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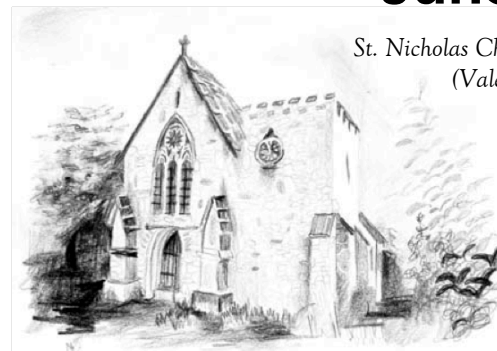


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PARISH COUNCIL

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

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June 2020

24th June - John the Baptist, Preparing the way for the Messiah

John the Baptist is famous for baptising Jesus, and for losing his head to a woman. He was born to Zechariah, a Temple priest, and Elizabeth, who was a cousin of Mary, the mother of Jesus. John was born when his mother was advanced in years, and after the foretelling of his birth and the choice of his name by an angel, we hear nothing more of him until he began his mission of preaching and baptising in the river Jordan c27.

John was a lot like an Old Testament prophet: he lived simply on locusts and honey in the wilderness, and his message was one of repentance and preparation for the coming of the Messiah and His Kingdom. He went on to baptise Jesus, at Jesus' firm request. When John went on to denounce the incestuous union of Herod Antipas with his niece and brother's wife, Herodias, he was imprisoned and eventually beheaded at the demand of Salome, Herodias' daughter.

John is the only saint to be remembered three times in the Christian calendar, in commemoration of his conception, his birth (June 24), and his martyrdom. When John saw Jesus he said that Jesus was the "Lamb of God", and he is the only person to use this expression of Jesus. In art John is often depicted carrying a lamb, or with a lamb near him.

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.

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Charles Dickens - prolific writer with a social conscience

Popular Victorian novelist Charles Dickens died 150 years ago, on 9th June 1870. His books include *The Pickwick Papers*, *A Tale of Two Cities* and *David Copperfield*.

He died of a stroke in Gad's Hill Place, his country home in Kent, when halfway through writing *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*.

The last novel he completed – most of them were written in regularly released parts – was *Our Mutual Friend*, in 1865.

He had been born in Portsmouth in 1812, the second of eight children. His family were relatively poor, and his mother wanted him out at work, so he never received a formal education. Nevertheless, he edited a weekly journal for 20 years and wrote 15 novels, as well as many other stories, articles and letters. He was also a staunch social campaigner, particularly for children's rights and education.

As could be deduced from one of his most loved works, *A Christmas Carol*, he was a firm believer in Christian elements such as compassion and redemption, and he loved the New Testament, while having little time for the Old or for organised religion. His parents were nominal Anglicans. He is said to have wanted his stories to be seen as 'parables' emphasising the teaching of Jesus.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Following government guidelines, East Challow Parish Council cannot hold meetings during the Covid-19 crisis.

All meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

PARISH COUNCILLORS

Vanessa Bosley: (Chair) 01235 764068

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Popup Business School mid-June

If you are thinking seriously of starting your own business you may be interested in the Popup Business School coming to Oxfordshire in mid-June. This is sponsored by Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership and is very highly regarded. See <https://events.popupbusinessschool.co.uk/OxfordJune2020#/?lang=en> for further details.

Be bold, be positive and book a place now!

Paul Barrow

Councillor for Ridgeway Ward

Vale of White Horse District Council

Dear Friends

What is essential? In this lockdown period we are told we can only do what is essential. There have been a few intense discussions about what is essential in the Vicarage!

I mentioned a couple of weeks ago when speaking about unleavened bread (bread made without yeast – which was used to celebrate the Passover and therefore is linked to the Easter story) that I had not found any yeast in the shops. Several people very kindly left packets of yeast at the vicarage for which I am really grateful. For most types of bread and certainly for the bread Sally bakes it is essential to have yeast.

What do you think is essential ?

I would suggest that **faith** – trusting in Christ for our salvation; **hope** – trusting God in our current circumstances will ensure a wonderful outcome and especially **love** in all its infinite good qualities are truly essential. Faith Hope and Love in the one who said “ I am the bread of life!”

Jesus reminded us when he was tempted that “Man does not live by bread alone....” It is a quote from Deuteronomy that continues “.....but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord”

We pray in the Lord’s Prayer “Give us this day our daily bread”; I pray you have all you need during this period and you may wish to pray this prayer for yourselves and your loved ones.

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you. such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you. that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

Collect for the 6th Sunday after Trinity

God bless
John

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Date	Reader	Readings
June 7th	C. Swift	
June 14th	P. Rumsey	
June 21st	R. Pepler	
June 28th	G. Parker	
July 5th	A. Tranter	
July 12th	P. Rumsey	

Date	Sacristan	Sidesperson	Coffee	Cleaning
7-Jun	S. Swift	S. Giles T. Shand	M. Perkins	M. Perkins
14-Jun	N. Langford	P. Rumsey L. Hopkins	V. Brewster J. Penfold	
21-Jun	J. Penfold	L. Belcher P. Pepler	Ody Family	S. Giles
28-Jun	M. Mann	D. Mann N. Langford	L. Hopkins	
5-Jul	S. Swift	S. Giles G. Parker	M. Perkins	L. Belcher L. Hopkins
12-Jul	P. Pepler	P. Rumsey V. Brewster	H. Smith J. Parker	

Date	Intercessions	Flowers	Thursday	Sacristan
7-Jun	J. Teare	J. Brown	4-Jun	J. Teare
14-Jun	J. Penfold	K. Moss	11-Jun	J. Teare
21-Jun	P. Pepler	J. Penfold	18-Jun	S. Swift
28-Jun	J. Penfold	J. Teare	25-Jun	S. Swift
5-Jul	Clergy	M. Mann	2-Jul	M. Perkins
12-Jul	M. Mann	H. Smith	9-Jul	M. Perkins

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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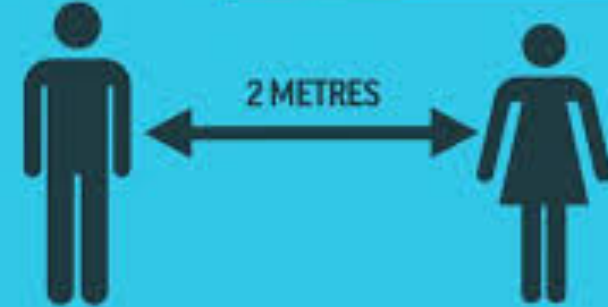
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Thank you for your co-operation in keeping a safe environment for all and maintaining social distancing at all times

secretary@challowcricket.co.uk



Dustbin Lid Delight

Ingredients

1. A small space in the Garden
2. A metal Dustbin Lid
3. 1 piece of clay sewer pipe (unused)
4. A large rounded stone
5. water

Method

1. Place sewer pipe in position in the garden with the wider end at the top
2. Put dustbin lid on top, with the handle in the hole.
3. Place large stone in the centre*
4. Fill dustbin lid with water*
5. Refill with water as needed
6. Wash out lid when water becomes discoloured
7. Watch, Wait and Enjoy

* The stone weighs down the lid and provides a resting place for bees and insects as they come to drink.



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April & May Draws - Postponed

These draws and all subsequent monthly draws will be drawn when we are able to meet up again.

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

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If you have some spare time, some wool and knitting needles, you may like to knit a few angels for us. If you didn't manage to get a pattern before the lock down, and would now like one, please contact me.

Jenny Penfold 01235 763173
and I will gladly get a pattern to you.
Many thanks

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.

Please place them in a small clear bag and leave them on my doorstep

"Kemgisel" Sarajac Avenue.

Thank you
Mary Mann



21st June - Fathers' Day, a time to celebrate male role models

In the UK, USA and Canada, the third Sunday in June is Father's Day. It's usually a good time for sons and daughters to take their father to his favourite restaurant, or to watch a favoured sport, or whatever else he enjoys doing.

How will you celebrate it this year? If your own father cannot be with you, how about a Zoom meeting?

How do these special days ever get started, anyway? Well, Father's Day began because way back in 1909 there was a woman in Spokane, Washington, named Sonora Louise Smart Dodd. That year she heard a church sermon about the merits of setting aside a day to honour one's mother. Mother's Day was just beginning to gather widespread attention in the United States at this time. But Sonora Louise Smart Dodd knew that it was her father who had selflessly raised herself and her five siblings by himself after their mother had died in childbirth. So the sermon on mothers gave Sonora Louise the idea to petition for a day to honour fathers, and in particular, her own father, William Jackson Smart.

Sonora Louise soon set about planning the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane in 1910. With support from the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA, her efforts paid off, and a 'Father's Day' was appointed. Sonora Louise had wanted Father's Day to be on the first Sunday in June (since that was her father's birthday), but the city council didn't have time to approve it until later in the month. And so on June 19th, 1910, the first Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane.

Gradually, other people in other cities caught on and started celebrating their fathers, too. The rose was selected as the official Father's Day flower. Some people began to wear a white rose to honour a father who was dead, and a red one to honour a father who was living. Finally, in 1972, President Richard Nixon signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day - a permanent, national holiday.

Dandelions!

Many of us actually like dandelions. Their amazingly cheerful colour always brings a smile to our faces. The not-so-neat-and-tidy gardeners among us can simply enjoy flowers where they grow.

The name 'dandelion' apparently derives from 'dent de lion' – lions' teeth, owing to the tooth-like shape of its leaves. There are many different varieties of dandelion, but they all have the toothed leaves arranged in a rosette around the single flowers, each one made up of up to *two hundred* [yes, really!] tiny florets on a smooth stem, that when picked, releases a milky substance known as latex.

The golden heads, which close up at night, in wet weather, or if picked to go in a vase, give way to the seed-heads we all know as clocks. Who cannot remember proclaiming the time as a child, having blown the seeds away, counting each breath as an hour? And who, if this happened in the garden, remembers the reaction of a parent, or grandparent, to the efficient dispersal of the seeds all over the vegetable patch or flower bed!

In the past, dandelion drinks and concoctions have been valued for their medicinal powers in combating a variety of complaints, and the Victorians used to cultivate them in order to fill sandwiches with the young leaves. Fizzy drinks manufacturers still produce a variety known as Dandelion and Burdock, and intrepid wine-makers can use the flowers to concoct a heady brew.

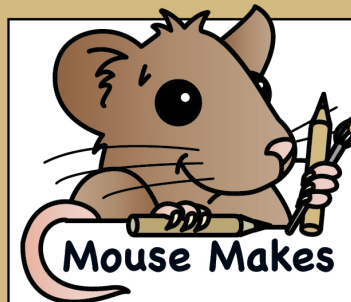
The roots, some say, can be dried and ground up for use as a coffee substitute. It is those same roots, long and strong, that our grandmothers would water carefully, to the amusement of onlookers, in order to pull them up completely.

To many, dandelions are one of Nature's joys.

No plastic please, we're the National Trust

The National Trust is going to get rid of its plastic membership cards. Replacing the five million membership cards with a paper alternative will save 12.5 tons of plastic each year.

The new cards will be made from a strong and durable paper, with a water-based coating. The cards will be recyclable and compostable. The National Trust also has plans to almost completely remove single-use plastics from its sites by 2022. It has already replaced all disposable food packaging with compostable products. Next, it wants to remove plastic drinks bottles and eliminate plastic packaging from its shops.



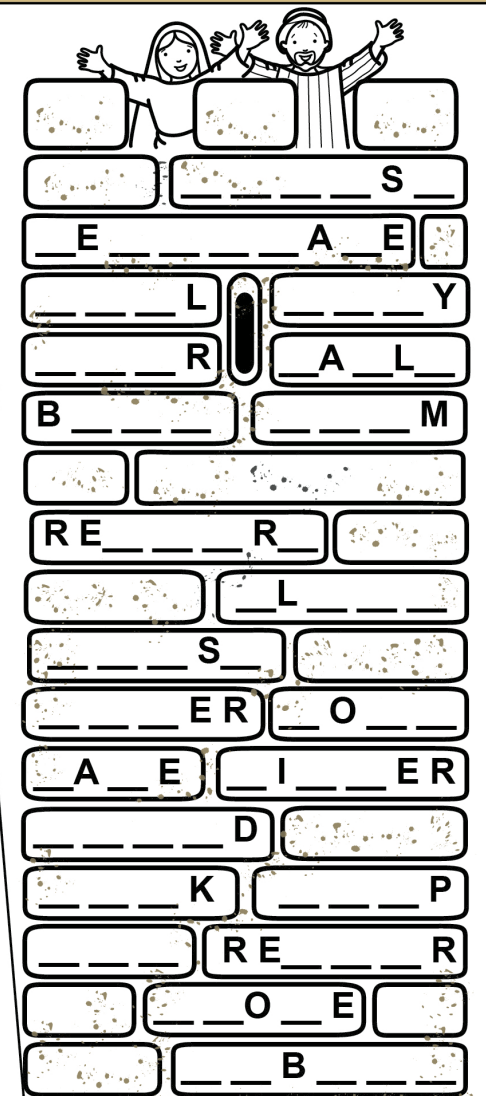
When Nehemiah heard that the walls of Jerusalem were in ruins he sat down and wept. For days he fasted and prayed before God.

Finally the opportunity came for him to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls, but it was not going to be easy...

READ Nehemiah's story in the *Old Testament* book of **Nehemiah**, chapters 1-7

Here is Nehemiah's list of all the things that needed to be done to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Fill in the missing gaps on the tower to help rebuild the wall.

- PRAY
- RUBBLE
- REPAIR
- RESTORE
- BUILD
- WORK
- STONE
- TIMBER
- WALLS
- FLOOR
- ROOF
- CELEBRATE
- GATE
- BEAM
- BOLT
- BAR
- STEP
- TOWER
- HOUSE
- POOL
- FINISH
- DEDICATE
- DOOR



How many gates were repaired?
Who re-built them?

How long did it take to finish the walls?

Crossword / Sudoku Puzzles

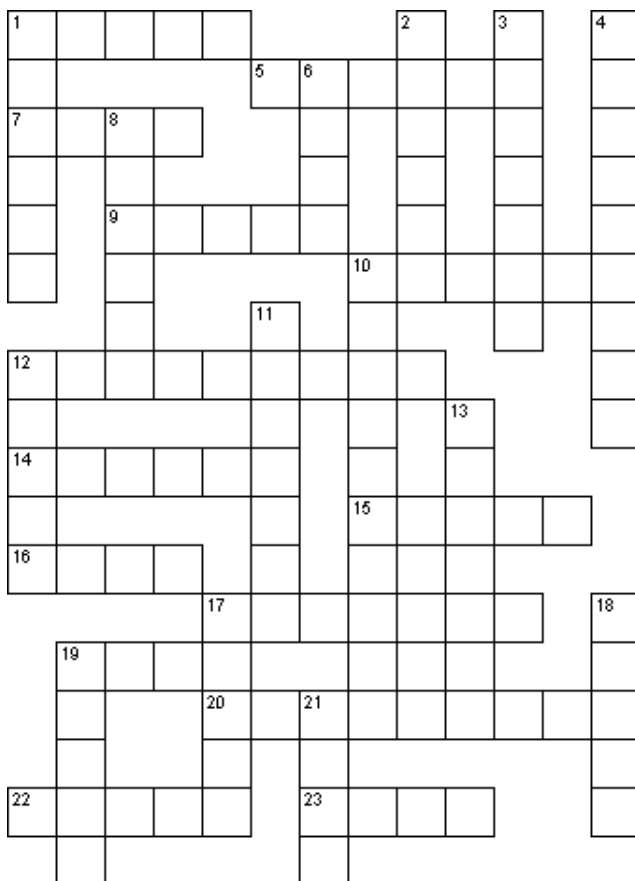
Capitol City's of the World Puzzle

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10. Turkey (6)
12. Nepal (9)
14. Colombia (6)
15. Jordan (5)
16. Togo (4)
17. Venezuela (7)
19. Fiji (4)
20. Pakistan (9)
22. Ecuador (5)
23. Maldives (4)

Down

1. Zimbabwe (6)
2. Portugal (6)
3. Iraq (7)
4. Iceland (9)
6. Samoa (4)
8. Oman (6)
10. Ethiopia (5,5)
11. Indonesia (7)
12. Afghanistan (5)
13. Uganda (7)
17. Egypt (5)
18. Liechtenstein (5)
19. South Korea (5)
21. Peru (4)



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Solutions on Page 20

20th June Summer Solstice – longest day of the year

June, of course is the month of the summer solstice, the month of the Sun. *Sol + stice* come from two Latin words meaning 'sun' and 'to stand still'. As the days lengthen, the sun rises higher and higher until it seems to stand still in the sky. The Summer Solstice results in the longest day and the shortest night of the year. The Northern Hemisphere celebrates in June, and the Southern Hemisphere celebrates in December.

JUNE 1940 – a month to remember

June 1940 – 80 years ago – was a dramatic month in the Second World War, and one which saw two of the most memorable speeches in English.

As the evacuation of Allied Forces from Dunkirk was completed, recently appointed Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the House of Commons on 4th June: "We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender."

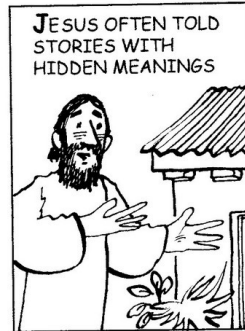
Surprisingly he did not broadcast it to the nation: it was not recorded until 1949, "for posterity." When he spoke, the French had not surrendered, and the idea that "in God's good time" the USA might conceivably have to ride to the aid of a 'subjugated' England actually depressed as many people as it invigorated.

Two weeks later, on the 18th June, with the battle in France lost, Churchill did address the country directly with a rallying call in what must indeed have seemed a very dark hour. "The Battle of Britain," he said, "is about to begin. Upon this battle depends the survival of Christian civilisation." He concluded by saying that if Britain were to last a thousand years, people would still say, "This was their finest hour."

Keep calm – and don't wash your hands raw

The British are good at keeping calm in a crisis. But for those of us who suffer from a mental health condition such as obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), the coronavirus pandemic can be a nightmare.

Around 50 percent of OCD sufferers have a fear of contamination from dirt, and so the constant advice to wash your hands may send them into complete overdrive. So one good piece of advice is for those with OCD *to follow the guidelines only, and do not go beyond them.*



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



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HE EXPLAINED THAT WHEN YOU ARE INVITED TO A MEAL



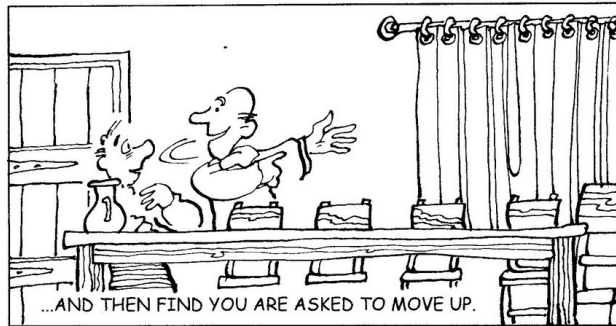
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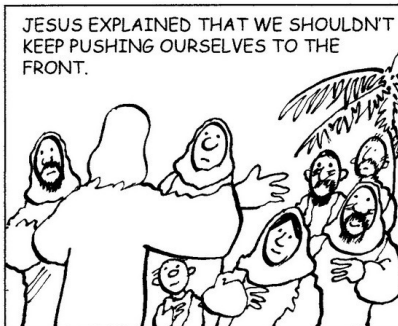
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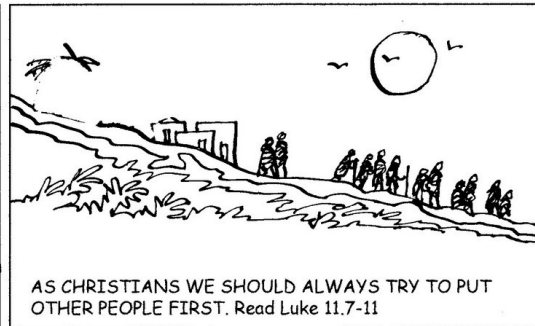
IT'S MUCH BETTER TO TAKE THE LOWER SEAT



...AND THEN FIND YOU ARE ASKED TO MOVE UP.



JESUS EXPLAINED THAT WE SHOULDN'T KEEP PUSHING OURSELVES TO THE FRONT.



AS CHRISTIANS WE SHOULD ALWAYS TRY TO PUT OTHER PEOPLE FIRST. Read Luke 11.7-11

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in 1 Samuel 17:1-50

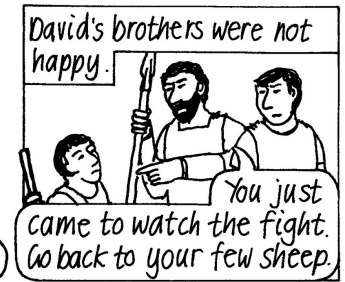
The Philistine and Israelite armies faced each other. For 40 days, the gigantic Philistine champion, Goliath, taunted them.



I will fight the best soldier in Israel's army and if I win, you will be our slaves



David's brothers were in Israel's army. He came to bring them food, and he heard Goliath.



David's brothers were not happy.

You just came to watch the fight. Go back to your few sheep.



But David didn't stop..

and King Saul heard what he said.



We shouldn't be cowards. I will fight him!

You don't stand a chance.



I have killed lions and bears with God's help.

Then go ahead. You can wear my armour.



I can't move with all this on!

So David took it off.

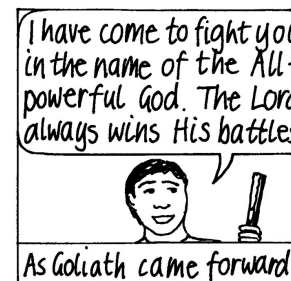


He took his sling and chose 5 stones from the stream bed.



Goliath couldn't believe what he saw.

Do you think I'm a dog that you have come with a stick?



I have come to fight you in the name of the All-powerful God. The Lord always wins His battles

As Goliath came forward..



David slung his stone and hit him on the head.

Goliath fell down dead.



The Philistines ran away, chased by Israel's army.