

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Weekday Eucharist

Thursdays 10am

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07739 563894

Email: vicaralec@valebenefice.org.uk

Curate: Rev Chris Ashton

Email: curatechris@valebenefice.org.uk

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Open: Mon - Fri 10.00 - 12.00

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Email: office@valebenefice.org.uk

Churchwardens

Mrs Ruth Pepler: 01235 762197

Mrs Linda Hopkins: 01235 767121

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting takes place in the Village Hall at 7.30pm
on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Clerk to the Parish Council - Sheryl Sanders: 01235 760394

Email: eastchallowpc@gmail.com

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Vale Benefice - Holy Week Services

Tuesday April 7th

St James the Great, West Hanney - Eucharist 10am

Wednesday April 8th

St James the Great, West Hanney - Eucharist - 8pm

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Maundy Thursday - 9th April

St John the Baptist, Grove - Holy Communion - 8pm

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Good Friday - 10th April

St James the Great, West Hanney

Hot Cross Fun - 11am

An Hour at the Cross - 1pm

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Good Friday - 10th April

St John the Baptist, Grove

Open Air Service - 11am

An Hour at the Cross - 2pm

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St James the Great, Denchworth



No services at Denchworth due to redecoration until Easter Day - 10am Holy Communion

What future for OX12?

- Health Facilities
- Roads
- Parking
- Public Transport
- Leisure Facilities
- Schools

If you live in Wantage, Grove or the surrounding villages you probably have concerns about one or more of these.

Hear what your MP and Councils have to say on the questions that matter to you.

We have over 7,500 homes planned of which over a third are already either occupied or have permission; this will be an increase of approximately 18,000 people from 2011. We have no additional health facilities. In-patient facilities in Wantage Community Hospital have been temporarily closed since July 2016. There have been no improvements to roads or to leisure facilities. Public transport is limited and for many villages non-existent. Most schools in the area are at full capacity. On-street parking has reached dangerous levels.

We will be asking the following people questions about things (like the provision of infrastructure) that are important to OX12 at our AGM **in the Beacon on 22 May from 7pm**. All are welcome.

Councillor Yvonne Constance, Cabinet Member for Communities on the County Council. County has responsibility for Health and Social services, Schools, Highways, Public Transport and Libraries.

Emily Smith, Leader of the Vale District Council. The District has responsibility for planning, waste management, leisure facilities and flood management. The Vale have also announced that they are working with the County to transfer responsibility for parking enforcement to the District Council from the Police.

David Johnston OBE MP represents us in Parliament where decisions are taken on things like the funding for both councils and the NHS, housing and planning policies and carbon reduction policies.

Julie Mabblerley, our Campaign Manager will also be on the panel.

Wantage and Grove Campaign Group.

www.wantageandgrove.org

FLY TIPPING

Fly tipping is the illegal dumping of liquid or solid waste on land or in water. Unfortunately, there have been recent reports of fly tipping in the village. Only items placed in the correct grey or green bins will be collected from the roadside.

For more information on the removal of waste please contact Vale of White Horse District Council by email: admin.vale@biffa.co.uk or 03000 610610

EASTER BANK HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTIONS

Normal Collection Day	Revised Collection Day	Which bin?
Monday 13 April	Tuesday 14 April	Green, Food and Garden waste

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 8 APRIL 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
 Frances Webb: (Vice Chair) 01235 765176
 Sarah Parker: 01235 762565
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 Trevor Hayes: trevorhayes805@btinternet.com
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 Wende Blowfield:



Sheryl Sanders: Clerk to East Challow Parish Council.
 e-mail: eastchallowpc@gmail.com.
 Tel: 01235 760394

A resurrection story!

Why do you associate eggs with the Easter? I discovered another personal reason this year.

Our last surviving chicken, called Gloria, at 5 years old had stopped laying eggs. Just after Christmas one morning we found her lying collapsed in her coop. She could not use her legs, was flopped on her side and was a very, very listless. There were a lot of tears! I had already buried several chickens in the garden; I knew the signs! – so I dug another hole.

Our daughter coaxed Gloria to drink and got her to eat a little bit. Over the next few days Gloria gradually, eventually got a little better. At first wobbling as she stood, then moving slowly and gingerly often just standing; but over time started scratching around the garden again. My wife, Sally, continued to clean out her coop and care for her. It seemed I had wasted my time digging her grave.

What was unexpected and quite delightful was that on the 11th March we found 2 fresh eggs in her coop! In fact another newly laid egg has appeared whilst writing this. We were both surprised and thrilled – it felt like a resurrection.

If you have ever encountered the risen Lord Jesus you will know the joy and excitement of his presence and the real hope that death has been defeated, goodness had got the upper hand over evil and love has conquered hate.

As you enjoy your Easter eggs may you rejoice in the glorious hope of our risen Lord Jesus. HALLELUJAH!

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

On the 26th February, we were due to hold our Ash Wednesday Service in Church, but on arrival we discovered there was no electricity supply.

After a few candles were lit, the decision was made to relocate to St Johns Church in Grove, showing the resourcefulness of our Benefice to respond and adapt when the unexpected happens.

It also showed that the church, just like everyone else is also very dependant on electricity to fully opperate.

Details of our Easter Services are listed on the next page.

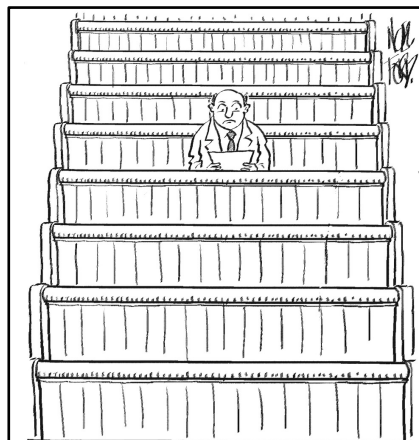
The family service is on Easter Sunday, 12th April at 9.30am

April 19th - APCM
(to be held after the 11.15am service)

Linda Hopkins
Ruth Pepler
Church Warden



"I must say, I can't wait to see our vicar bunji-jumping off the church tower with the bride and groom!"



With the congregation depleted by the bug that was going around, it suddenly dawned on Roy that he wouldn't be able to get away with just miming to the hymns this week



From the Registers

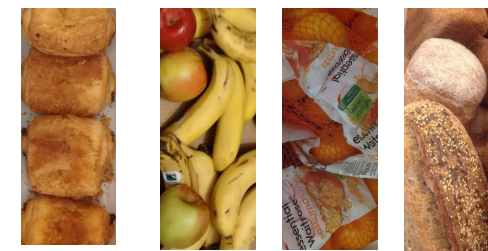
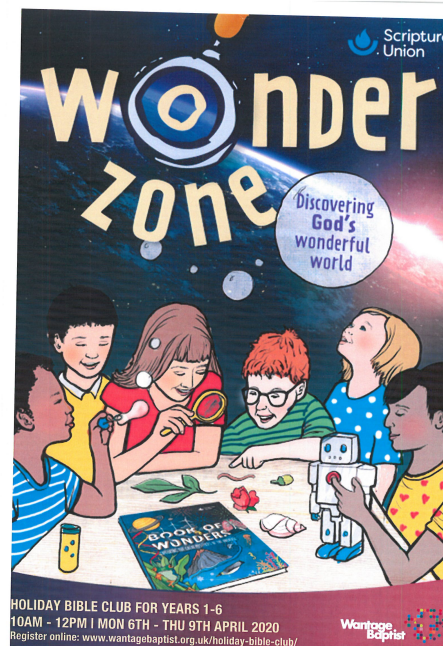
Blessing
and
Thanksgiving

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Thomas Westall

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EASTER SERVICES

St Nicholas - East Challow



April 5th - Parish Eucharist - 11.15am

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Holy Week

Monday April 6th - Eucharist - 8pm

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Maundy Thursday

April 9th - Eucharist - 10am

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April 10th

An Hour at the Cross

2pm

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Easter Day - Family Service - 9.30am



Easter Day - Parish Eucharist - 11.15am

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CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAY
10th May 2020

3pm - 5pm

in the Village Hall

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Tea & Coffee.
Raffle

Memorabilia

If anyone has any
photographs or items from
that era and would be able to
loan them to the committee
for a display on the day, it
would be greatly appreciated.

Contact: Mandy Perkins
01235 764374



Village Hall ~ User Groups

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

King Alfred Patchwork & Quilters Group

Programme for April 2020 (Subject to revision)

1st April - Regular Monthly Sew & Chat, where you can bring a project to work on.

15th April - Tentmakers of Cairo a talk by John Fisher: A fascinating talk on the ancient Egyptian art of colourful needle turned applique pieces.

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 make 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

East Challow Womens Institute



HOME OF THE ORANGUTAN



Enjoy hearing about wildlife come along as a quest and enjoy learning about this wonderful animal, it's fight for survival.

Tuesday 14th April 07.30 East Challow Village Hall

Ladies of East Challow we are not just Jam and Jerusalem at our AGM we gave an Educational Bursary for a member to undertake a course of their choice whether craft, cookery or IT or in fact anything educational.

We are planning a Lunch Club in the near future watch this space.

Coffee Morning 28th April 10.30 The Beacon Wantage open to non members join us for a chat and coffee.

Avril Pile contact 07790568238 eastchallowwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk



St. Nicholas C of E Primary School

East Challow, Wantage, Oxon, OX12 9RY

Life in all its fullness John 10:10

Community Respect Hope Forgiveness Courage Friendship



Everyone loves a good book! This term we have been promoting reading for pleasure. We started the events with the Travelling Book Fair visiting, followed by a very successful reading café. At the café parents and pupils had the opportunity to look at the new books we have recently purchased and those that have been kindly donated via our Amazon wish list. To celebrate World Book day the whole school shared their favourite books at the start of the day. In the afternoon the pupils worked in their teams to create a book about East Challow. Watch this space as we will be selling the books! On a weekly basis we welcome OJ the therapy dog to school to listen to readers and are very grateful to all the volunteers that come and listen to the children read.

During the week beginning the 9th March we held a couple of activities to support Sports Relief. On the Monday the children supported one another in their house teams doing the sport relief mile around the playground and on Tuesday 10th March, our Year 5/6 play leaders ran a very successful playground disco.

This term has been a busy one for sporting competitions. St Nicholas pupils took part in the boys football, girls football and the mixed netball competition. At all the events our pupils showed determination and enthusiasm. I accompanied the girls to the football event at Chandlings School and was delighted to see the girls work well as a team in some very wet and windy conditions. Next term, we are looking forward to taking part in the tennis and the mini speaks competitions.

Dates for your diary

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

Warm regards

Elise Keymer

St. Nicholas Church 200 Club - Monthly Draw

March Results

£50 - N° 123 ~ Mrs G. Moss

£20 - N° 25 ~ Mr G. Shand

£10 - N° 170 ~ Mrs Y. Ford

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.

**The 200 Club is a monthly draw with 3 prizes each month - £50, £20 and £10
There is an additional prize of £100 in December.**

The draw takes place on the first Sunday of every month, during coffee after morning service. The cost is £2 per number per month, which can be paid monthly, 6 monthly or annually, and can be paid for by Cash or Standing Order.

If you would like to join the 200 Club, please contact Tricia Shand

Email: the.shandies@btinternet.com

Telephone: 01235 764222

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

We will suspend the giving of the cup
and refrain from any contact during the PEACE,
in order to prevent the spread of disease or virus.

Please ask if you have any concerns.

Services may also be canceled at short notice, so please keep up
to date on all matters and if in any doubt please contact

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St. Nicholas Church, East Challow.

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Easter Sunday - 12th April - 9.30am

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EASTER



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Bishop Colin Fletcher will be in one of our Benefice Churches on
Sunday 31st May

If anyone is interested in being "Confirmed" please contact

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vicar@valebenefice.org.uk

Village News

* * * * **Netball for Fun** * * * *

Starting Wednesday 15th April

East Challow Recreation Ground

6.30pm - 7.30pm

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of
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Netball

Non competitive and no experience is needed.

Any questions please call or text Sue on 07780 837993

Newbury Street Medical Practise

Information relating to the New Appointments Scheme
will be available in the village hall

Church Fellowship

The Christmas Angel project has got off to a good start. Between 20 and 30 angels have already been knitted.

There is an 'angel box' at the back of the church where angels may be deposited. If you have any suitable wool, we would be grateful for any contributions to be put in the box. Angel knitting patterns are available at the back of church. We would be very grateful for any contributions - angels or wool.

Our next Church fellowship will be **a meal at the Lamb, Mill Street, Wantage on Tuesday 12th May at 6.30pm.** They have an extensive menu to enable everyone to eat as much or as little as they wish. A list to sign will be placed at the back of the church after Easter. The numbers may be helpful for catering purposes.

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.



Church Rotas

Date	Reader	Readings
April 5th Palm Sunday	G. Parker	Psalm 118 Philippians 2. 5 - 11
April 12th Easter Day	P. Rumsey	Jeremiah 31. 1 - 6 Colossians 3. 1 - 4
April 19th Easter 2	C. Swift	Psalm 16 1 Peter 1. 3 - 9
April 26th Easter 3	J. Brown	Zephaniah 3. 14 - 20 1 Peter 1. 17 - 23
May 3rd Easter 4	M. Mann	Acts 2. 42 - 47 1 Peter 2. 19 - 25

Date	Sacristan	Sidesperson	Coffee	Cleaning
5-Apr	S. Swift	S. Giles T. Shand	M. Perkins	
12-Apr	M. Mann	P. Rumsey K. Culverwell	L. Hopkins H. Smith	M. Perkins
19-Apr	N. Langford	P. Pepler L. Hopkins	S. Swift	
26-Apr	J. Penfold	J. Penfold D. Mann	J. Brown V. Brewster	S. Giles
3-May	P. Pepler	S. Giles F. Webb	M. Perkins	

Date	Intercessions	Flowers	Thursday	Sacristan
5-Apr	M. Mann	NO FLOWERS	9-Apr	M. Perkins
12-Apr	J. Penfold	Everyone	16-Apr	M. Perkins
19-Apr	Clergy	S. Swift	23-Apr	S. Swift
26-Apr	M. Mann	K. Moss	30-Apr	S. Swift
3-May	J. Teare	M. Mann	7-May	M. Mann

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

TOPICAL TALK

St George and Hiccup and the dragon

Have you seen the film *How to Train your Dragon*? It's set in a Viking village under attack from dragons, who steal livestock and burn down houses. Hiccup, the village Chief's son, invents a machine to capture dragons.

However, when he catches one of the most dangerous dragons, he cannot kill it, when he sees that the dragon is just as frightened as he is. Through this friendship, the people and dragons eventually live in harmony.

This month we celebrate St. George, the patron saint of England. He is famous for slaying a dragon, a tradition which became popular in the Middle Ages. Whether he killed an actual dragon is open to question! However, we do know that the original George was a Roman soldier at the time of Emperor Diocletian. He refused to renounce his faith, as commanded by the Emperor, resulting in his death on 23 April 303 AD.

The contrast is clear: St. George slayed the evil dragon, while Hiccup refused to kill one. However, they also have something important in common. Both acted according to their conscience, defying the popular understanding of those around them and not worrying about the personal cost to themselves. St. George was martyred for standing up for his faith in Jesus before a pagan emperor, while Hiccup risked rejection by his father and village because of his compassion.

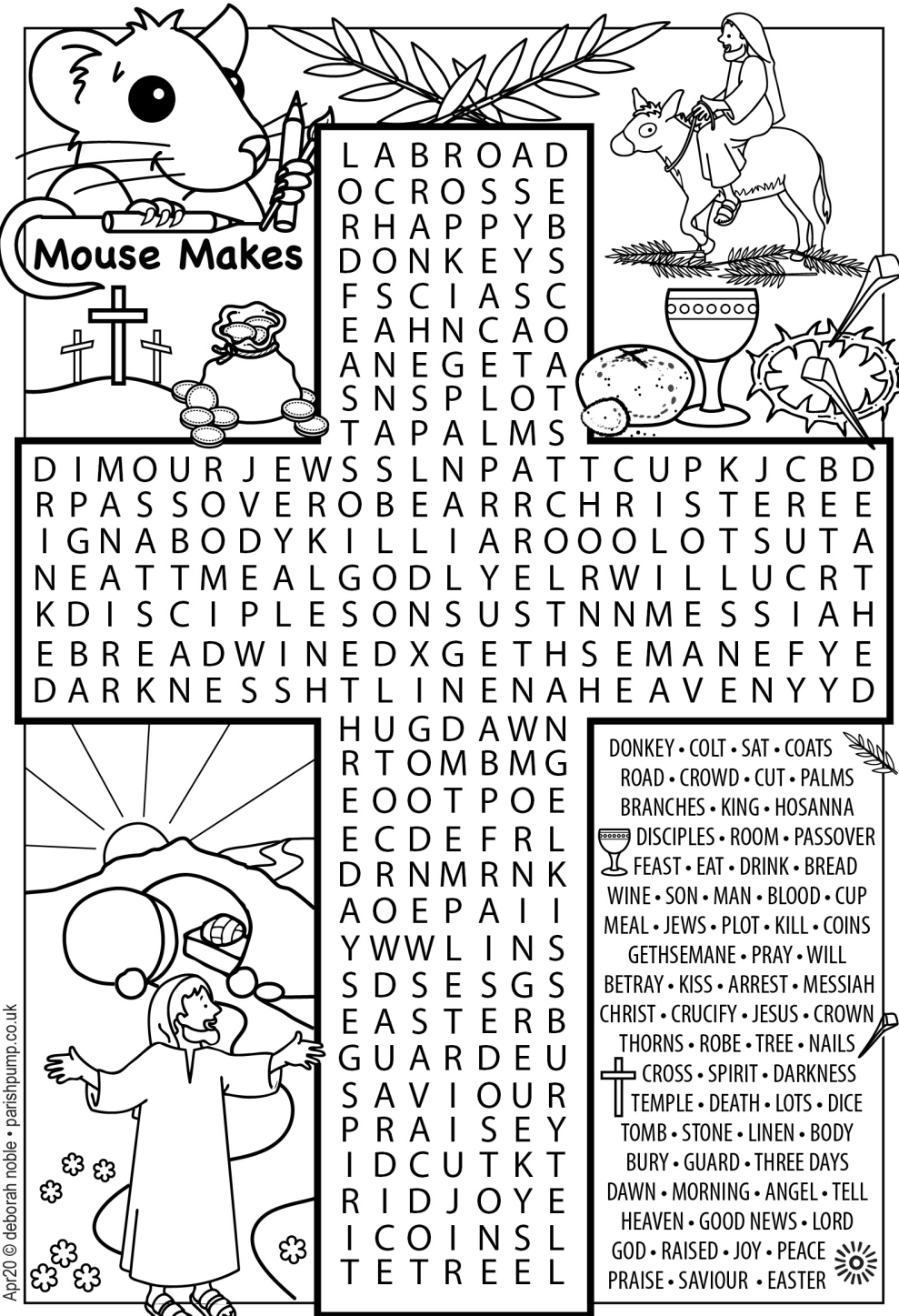
Today, we are still called to stand for Christ against wrongs and injustice in daily life, whatever the personal cost. However, we also need to be ready to look our enemies in the eye and meet their hostility with love and compassion. This is why we also remember this month that Jesus died and rose again, so that we might have God's power to do this in our lives.

Could an ambulance even find you?

You and your friends know where you live, but could a 999 crew find you? Paramedics warn that too many people do not make their house numbers clear. That means paramedics are wasting valuable time looking for clues as to which house is which, while shrubs and rubbish bins often obscure the numbers.

In an emergency, even a few minutes can mean life or death. So, make sure that your house can be quickly found. Make sure that your house number is easily visible from the street. If your house has got a name, put the house number next to it as well, so that in an emergency, the ambulances can reach you in time.

WORDSEARCH



Mouse Makes

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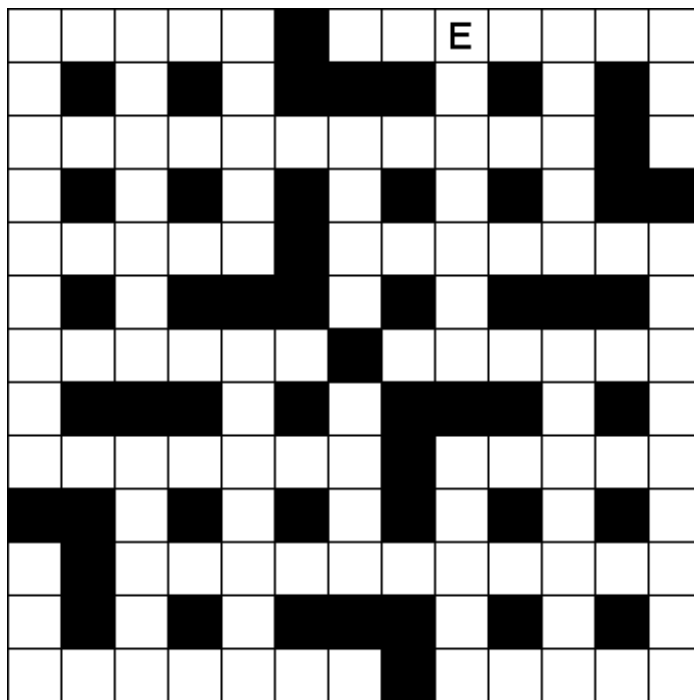
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TEMPLE • DEATH • LOTS • DICE
TOMB • STONE • LINEN • BODY
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Alpha-Cross

The first letter of each answer is written next to its clue in alphabetical order. One letter has already been entered. Can you find the words, then fit them correctly into the grid?

- A. Sharp (5)
- A. Remedied (7)
- A. Protective garment (5)
- C. Hoard (5)
- C. Tapers (7)
- C. Group of bovines (6)
- C. Fake (11)
- E. Epoch (3)
- E. No longer in existence (7)
- G. Chivalrous (7)
- I. Lit up (11)
- L. Terse (7)
- L. Lackadaisical (7)



Alpha-Cross & City Search - Solutions on Page 20

- L. Prevarication (3)
- M. Award (5)
- N. Pleasant (4)
- N. Observed (5)
- O. Sumptuous (7)
- R. Send payment (5)
- S. Short tail (4)
- S. Begin (5)
- S. Powerful (6)
- S. Proposed (9)
- T. Rising current of warm air (7)
- W. Bet (5)
- W. Capricious (9)

CITY SEARCH

Can you unscramble the letters in each word to find ten world cities?

H A H A S I G N

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A N I M A L

A N T I S A G O

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N I L T U B A S

G I N J I B E

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Do you need a dachshund?

Never mind Labradors and French bulldogs – the latest ‘must have’ dog is rapidly becoming the dachshund.

The number of dachshund puppies registered in the UK has risen by 112 per cent in just the last five years. In 2013, 4,887 dachshund puppies were registered with the Kennel Club. By 2018, this had risen to 10,377.

As a Kennel Club spokesman said: “It isn’t surprising, especially as trends towards smaller homes and busy lifestyles grow. The breed has become ‘Insta-famous’, with thousands of social media fans. Many celebrities own one, and there is no doubt these dogs have the cute factor.”

But he went on to warn: “Although dachshunds are fun, friendly characters, they are also strong-willed and take time and commitment. We urge people to make sure they understand their preferred breed and its characteristics before making a decision to buy a dog.”

Those meetings at your workplace

You have often suspected this: those meetings at work are largely pointless, except they do provide you with a chance to talk.

That is the conclusion of a team of academics from the University of Malmo in Sweden. They have found that the growth of managerial and strategy jobs in business has in turn fuelled a rise in the number of meetings that are called; even though the meetings achieve little.

But still the meetings continue, because many managers are unsure of their role, and so they organise meetings to at least give the impression that they are achieving something.

The meetings do achieve one good thing: they are therapeutic in that people like to feel acknowledged by their colleagues, and talking together helps them ‘find a role.’

Let’s plant a tree

We could ask our local council to plant a tree on our street. So advises the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) who has recently announced that the majority of the Britain in Bloom finalists are in urban areas.

This is the competition’s 56th year, and rather than simply judging on the beauty of the flowers planted, towns are this year winning points for increasing the number of trees in their centres.

Each of the 70 finalists will be visited by a pair of RHS judges in August, who will decide the winners of medals, categories and the Champion of Champions. Of these 70 finalists, nearly two-thirds are in urban areas where trees and plants have been used to regenerate high streets. Leeds, Blackburn, and Paddington, London, are among the 10 finalists that have been ‘greening’ their central shopping and business hubs.

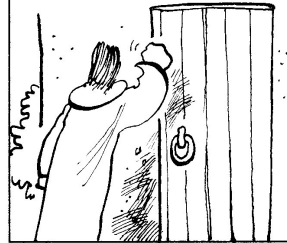
So in the meantime, why don’t we ask the local council about planting that tree?

Words and Actions

JESUS HAD MANY FRIENDS - AND HE OFTEN WENT WALKING WITH THEM.



ONCE, ON A JOURNEY, JESUS CALLED AT THE HOME OF MARTHA AND MARY



MARTHA WAS VERY PLEASED TO MEET WITH JESUS, AND SHE MADE HIM WELCOME



MARY WAS VERY EXCITED TOO AND WANTED TO LISTEN TO EVERYTHING JESUS HAD TO SAY



BUT MARTHA, WAS NOT VERY IMPRESSED WITH MARY! SHE THOUGHT HER SISTER SHOULD BE HARD AT WORK. NOT SITTING AROUND - JUST LISTENING



LORD, DON'T YOU CARE THAT MARY HAS LEFT ME TO DO ALL THE WORK BY MYSELF?!



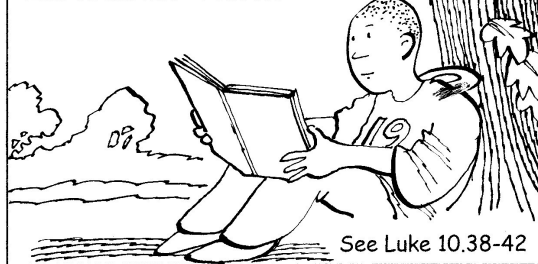
MARTHA, YOU ARE WORRIED AND TROUBLED OVER SO MANY THINGS



JESUS TOLD MARTHA THAT THERE ARE FAR MORE IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE THAN JUST FUSSING OVER A CLEAN HOUSE!



PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE CAN LEARN, LIKE MARTHA, IS TO MAKE TIME TO LISTEN TO JESUS.



See Luke 10:38-42

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Luke 22:24, John 13:3-17

Jesus and his disciples were celebrating the Passover with the special meal. The disciples were bickering again.

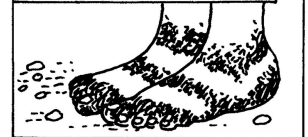
I'm most important because I've known him the longest

But I've given up the most to follow him! I'm the oldest!



There was a reason why no-one wanted to be the least important - the roads were mud and everyone's feet got very dirty.

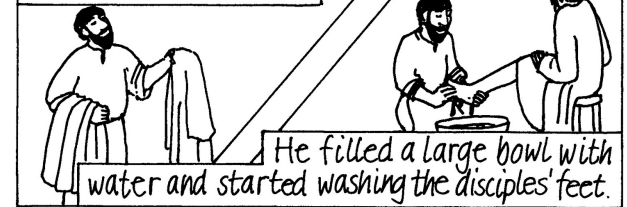
It was the job of the least important servant to wash everyone's feet...



The disciples didn't have a servant, and none of them wanted to do the feet washing...



Jesus took off his outer robe and tied a towel around his waist.



He filled a large bowl with water and started washing the disciples' feet.

Peter couldn't believe what he was seeing!



Are you really going to wash my feet?

You will understand later why I am doing this.



I can't ever let you serve me like this!

If you don't let me, you will no longer be my disciple



Then wash all of me!

If you've had a bath, then you only need your feet washing!



Once Jesus had washed all their feet, he put his robe back on and sat down.



Do you understand why I, your teacher, did this? I am setting you the example of how you are to serve each other. Do it, and God will bless you.