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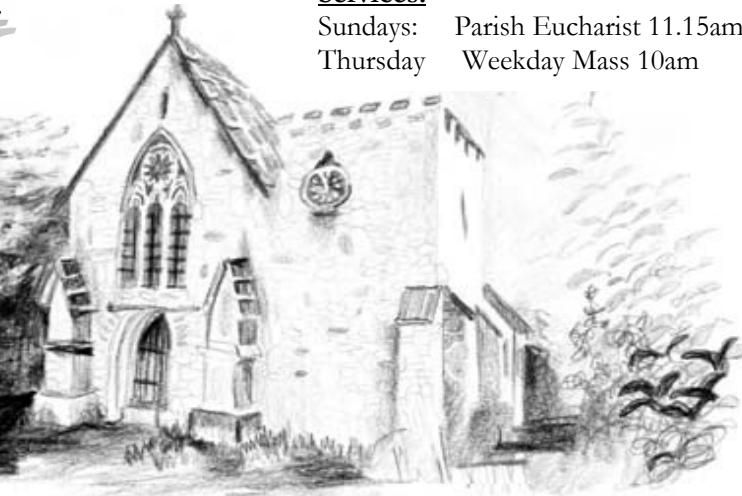
March 2016

**St. Nicholas Church, East Challow
(Vale Benefice)**

Services.

Sundays: Parish Eucharist 11.15am
Thursday Weekday Mass 10am

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Vicar Rev John Durant
The Vicarage Main St Grove OX12 7LQ
Telephone: 01235 766484
Email: vicar@valebenefice.org.uk

Curate: Revd George Moody,
Email: curate@valebenefice.org.uk

Churchwardens

Mrs Sue Swift tel: 01235 770542
Dr Jeff Penfold. tel: 01235 763173

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Parish Council

Chair: Ms V. Bosley, Coach Row, Main Street, East Challow
Telephone: 01235 764068
Clerk: Julia Evans Moorcroft, The Greenway, West Hendred,
OX12 8RG Tel 01235 833466
Email eastchallowpc@gmail.com

The Parish Council Meeting takes place in the Village Hall at
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Villagers are invited to attend.

Village Hall Booking Secretary: Denise Knight 01235 769933



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**Sunday Service @ The Mission - 13th
March at 4pm
Topic: *What's Church About?***

There will be a meeting at The Mission, with friends from Grove Free Evangelical Church, for an all-age Service on Sunday 13th March at 4pm.

The service will be followed by free refreshments.

All are welcome to attend, whether you usually go to church or not.

For more details, please contact:

E-mail , contactthemission@challowmission.org.uk

Telephone , [0795 860 2364](tel:07958602364) or [01235 771322](tel:01235771322)

All entries for **April 2016** Challow News
to be received by **March 15th** please.

If you would like to place an advert for your business in Challow News
or just send in an item about things happening in the village .
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To :- Pat & Dave Hudson (01235) 760526. mob 07787 120044

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Email entries can be sent to dphud14@aol.com

Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends

Easter is early this year - but then the spring flower seem to know this already. Our daffodils were sprouting just after Christmas. So, by the time you receive this March letter we will be in the middle of Lent.

The churches in the Benefice are using the course "Acts of Love" for our Lent Groups which Canon Fr Robert Teare prepared for the Oxford Diocesan Partnership in World Mission. In the course we will be looking at different ways we can express our Christian love.

It is of course never too early to perform any act of love. Indeed the greatest act of love there has ever been is celebrated at Easter when we recall one innocent person giving up his life to save a world which opposes God. So effective was Christ's death and resurrection that it is timeless and reaches back to the earliest humanity as well as forward to all eternity.

One of the words Jesus quoted whilst dying on the cross was from Psalm 31 verse 5, "into your hands I commit my spirit". The Psalm ends by praising God for his wonderful love and encourages all his saints to love the Lord – to be strong and take heart all you who hope in the Lord.

While you read this, the parishes will be re-advertising the post for an Associate Vicar in the Benefice. Please pray that God will provide us with a person who will encourage us in acts of godly love.

May you know the wonderful love of the Lord this Eastertide.

John Durant

Vicar Vale Benefice

St Nicholas Church, East Challow

The Annual Vestry Meeting

(for the election of churchwardens)

and the

Annual General Meeting of the Parochial Church Council

will take place in the village hall

on Sunday 13th March at 12.30

(after Parish Eucharist)

Please make every effort to attend. Those who are on the church electoral roll are able to vote.

St Nicholas Church 200 Club February 2016 Winners

£50	No: 22	Mrs Mackinnon
£20	No: 1	R Bustany
£10	No: 143	A Venners

We would welcome any new members to the 200 club.

If you would like to join, please contact Tricia Shand—01235 764222

From the register

4th December. Funeral. Clive Eltringham Brown

6th December, Funeral. Ella Legge

7th February. Baptism. Eiva-Wren Culverwell

Church fellowship

No Church Fellowship during March, due to Lent.

Lent Course

St Nicholas church, East Challow is organising a Lent Course following a new course prepared by Canon Robert Teare for the Diocesan Council for Partnership in World Mission, called 'Acts of Love'.

The following is a brief description of the course from the website,
"This Lent Course is an attempt to help us think about the world we live in and to offer five small acts of love that all of us can offer to our communities, by listening to others, by looking at others, by recognising others, by seeing opportunities to perform the smallest service to others and finally by being open to the Crosses that others have to bear, so that we can walk beside them and help. There are no simple answers to the issues that are raised and each issue will affect each participant differently. But in the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ we can travel together in faith and hope and love."

(details can be found on the Partnership for World Mission website,
<http://pwm.oxford.anglican.org/resources/acts-of-love-lent-course/>)

It will be held for 5 week at Sue and Clive Swift's house, 11 Clay Pit Lane, East Challow, at 7.30 pm, on the following dates Wed 17th Feb, Tues 23rd Feb, Tues 1st, 8th and 15th March

All are welcome

If you have any difficulty in finding the material online contact Jeff Penfold (01235 763173)

Community Policing - PCSO Howard Pack C9600 - Thames Valley Police

The very mild weather has lead to the early bloom of many Spring flowers in my Rural beat of GREENDOWN; the Snowdrops in SPARSHOLT
Provided an excellent display, but who would have thought you would see them in tandem with Daffodils!

Over recent weeks the weather has 'misbehaved' with several periods of very heavy rain leading to flooding on our roads. Where Floods are reported to the Police we will investigate and ensure signage is put up to warn motorists, however the problem arises when drivers ignore these signs and get stranded when their engines are 'waterlogged'; If you see Flood Warning signs please find an alternative route.

Theft from Motor Vehicles

Recently I was involved in a Police Operation organised by FARINGDON Neighbourhood Policing Team to patrol and observe beauty spots near the RIDGEWAY after a number of Thefts from vehicles. As a consequence 3 persons were arrested and subsequently charged in relation to Theft from vehicle offences.

'Have Your Say' locations

WANTAGE Neighbourhood Policing Team are looking for locations in the GREENDOWN area (CHILDREY, EAST/WEST CHALLOW, LETCOMBE BASSETT/REGIS) to park the Mobile Police Station and hold 'Have Your Say' meetings and discuss any issues that are of concern to residents or just get a bit of Crime Prevention advice; please let me know via 101 or when you see me on patrol if you know of a suitable place.

Dog Fouling is continuing to cause concern for residents;

Vale of White Horse District Council Environment Wardens advise the following;

Under the Dogs(Fouling of Land) Act 1996 a person who is in charge of a dog must clean up after it when it fouls any footpath, highway, verge or other open space to which the public have access.

It is a crime to allow a dog to foul any public area without cleaning it up. By doing so you could face a fixed penalty notice of £50 or prosecution.

If you see a dog owner committing this offence please keep a record of anything that can identify them and contact the Vale of White Horse District Council's Environment Wardens on 01235 540555 or email env.health@southandvale.gov.uk

WANTAGE Police Office

Can I remind residents that the WANTAGE Police Office situated next to WANTAGE Library closes on the 31st March 2016 and the nearest Police Station will then be at ABINGDON, COLWELL DRIVE, OX14 1AU.

Neighbourhood Watch

If you are interested in starting/joining a Neighbourhood Watch scheme please contact me via '101'.

Please use 101 to report any 'Non-Urgent' Crime related matters...Report it so that we know about it.

If you'd like to receive FREE crime alerts and info about where you live by Email, Phone or Text then please contact me on 101 or when you see me on patrol and I will be happy to 'sign you up' alternatively please register at www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk and please use www.thamesvalley.police.uk to visit our Website.

The next 'Have Your Say Event' in EAST CHALLOW is at the Village Hall on **Saturday 12th March 2016, from 10am until Noon.**

Useful Numbers

The 24-hour non-emergency number for Thames Valley Police is '101' or 999 in emergencies.

Regards Howard

PARISH COUNCIL cont

PARISH COUNCILLORS

We have a vacancy for a parish councillor. Candidates must meet certain eligibility criteria, so if you are interesting in joining the parish council please contact the clerk in the first instance.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 9th March. 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 any matter you wish with the council. The minutes of each meeting are available on the website.

PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Vanessa Bosley (Chairman), 764068; Bryan Miller, 771552; Sue Terry, 768699; Frances Webb, 765176; Iris Game, 770412; Pat Gill (contact number tba)

Julia Evans, Clerk to East Challow Parish Council;
e-mail: eastchallowpc@gmail.com Tel. 833466

EAST CHALLOW VILLAGE HALL

The running of East Challow Village Hall is done by a committee of volunteers. As with all committees it is always hard to find replacements, but at the AGM on Wed 22 June both the Chairman and Secretary will be retiring after many years of service.

Of course this will leave two valuable spaces and the village hall cannot run without these being filled.

Chairman's duties include chairing a meeting held every two months, some maintenance and working the heating and water times for hall users.

Secretary duties include attending meetings, taking minutes and correspondence.

We invite applicants to attend our next meeting in the village hall on Tuesday April 5th at 8pm to here more. We do hope our villagers will commit themselves as this could result in the Village Hall closing.

Jan McGill (sec)

Readers

Mar 6 L. Parker
Mothering Sunday

Mar 13 C Swift
Lent 5

Mar 20 P. Pepler
Palm Sunday

Mar 27 J Teare
Easter Day

Apr 3 G. Parker
Easter 2

March Rotas

Joshua 5.9-12
2 Corinthians 5.16-21

Isaiah 43.1-7
Philippians 3.4b-14

Psalms 118

Isaiah 49.1-7
1 Corinthians 15.19-26

Psalms 150
Rev 1.4-8

Sidesmen

March.6th Mrs. Giles
Mr. Bustany

March 13th. Dr. Penfold.
Mr. Hudson

March 20th. Mr. and Mrs.
Pepler

March 27th Mrs. Shand
Mrs.Swift

April 5th Mrs. Giles
Mr. Bustany

Coffee

Mrs. Perkins

The Ody Family

Mr and Mrs.
Hudson

Mrs. Penfold
Mrs. Parker

Mrs. Perkins

Cleaners

Mrs. Belcher

Mrs. Penfold

Mr. and Mrs.
Parker

Intercessions Rota

6th March Pat
13th March Rev. J Durant
20th March Jenny
27th March Mary
3rd April Philip

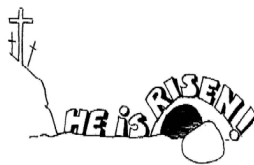
Flower Rota

March 5th ALL Mothering Sunday
Mar 12 Lent – No Flowers
Mar 19 Lent – No Flowers
Mar 26 Easter – ALL
Apr 2 H Smith

Services for Holy Week and Easter at St Nicholas, East Challow

(at St Nicholas, unless otherwise stated)

- Sun 20th March. Palm Sunday, Parish Eucharist,
distribution of palm crosses, 11.15 am
- Mon 21st Eucharist and address, 8 pm
- Tues 22nd Eucharist and address, 8 pm (Denchworth)
- Wed 23rd Eucharist and address, 8 pm (Hanney)
- Maunday Thursday Eucharist and address, 8 pm (Grove)
- Good Friday Open air service, Grove 11 am;
- An hour at the cross, at the following services
- Denchworth 12 noon;
- Hanney 1 pm;
- East Challow 2 pm; Grove 2 pm
- Sun 27th Easter Sunday Eucharist, 11.15 am



Calling all Paddingtons



Pots of homemade Marmalade are for sale at £2 each
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PARISH COUNCIL

CAR PARK

The resurfacing of the village car park has now been completed. The next job is to carry out some tree work and tidy up the vegetation. However, we hope you will agree that it is already a huge improvement.

DEFIBRILLATOR

BT has now returned the contract for the telephone kiosk and we will shortly be applying for Listed Building consent. Once this has been granted we will be able to proceed with the installation of the defibrillator.

WEBSITE

Our website can be found at www.eastchallowpc.co.uk. We are continuing to upload all the information that we are required to make available on the site. We need lots of photographs for the site whether they are new or old. We have the facility to scan old photographs if necessary. We are also looking for information on village facilities and village history. Please send any information to the Clerk.

VILLAGE HALL

We are looking for volunteers to help with the running of East Challow Village Hall. Over the years the Village Hall Management Committee – which comprises of representatives from the user groups plus elected officers - has become just a handful of helpers. To enable the facilities to continue to run smoothly we need more people to join the committee, Can you give just a few hours of your time to do this? The Hall Committee as it is affectionately known meets bi-monthly. The Village Hall is an important focal point for local residents and provides a place to meet, play, learn, keep-fit and on the odd occasion to throw a party. We have over two dozen regular bookings. It would be a great shame if the Village Hall had to close. Please consider supporting it. To register your interest please contact the Clerk (details below) or Mrs Denise Knight, Village Hall bookings secretary at deniseknight15@gmail.com

VILLAGE FETE

The date for East Challow's celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday is Saturday 25th June. We have chosen this date to avoid conflicts with other events being arranged in the area. We are looking for volunteers to help with the organisation of the event. We can't do it without you! If you can spare a few hours over the next three months please contact the Clerk.

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Village News

BINGO—1st Grove Brownies

Friday 18th March East Challow Village Hall

Eyes down at 7pm All welcome

Saturday 19th March

Wantage and Grove Community Volunteers will be holding a jumble sale at Grove village hall at 2pm entry 20p

I have lived in East Challow for many years and wrote this poem for the Challow News in 1983.

Doggies and all that 'stuff'

Oh, tell me why does it have to be us,
that steps in all that doggie 'stuff'.
I've had enough, can't take any more,
scrubbing the carpets and kitchen floor.

When home we come to our front door,
"Let me look at your shoes" to the kids I implore,
Yes, George your OK, Lara you too,
John, you've done it again, take off your shoe.

Is it something to do with our lovely green grass?
That the doggies sit on their..... hind legs and can't pass.
To whom this applies, is it too much to beg,
not our paths or our grass, **pick up** instead.

I can't believe we still have this problem. Unfortunately, with all the government cuts, we don't have a 'Poo Fairy' it's down to you dog owners. Whether you are taking your dog out yourself or giving your children the task, make sure the doggy poo bag goes too. **AND** night walkers, remember to take your torch, it doesn't disappear overnight. Of course this applies to all areas of the village including the recreation ground, school, and surrounding lanes because our children play in many of those areas. It is not only a health hazard but very unpleasant.

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