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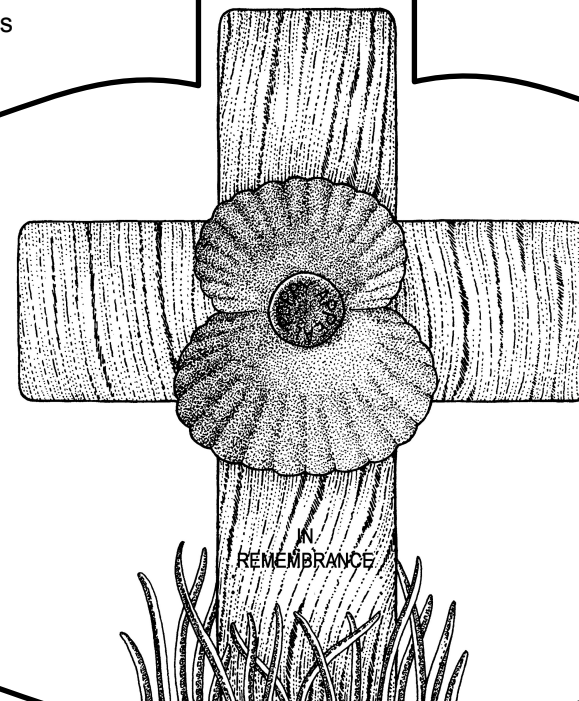
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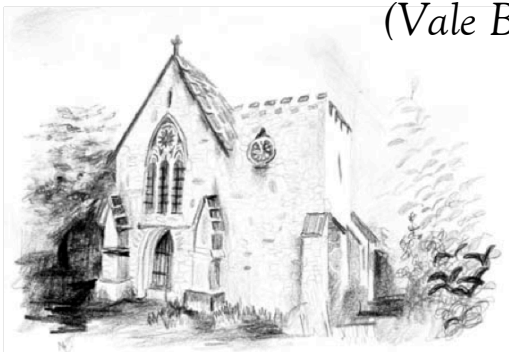
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**Churchwardens**

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**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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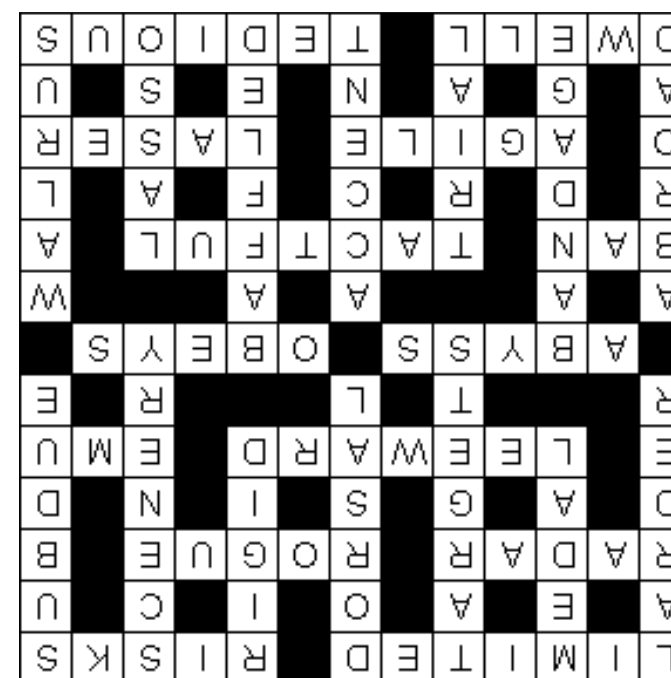
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on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

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### Nothing to report

### PARISH COUNCILLORS

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## VICAR'S LETTER - A PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

There is a card game called Flux.

When it's your turn, you draw a card and then you play a card. If you are able to lay down "keeper" cards that match the objective card, you win! But...in this game, the rules change.

During your turn you can lay cards that alter the basic rules, change what the objective card is and even play a card that lets you steal cards from other players.

It's called Flux for a reason!

The great thing about it is that you don't know what will happen next. The frustrating thing about this game is that it changes as you are playing it. Some people love or hate Flux, for the same reasons.

How well do you cope with change?

Does it inspire you or frustrate you? Excite you or scare you?

Currently, our church services are looking at parables that Jesus told, which underline the point that Jesus changed the religious rules. People were used to a relationship with God, where they do this (worship and give sacrifices), and God does that (bless them and look after them).

Jesus changed those rules. A friendship with God was no longer about just being good. It is about having a relationship with God that is based on love and forgiveness, because of Jesus' life, not conditional on how well we follow religious rules. Following Jesus means living a life that put's God first and the needs of others before our own. Jesus has dealt with our mistakes and errors. God wants to be part of our lives, helping us to be all that he made us to be.

Jesus was a game changer. Then and now.  
Who wants to join in?

God bless,  
Alec

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Here we are rapidly approaching winter however there has still been some good days to enjoy.

Sunday October 11th we celebrated Harvest

Thank you to everyone who contributed with flowers, and Produce to make our Church look so beautiful also the cleaning, the tidying and all the contributions of food as well as money for the food bank, and finally it was a bright sunny day which topped it off.

We would like to remind people using the Village Hall car park that this should be for the Village Hall and Church users only.

There is a car park opposite the hall for walkers / visitors / residents.

We will keep you posted on the Lych gate and the Church door of our upcoming services.

In the meantime continue to keep safe and stay well .

Linda and Ruth

*Churchwardens*

### Services

Everyone is very welcome to attend our services, but we just ask that you contact one of the Church Wardens if you intend to come along.

*Ruth Pepler: 01235 762197*

*Linda Hopkins: 01235 767121*

This is required for the current legislation regarding Track & Trace

### From the Registers

Funeral

**Leslie Bunce**

'Les'

All Information / details are held as Public Records within the Vale Benefice

## Councillor for Ridgeway Ward

### Vale of White Horse District Council - Paul Barrow

#### District Councillor Report

##### Cornhill Lane

Residents who walk down Cornhill Lane will have noticed how nicely overgrown and re-naturalised it has become during the summer in the absence of 4x4s! Closure will continue until early next summer when the County Council will repair the surface. I have been discussing with OCC and also with West Challow (since it is our common parish border) and the other local parishes about how best to manage these Byways Open to All Traffic (BOATs) which act as borders to the parishes.

We are hopeful that we can put an end to the mess and disruption caused by 4x4s churning them up, sometimes at 2 in the morning. More of this in due course.

##### Scouts – is resurrection possible?

We have begun to explore with the local Scouts commissioner whether it might be possible to restart a Scout group in the village. Many of you will remember use of the Scout Hut until 25(?) years ago. Don't hold your breath but something is afoot!

##### Full council (7<sup>th</sup> Oct)

During the online meeting on Wednesday evening a motion was passed to recommend that councillors contact our MP and others, protesting against the White Paper on Planning published recently. While some major changes to the planning process would be welcome, removal of local control in how many houses and where they will go would not be good for this area of the Vale where we have seen enough development. If anyone is interested enough to delve into the report <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future> feel free to mail David Johnston at [David.johnston.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:David.johnston.mp@parliament.uk) with your thoughts.

##### Health Overview Scrutiny Committee (HOSC)

Some of you will have followed the tortuous and difficult interactions that we have had in the last year with the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) over the review of health provision in OX12 and future of Wantage Hospital. Wading through opaque mud does not come anywhere near describing it! However, there is a new CEO at Oxford Health who is like a breath of fresh air and is promising a long and useful future for the hospital at the centre of Wantage life. Maternity support has already returned. There are still some bumps in the road ahead, particularly regarding the future of in-patient beds and we haven't got to the bottom of that yet but it does feel like a fresh start.

Please contact me if you have any issues or problems that I might be able to address – even if I can't fix them completely! I am trying to get around as many houses in the 7 villages in the ward as I can in the next 6 months – mainly on Saturdays (Covid permitting!).



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## Church Rotas

Date	Reader	Readings
<b>November 1st</b> 4th Sunday before Advent <i>All Saints Day</i>	G. Parker	Revelation 7. 9 - 17 1 John 3. 1 - 3 Matthew 5. 1 - 12
<b>November 8th</b> 3rd Sunday before Advent <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	P. Rumsey	Amos 5. 18 - 24 1 Thessalonians 4. 13 - 18 Matthew 25. 1 - 13
<b>November 15th</b> 2nd Sunday before Advent	J. Penfold	Zephaniah 1. 7   12 - 18 1 Thessalonians 5. 1 - 11 Matthew 25. 14 - 30
<b>November 22nd</b> Sunday before Advent <i>Christ the King</i>	J. Brown	Ezekiel 34. 11-16   20 - 24 Ephesians 1. 15 - 23 Matthew 25. 31 - 46
<b>November 29th</b> Advent Sunday	M. Mann	Isaiah 64. 1 - 9 1 Corinthians 1. 3 - 9 Mark 13. 24 - 37

**Due to COVID 19 measures in place**

**All Readers must bring their own Bible to read from**

Date	Sacristan	Sidesperson	Coffee	Cleaning
1-Nov	J. Penfold	S. Giles T. Shand	~	
8-Nov	M. Mann	P. Rumsey K. Culverwell	~	M. Perkins
15-Nov	N. Langford	P. Pepler L. Hopkins	~	
22-Nov	J. Penfold	T B A J. Penfold	~	S. Giles
29-Nov	P. Pepler	F. Webb S. Giles	~	

**Face coverings must be worn or an exemption badge worn & clearly visible**

Date	Intercessions	Flowers	Thursday	Sacristan
1-Nov	M. Mann	M. Perkins	5-Nov	S. Swift
8-Nov	J. Penfold		12-Nov	J. Penfold
15-Nov	Clergy	M. Mann	19-Nov	J. Penfold
22-Nov	M. Mann	K. Moss	26-Nov	J. Teare
29-Nov	J. Teare	J. Penfold	3-Dec	J. Teare
			10-Dec	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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## Sunday 1st November - All Saints Day

Including an opportunity to remember our loved ones with a time of  
*MEMORIES*

## Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Day

*11.00am Act of Remembrance*

## Sunday 6th December

*St Nicholas Patronal Festival*

The Bishop of Oxford Rt Rev Steven Croft will be joining us to lead our Patronal Festival with a Confirmation of a candidate.

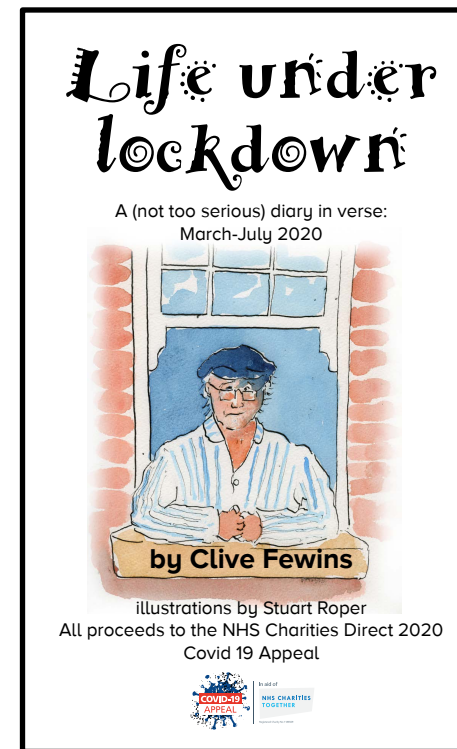


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### **Looking for an unusual Charity Christmas gift?**

This little poetry book by Hanne writer and journalist Clive Fewins reflects one man's day-by-day view of the unique times we have lived through this year through some 100 poems. It's both witty and thought-provoking - a clever record of so many details we shall soon be looking back on and hardly believing: the closed churches, the quiet, the hunt for loo-rolls, the isolation, the little kindnesses, the freedom of time on our hands, the fear....

The poems are a roller-coaster of ups and downs from laughter to tears. It is a volume to treasure and to pass on to future generations who will ask 'what was it like Grandad, living through 2020?'

This small not-for-profit hard-back, with some 20 illustrations by former local artist Stuart Roper, will be available from November for £12 with at least £5 of every copy sold going to the NHS Charities Together Covid-19 Appeal (and much more than that if all 500 first editions sell quickly)

**Contact [judy@piepowder.co.uk](mailto:judy@piepowder.co.uk) or [clive@clivefewins.co.uk](mailto:clive@clivefewins.co.uk)  
to reserve your copy!**

## St. Nicholas Church 200 Club - Monthly Draw

### October Results

£50 - N° 77 - M Betteridge

£20 - N° 13 - Mr Preston

£10 - N° 6 - S Green

### 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](mailto:the.shandies@btinternet.com)**

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St. Nicholas Church, East Challow.

**If you wish to attend our Services we will require you to**

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This is required because of Covid 19 regulations limiting the maximum number of persons allowed in the Church

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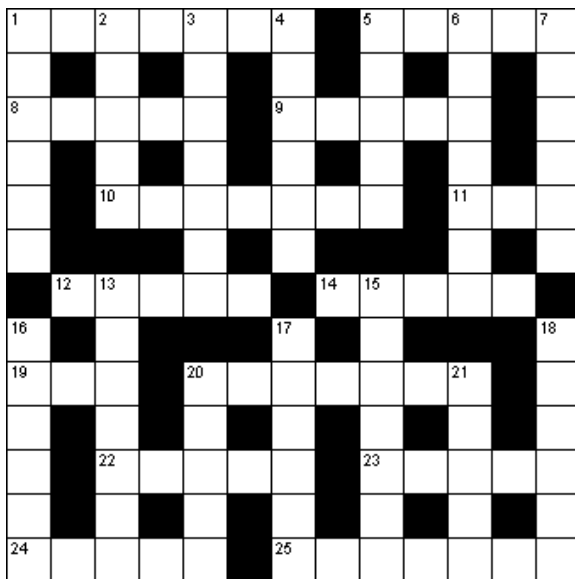
### Across

1. Restricted (7)
5. Perils (5)
8. Detection device (5)
9. Villain (5)
10. The sheltered side (7)
11. Flightless bird of Australia (3)
12. Chasm (5)
14. Complies (5)
19. Prohibit (3)
20. Diplomatic (7)
22. Nimble (5)
23. Light beam (5)
24. Reside (5)
25. Boring (7)

### Down

1. Food store (6)
2. Decoration (5)
3. Goals (7)
4. Fin (6)
5. Stiff (5)
6. Stage set (7)
7. Repress (6)
13. Dressing (7)
15. Perplexed (7)
16. Overseas (6)
17. Dialect (6)
18. Tusked marine mammal (6)
20. Test (5)
21. Lariat (5)

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## Cartoons



"Given the state of our heating system, you'd think the vicar would be all for it!"



...at the going down of the sun we would have remembered them - but some rotten scrap metal thief has stolen the brass plaque with the names on!!



Quarantining in church had its drawbacks. Two days in, the biscuits were gone, and Rupert was hungry.

## TOPICAL TALK

### Poppy Appeal 2020

Look out for the Poppy Appeal again this year, but not so much via street collections. Instead, the Royal British Legion will focus on contactless donations, as a safer way forward during the pandemic.

One such method will be 'point of sale donations'. This means that when you shop at your supermarket and reach the till or online, you may be invited to round up your total to the nearest pound to help the Poppy Appeal.

A spokesman for the Royal British Legion said: "The Poppy Appeal 2020 is very much still going ahead", but that "the safety and wellbeing of our volunteers, staff and members is paramount.

This means that collectors who fall into the vulnerable category have been advised "not to take part in activity on behalf of the Poppy Appeal that would expose them to any additional risks while coronavirus is still present."

And yet the need is still huge: "Members of the Armed Forces Community are suffering significant hardship as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak and we at the Royal British Legion will do everything we possibly can to support them."

### Diamonds are for lockdown...

Here's an unexpected outcome of Covid-19: it has inspired more of us to get engaged.

Engagement rings sales have risen this year, in some firms by up to 73 per cent, a survey of various jewellery firms has discovered.

When, at the beginning of lockdown, Dr Jenny Harries, the deputy chief medical officer, suggested that couples could get round the coming isolation by moving in together, it seems that many listened to her. They decided to give it a go and 'test the strength of their relationship.'

"A lot of people have now resolved to go ahead and tie the knot," said one jeweller. "Perhaps they are thinking: 'life's too short, let's go for it'."

Another jeweller said: "Maybe if you can make it through lockdown together, you can make it through anything."

## Where do you store your various food items?

Where do you put your parsnips and eggs, and what about the potatoes and onions?

The correct answers, according to new government guidelines, are that the first two belong in your fridge and the second two belong in your cupboard.

More guidance on storing food safely can now be found on Wrap, the Government's food waste watchdog. The aim is to stop households throwing so much food away.

And so **Wrap.org.uk** offers advice on storing everything from aubergines to onions, bananas to cheese, fizzy drinks to wine. It could be a good refresher course for many of us, and a lifeline for younger people trying to get the most out of their weekly shop.

## In praise of peanut butter

One quirky change of life under Covid-19 is that for some reason, we are eating more peanut butter. According to a recent report in The Grocer, sales of the stuff rose by 35.5 per cent in the Spring.

Peanut butter producer Kirstie Hawkins (Whole Earth brand) is delighted. "Peanut butter offers an easy way to add more nutrition to breakfast and snack choices."

Whatever the reason, sales of peanut butter, at £98.9million in the past year, are now £2million more than those for jam.

## Cost of plastic bags to increase

Hang on to your plastic bags - the single-use ones are going to double in cost from 5p to 10p in all the shops from April 2021.

The Government has said the measure is to further reduce the UK's plastic consumption. George Eustice, the Environment Secretary, said: "We have all seen the devastating impact plastic bags have on the oceans and on precious marine life, which is why we are taking bold and ambitious actions to tackle this issue head on."

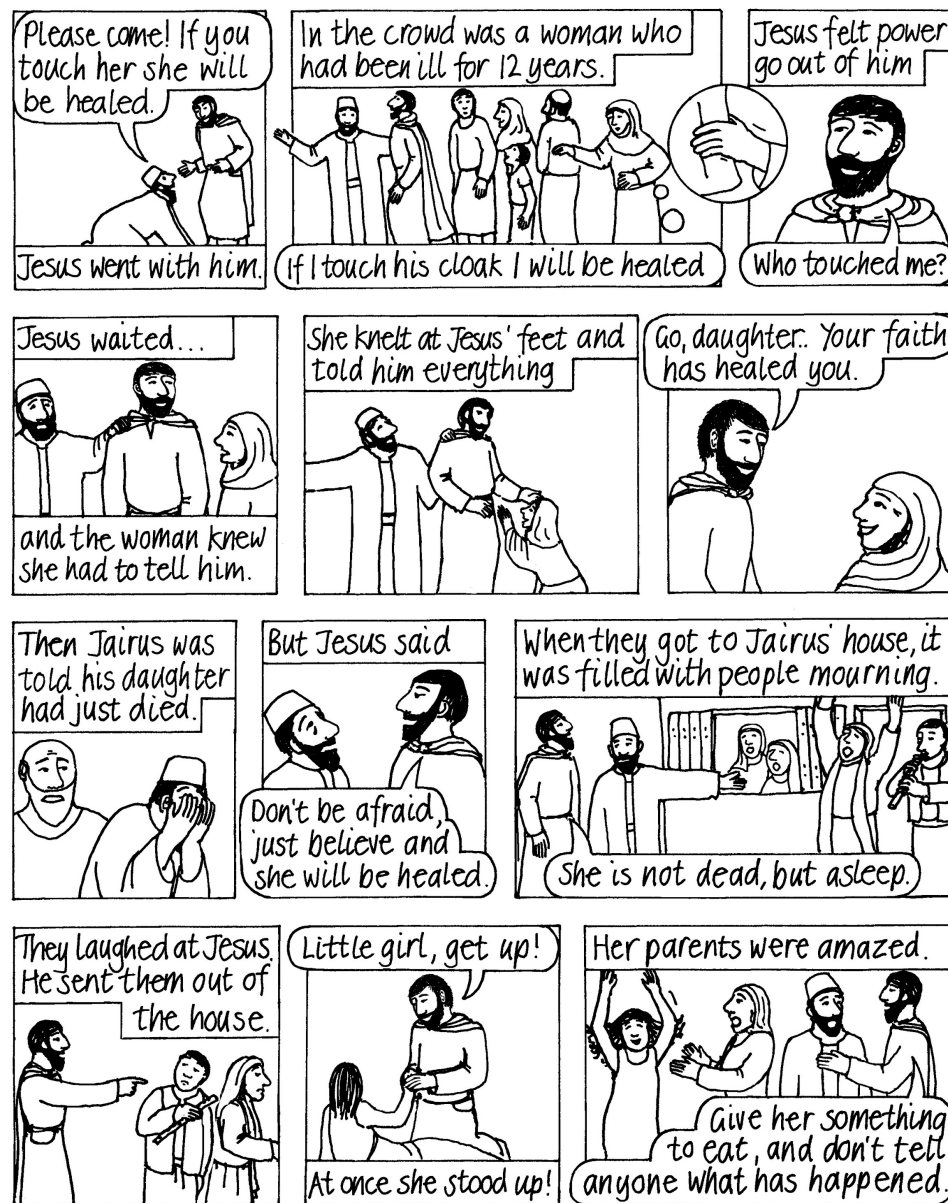
Dr Laura Foster, head of clean seas at the Marine Conservation Society, said: "It's encouraging to see the Government take further steps in reducing our reliance on single-use plastic bags." The increased charge, she said, would remind people "of everyday, simple changes they can make to help the marine environment."

## Bible Bite

### A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Lk 8:40-56, Mt 9:18-26, Mk 5:21-43

Jairus, a town leader, had a 12 year old daughter who was ill and about to die. He came to Jesus and knelt at his feet...

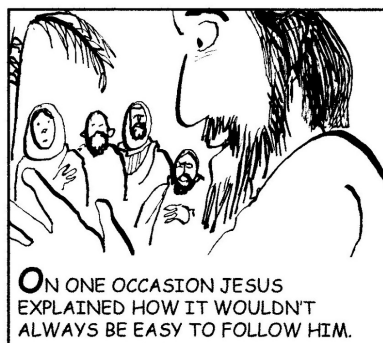


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## The tale of the Tower Builder



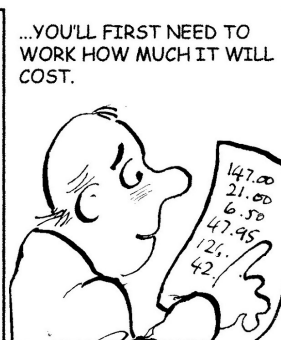
JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ON ONE OCCASION JESUS EXPLAINED HOW IT WOULDN'T ALWAYS BE EASY TO FOLLOW HIM.



JESUS BEGAN, 'IF ONE OF YOU PLANS TO BUILD A TOWER....'



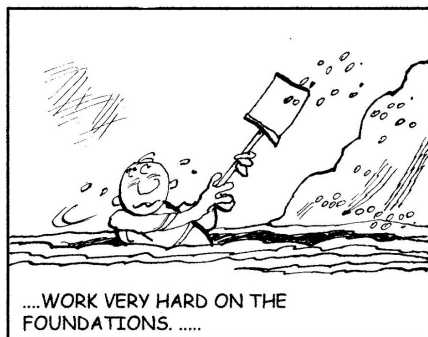
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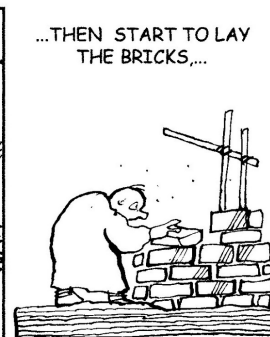
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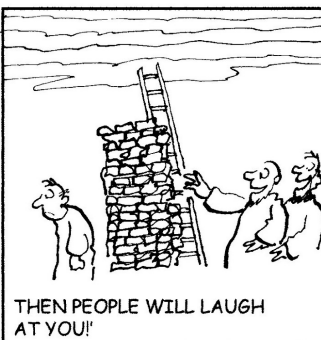
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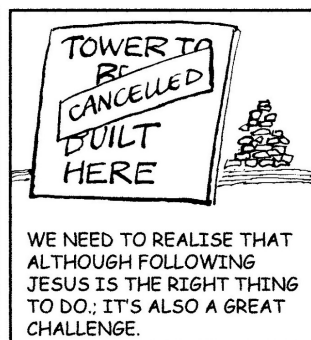
...THEN START TO LAY THE BRICKS,....



...BUT SUDDENLY RUN OUT OF MONEY!!



THEN PEOPLE WILL LAUGH AT YOU!



WE NEED TO REALISE THAT ALTHOUGH FOLLOWING JESUS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO, IT'S ALSO A GREAT CHALLENGE.

## Zoom Zoom Zoom!

The pandemic is leaving a "lasting digital legacy", and changing the UK's internet habits and behaviour "indelibly". So says a recent Ofcom study.

Since March we have broken the four-hour barrier, which means that, on average, we spend more than a quarter of our waking hours each day online. That is up from an average of three hours and 29 minutes this time last year.

Zoom has soared in popularity. Last December it reached 498,00 people in the UK; by April this had soared to 13million in the UK.

TikTok, which lets users share short videos set to pop music, had 5.4 million UK users in January; by April it had 12.9million users.

In February, 35 per cent of UK adults made a video call once a week. By April that had soared to 71 per cent. The largest increase has been among the over-65s, with now 61 per cent of them making weekly video calls.

Older people favour Zoom, in order to 'visit' their relatives and friends; while many teenagers have become addicted to TikTok and endless videos.

## We Will Remember – 80 years on

This year we've been remembering the Battle of Britain, described by Winston Churchill in August 1940 as *'one of the decisive battles of the war... never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.'* It was a dramatic turning point in the history of the Second World War. The occasions for Remembrance this month will provide us times of gratitude for what was achieved in the darkest moments of war.

However, this year we are very aware of our own struggles with the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic. We face an unseen enemy, but the effects on our lives and society are almost as devastating as world war.

Remembering is not just about focusing on past events. It is also about making present past events, as we give thanks for all that took place. The Battle of Britain was fought by the Few and won in the skies over the Channel. In our battle with the virus, we can call to mind the victory of Jesus: *'Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David.'* (2 Timothy 2:8). Jesus secured the victory of death by His cross and resurrection, so that we don't need to fear death, but trust in His loving purposes for our lives.

Currently we can't see clearly what the future holds for us; it may be very different from what we might expect. However, we can pray for God's will to be done and that we will play our part, just as each of those airmen did so many years ago.

***'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.'***

## East Challow Village Hall Management Committee

~ ~ We are a charity run by volunteers ~ ~



At present we have 5 people on the East Challow Management Committee.

Our Treasurer is standing down after many years of diligent support and we need someone to step into the roll.

We are also looking for a new Booking Clerk / Secretary



The Village Hall has always been and remains a valued part of our village life, which will now be intensified by the increased new housing.

## We are looking for new members

Can You Help? - We need your support now!

**Please contact: Mandy Perkins (Secretary) 01235 764374**

## Letters to the Editor

To The Editor

I would like to say a huge Thank you to everyone who supported the community face covering tree.  
It raised a fantastic £400 for the village school, which I'm sure they will put to good use.

Emma Amor.

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