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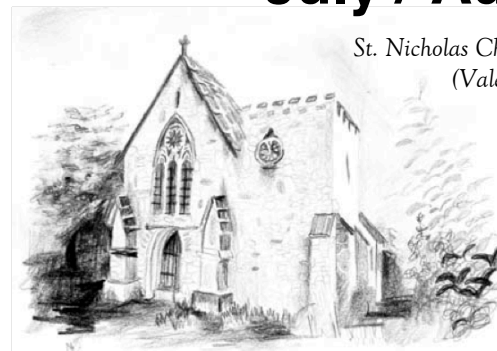


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# Challow News

## July / August 2020



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**Weekday Eucharist**

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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.

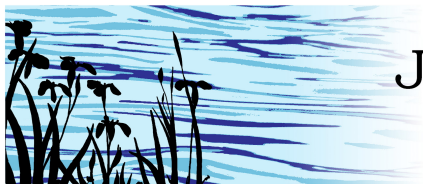
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**Village Hall Booking Secretary**

Denise Knight: 01235 766933



July and August  
2020

## New Archbishop of York to be confirmed

Bishop Stephen Geoffrey Cottrell will be confirmed as the 98th Archbishop of York this month.

The service, at 11am on Thursday 9th July, will be broadcast entirely via video conference due to the Coronavirus restrictions.

The service, which had been due to take place in York Minster, will be in two parts. A legal ceremony with readings, prayers and music, will be followed by a film marking the start of Bishop Stephen's ministry as Archbishop of York.

Bishop Stephen Cottrell says: "I am looking forward to beginning my ministry as the 98th Archbishop of York. This isn't quite how I imagined it would begin. It is certainly the first time an Archbishop's election will have been confirmed via video conference. But we're all having to re-imagine how we live our lives and how we inhabit the world.

"These are difficult times. My hope is that through this service the love of God that is given us in Jesus Christ will shine out, perhaps even to those who while never attending a service in York Minster, might have a look online

Following in the footsteps of my many predecessors, I look forward to serving our nation and bringing the love and peace of Christ to our world, especially here in the north."

The service will be available on the Church of England website. Arrangements for Bishop Stephen's enthronement service will be announced later in the year.

### 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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## PARISH COUNCIL

### 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.

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## VICAR'S LETTER - A PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

We can help control the virus if we all



# Stay Alert!

Keep our distance, wash our hands,  
think of others and play our part.

## STAY ALERT

## CONTROL THE VIRUS

## SAVE LIVES

Wherever I lay my hat, that's my home.

Home is where the heart is.

Home, sweet, home.

The word "home" brings up different thoughts, feelings, memories and experience for all of us. Until I was 18, home for me was a small terraced house in North East London. Since then I have lived in 12 different houses in 8 different places! Our sense of home comes not only from a place where we live, but also the people that shape our lives.

Over the last few weeks, we have been told to stay at home, to protect ourselves and others. The relationship with our own homes and the feeling of "being at home" can be complicated and tangled up with many different issues, particularly at this time. Our homes have become a place of safety, but for some they have felt isolated and even imprisoned in their own homes.

The Bible uses the term "home" to describe our relationship with God. Psalm 16 calls God our home; that God is our place of safety.

Jesus, just before his death, resurrection and ascension, talks to his friends about going home, John 14: 1-6. Although he is going away, to be with God, he will be back. This is more than just a promise to return. He says that God has a place for each of them, that God wants to welcome them, now and forever. God wants to be our forever home, our shelter and safety.

When we follow Jesus teachings and pattern for life, when we encounter the truth of our need for God and the reality of Jesus as God's son and our saviour. We can begin to live life in all its fullness, with God as both our destination in life and our companion through this world. Then we can echo the words of Psalm 16 ourselves, "Lord you are with me, you are my shelter and my home."

What does "home" mean to you?

How are you feeling about being at home for so long?

Who are the people that make you feel at home?

How can we help others feel more at home?

God bless,

Alec



# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Hello to everyone,

St Nicholas Church is now open for private prayer between 9:00 am and 5:00pm.

There are new guidelines to adhere to such as using Hand Sanitiser, observing the 2 metre social distancing rule should you come across anyone else using the Church at the same time, also please ensure you are free from infection.

This is the first step as we prepare to get our Church ready to open again, under Government / Diocese guidelines.

The toilet will remain locked for the moment.

Thank you to all those who helped to prepare by cleaning, moving furniture, putting items away (for the time being) to make this possible.

We would like to thank the 'All Holy Mowers' for keeping the Churchyard under control and for all who turned up to help work outside on Saturday June 13th and made a good job of cutting, trimming, etc.

Some children have returned to school and we wish them and the staff well.

## Some Miscellaneous observations on life

What is the difference between perseverance and obstinacy ?  
One is a strong will, the other is a strong won't.

Conscience (as defined by a small boy)  
"Sometimes it makes me tell my Mum before my Sister does."

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.

**Linda Hopkins and Ruth Pepler**  
Church wardens

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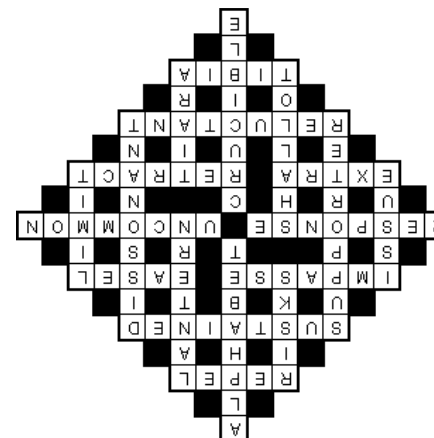
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### Church Rotas

Date	Reader	Readings
June 28th	G. Parker	
July 5th	A. Tranter	
July 12th	P. Rumsey	
July 19th	J. Brown	
July 26th	J. Penfold	
August 2nd	M. Mann	

Date	Sacristan	Sidesperson	Coffee	Cleaning
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	
19-Jul	N. Langford	F. Webb T. Shand	J. Brown V. Brewster	M. Perkins
26-Jul	J. Penfold	D. Mann J. Penfold	L. Hopkins	
2-Aug	M. Mann	S. Giles L. Belcher	M. Perkins	J. Penfold

Date	Intercessions	Flowers	Thursday	Sacristan
28-Jun	J. Penfold	J. Teare	2-Jul	M. Perkins
5-Jul	Clergy	M. Mann	9-Jul	M. Perkins
12-Jul	M. Mann	H. Smith	16-Jul	M. Mann
19-Jul	J. Teare	M. Perkins	23-Jul	M. Mann
26-Jul	P. Pepler	K. Moss	30-Jul	S. Swift
2-Aug	J. Penfold	J. Penfold	6-Aug	No Service

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 News

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The Cricket Club and Grounds are currently closed to the public during the pandemic of COVID19.

***Dog walkers are permitted to exercise their dogs outside of the white boundary fence only, but must also clear up any fouling made by their dog. We are asking that responsible dog owners take the mess home with them and dispose of it safely.***

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

[secretary@challowcricket.co.uk](mailto:secretary@challowcricket.co.uk)

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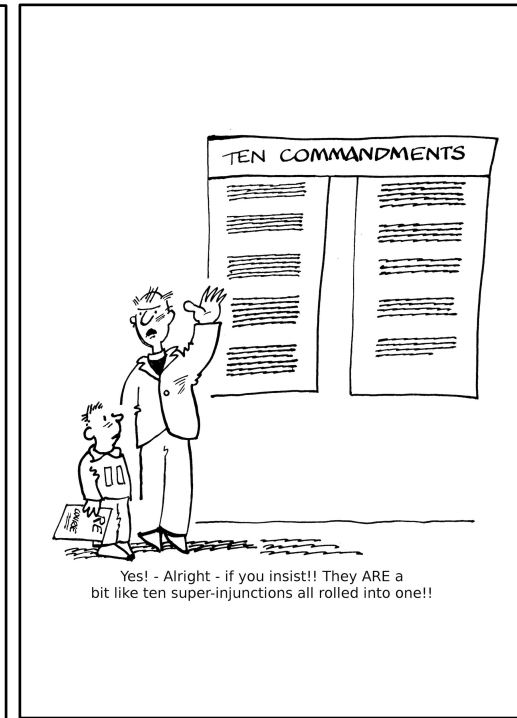
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## St. Nicholas Church 200 Club - Monthly Draw

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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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## The crash that killed off Concorde

It was 20 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2000, that an Air France Concorde crashed outside Paris after taking off for New York. All 109 people on board were killed, as well as four people on the ground.

The plane was a charter flight from Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris to New York, and most of the passengers were German tourists on a 'dream trip' which would have seen them catch a cruise ship from New York to the Caribbean. But as the Concorde hurtled down the runway, a fire started under the left wing – possibly caused by a metal part that fell from a plane that took off moments earlier.

The exact cause was never determined: the Concorde was also overweight, and the landing gear mechanism was slightly defective. The wind had also shifted slightly before take-off.

The aircraft was unable to gain height and plummeted on to a small hotel in nearby Gonesse, where a 20-year-old guest who had just arrived escaped miraculously by jumping from a window as her room caved in.

It was the only fatal Concorde crash in 24 years, but Concordes were grounded as a result, and although they returned to service in November 2001, all Concorde services stopped permanently two years later.

## 'Safe spaces' in Boots

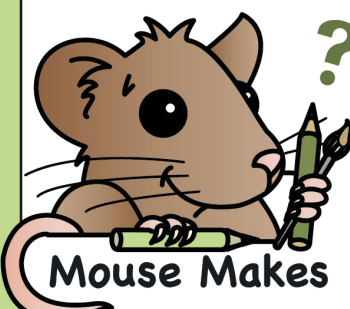
Boots has become one of the first high street stores to create 'safe spaces' to help victims of domestic abuse who need help during the coronavirus lockdown.

The pharmacy chain, which is the biggest retailer of its kind in the UK, has opened consultation rooms in its 2,400 high street stores. People who have been unable to seek help while trapped at home with an abusive partner can access these 'safe space' rooms.

There they will find posters providing the phone numbers of the key support services, as well as helplines whom they can call without fear of their abuser eavesdropping on them.

## 'Rock Around the Clock'

It was 65 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1955 that the song 'Rock Around the Clock' by Bill Haley and His Comets reached #1 on the Billboard chart in the USA. It remained there for eight weeks. Although not the first rock & roll song, it is considered the song that brought rock & roll into the mainstream.



## Mouse Makes

### WHO AM I ?

The last letter of one name is the first letter of the next name.

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- Wrote 13 New Testament letters
- He wrote the third Gospel

I			

- Mother of John (Luke 1:3)
- Sarah's servant (Genesis 16:21)

	R		

- Joseph's mother (Genesis 29:35)
- His wife turned to salt (Genesis 11:31)

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- Paul's friend (2 Corinthians 8:27)
- A brother of Jesus (Matthew 13:55)

N			

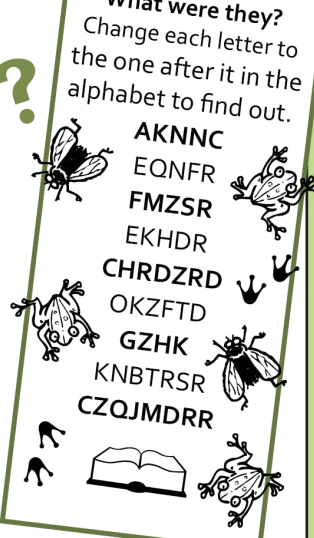
- Ruth's mother-in-law. (Ruth 3:1)


### IT'S A PUZZLE!

God sent 9 plagues on Egypt...  
What were they?

Change each letter to the one after it in the alphabet to find out.

**AKNNC**  
**EQNFR**  
**FMZSR**  
**EKHDR**  
**CHRDZR**  
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### FIND THE MISSING HUSBANDS

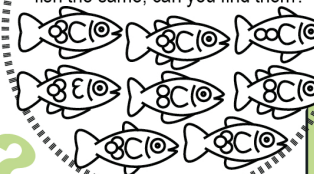
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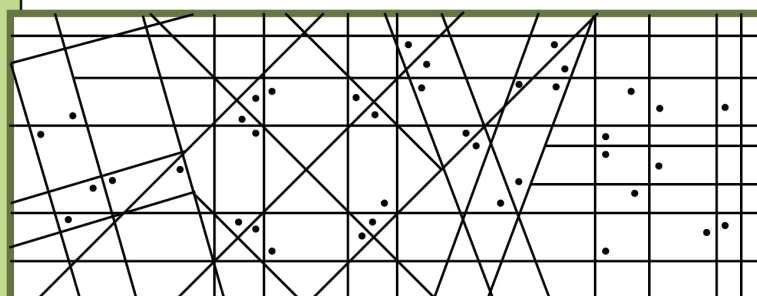
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### FIND THE FISH


The Disciples have been fishing and have caught TWO fish the same, can you find them?







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## Remembering the man who founded Barnardo's

It was 175 years ago, on 4th July 1845, that Thomas Barnardo, the humanitarian and philanthropist, was born in Dublin. He founded Barnardo's, a charity which continues to care for vulnerable children and young people.

The son of a furrier, he worked as a clerk until converted to evangelical Christianity in 1862. He moved to London, intending to study medicine and become a missionary in China. He never qualified as a doctor – despite being known as Dr Barnardo – and soon decided that his real calling was to help poor children living on the streets of London, where one in five children died before their fifth birthday.

He opened his first home for boys in 1870 and soon vowed never to turn a child away. Most Victorians saw poverty as shameful, associating it with poor morals and laziness, but Barnardo refused to discriminate. He made sure boys were trained and found them apprenticeships.

When Barnardo died in 1905, he left 96 homes caring for more than 8,500 vulnerable children, including those with learning difficulties. Because he believed that children should ideally grow up in a family setting, in 1887 he introduced an early form of fostering – boarding out children to host families.

## The man who created Sherlock Holmes

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the multi-talented writer who created Sherlock Holmes, the world's most famous detective, died 90 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> July 1930 at his home in Sussex, probably of a heart attack. He was 71.

He had been born in Edinburgh to a prosperous Irish-Catholic family with a dysfunctional father and a loving mother who had a talent for inventing stories. He spent seven years in a Jesuit boarding school in England, which he loathed, and qualified as a medical doctor at the University of Edinburgh. He added 'Conan' to his name at that stage.

He wrote the first Sherlock Holmes story, *A Study in Scarlet*, in 1887. In all, he wrote nearly 60 novels or short stories involving Holmes and his sidekick, Dr Watson. He did not regard them as his best work – he wrote prolifically on many subjects – but their characterisation and ingenious plotting made them by far the most popular.

He was married twice – first to “gentle and amiable” Louisa Hawkins, the sister of one of his patients, and then, after she died of tuberculosis in 1906, to the “strikingly beautiful” and talented Jean Leckie. Towards the end of his life he developed a strong interest in the occult and spiritualism. He was knighted in 1902.

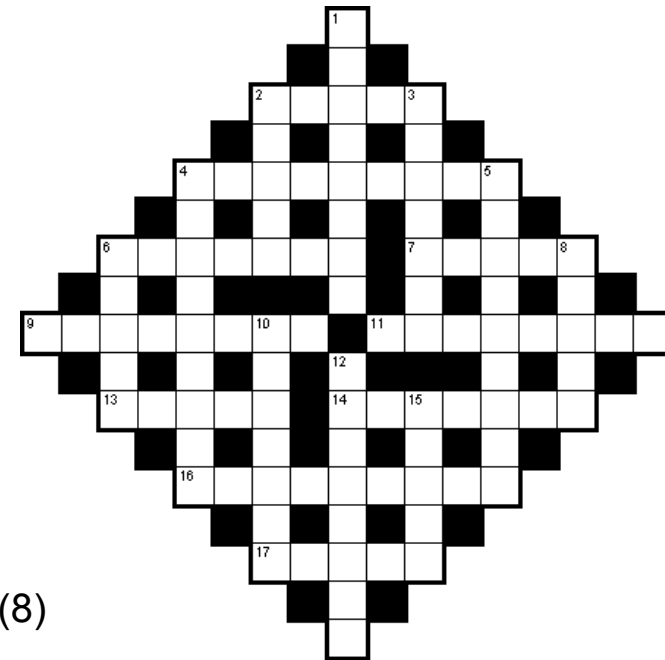
## Crossword / Sudoku Puzzles

### Across

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4. Prolonged (9)
6. Deadlock (7)
7. Tripod (5)
9. Answer (8)
11. Rare (8)
13. Additional (5)
14. Abjure (7)
16. Unwilling (9)
17. Shinbone (5)

### Down

1. Character set (8)
2. Hazards (5)
3. Lamp (7)
4. Protagonist (9)
5. Discordant (9)
6. Publication (5)
8. Demarcation (5)
10. Type of onion (7)
12. Melting pot (8)
15. Crown-like headdress (5)



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## 25<sup>th</sup> July St Christopher, patron saint of motorists

The legend goes that St Christopher was a Canaanite who lived in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century. He was a giant of a man, of fearsome appearance. At first, he decided to serve the devil, but when he discovered that the devil was afraid of Christ and His Cross, Christopher decided to serve Christ instead. A nearby hermit instructed Christopher in the Christian faith and assigned to him a place near a river: Christopher's job was to help travellers cross it safely.

All went well, and Christopher helped lots of people on their way until one day a child came along and asked to be carried across. Christopher put him on his back and set off, but was soon staggering under the astonishing weight of this child. The child then told him that He was in fact Jesus Christ, and that He carried the weight of the whole world. The Christ-child then told Christopher to plant his staff in the ground: the next day it bore flowers and dates – confirmation that the child was indeed who He claimed to be.

After some time more of helping travellers cross the river, Christopher went to the city of Lycia, where he preached the gospel with such success that the Roman emperor (Decius?) had him arrested and imprisoned – especially when Christopher refused to sacrifice to the gods. Two women sent into his cell to seduce him came out converted Christians instead. So, Christopher was beaten, shot with arrows and finally beheaded.

Christopher has been well-loved of the English down the centuries. Many wall-paintings of him have been placed on the north wall of churches, opposite the porch, so that he would be seen by all who entered. There was good reason for this: as patron saint of travellers, it was believed that anyone who saw an image of St Christopher would not die that day. As the ancient saying goes: 'Behold St Christopher and go thy way in safety'.

A kind of daily insurance policy against death - this was so good that in due course St Christopher became the patron saint of motorists. There is even a church in the Javel area of Paris where Citroen cars are made, that is dedicated to St Christopher. In modern times, with the increase in air and motorway travel, Christopher has remained popular.

When in 1969 the Holy See reduced his feast day, there was a sharp protest in several countries, led in Italy by a number of popular film stars. If you ever travel in a taxi on the Continent, look out for a little St Christopher hanging from the rear-view mirror beside the driver. Now you know why it is there!

## Tidal wave of sales coming

"This summer will be an absolute bonanza for shoppers, and they should be selective and patient... discounting will continue throughout the summer." So says Clive Black, a retail analyst at Shore Capital.

He explains that billions of pounds of winter stock is coming over to the UK in ships, but the retail warehouses are still full of unsold summer stock... "The magnitude of what has happened has never been seen in modern times."

No wonder, then, that some analysts predict that shops will offer up to 70 per cent off throughout July, August and September.

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### Buttercups – treasure in our countryside

Buttercup! What a delicious name! Rumour has it that, as they were frequently to be found in meadows where cows grazed, they were responsible for butter's yellow colouring. So the name was an obvious choice.

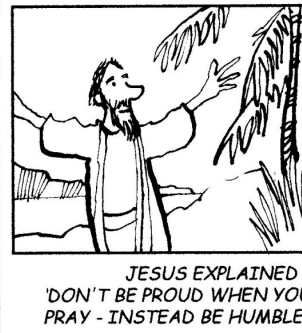
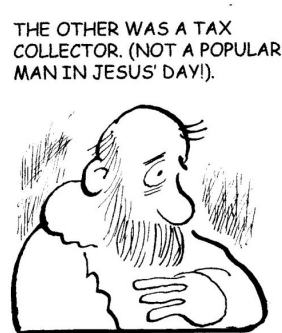
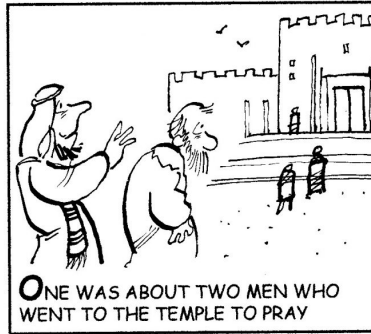
However, since buttercups are poisonous and therefore are avoided as far as possible by our four-footed friends, this is somewhat unlikely. But surely, we all remember having a buttercup held under our chin to see whether the reflection proved that we liked butter! The shiny surface of the petals actually has two real purposes. Firstly, to help attract insects and secondly to act as a kind of mirror to aid the temperature regulation of the plant's reproductive organs.

We are fortunate that buttercups do not suffer from the same unpopularity as other poisonous plants, because if eaten, not only do they taste nasty, but the poison will also cause blisters in the mouth of the consumer. Extensive handling can also damage the skin, but presumably the size of bunch that many of us picked as children did not count as 'extensive'. Fortunately, Health and Safety experts do not yet seem to have forbidden this source of pleasure for little people. Incidentally, the poison is reduced as the plant dries, and hay that includes buttercups is safe for cows and horses to eat.

Buttercups help form the traditional view of the British countryside. Differing varieties range in height from small to quite tall and although at their peak in early summer, the golden blooms can often still be seen in mid-autumn. Jan Struther, who wrote 'Lord of all hopefulness' also wrote a children's hymn entitled 'Treasure' It starts:

*Daisies are our silver, buttercups our gold:  
This is all the treasure we can have or hold.*

## The Tale of the TWO MEN SAYING THEIR PRAYERS



## Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in 1 Samuel 24

God chose Saul to be the King of Israel, but Saul chose to disobey Him. God said that the next king would not be Saul's son.

