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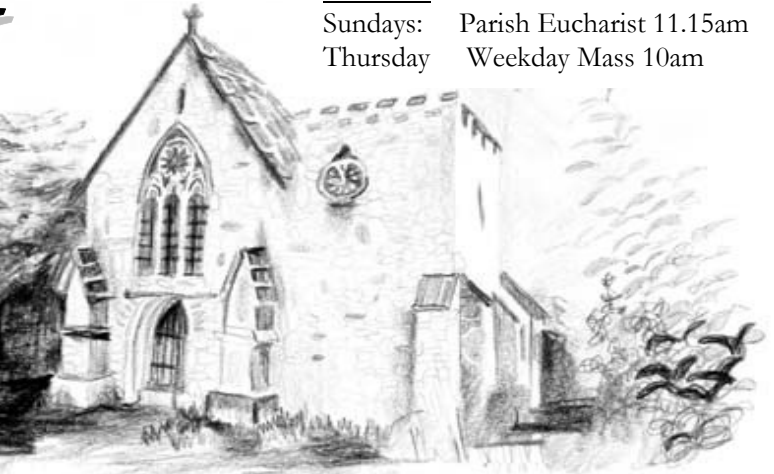
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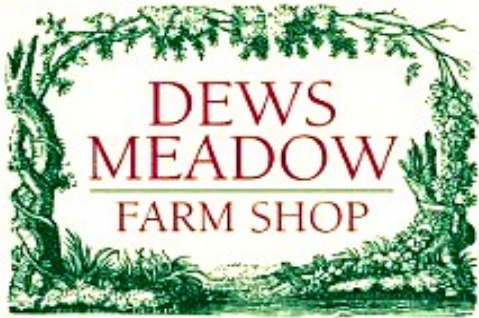
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Term 4

This term has been a busy one and there have been a number of sports fixtures:

Year 3-4 Small Schools Football Competition

Our team played really well scoring a total of 8 goals. We came joint 3rd with Uffington.

Year 5-6 Vale Schools Netball Competition

All of our Year 5-6 pupils took part and played brilliantly. Our 'A' Team came within one point of 3rd place.

Year 3-4 Girls Indoor Football Competition

Our girls played some excellent matches and some brilliant saves were made!

Year 3-4 Vale Schools Bisi-Badminton event

We won this event last year! Unfortunately this year the event was not scored.

The youngest children have been on a local trip to Grove to visit the Co-op to buy the items on their shopping lists. They then visited the Cornerstone Cafe where they ordered their own drinks and cakes which they then paid for.

Open the Book assemblies happen on a weekly basis on a Thursday morning. The Open the Book team tell a story with the help of the children and props. The most recent story was 'The Lost Sheep'.

World Book Day

The pupils enjoyed reading 'Something Else' during World Book Day. The pupils worked in their houses; our older pupils did an excellent job of leading and supporting the younger pupils. The children worked in groups to create their own endings which they presented in assembly.

Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends

My parents told me how we were walking along the beach one day as a family, when I was young; I went ahead and ran straight into a patch of deep muddy sand.

I was stuck. I couldn't get out.

My Dad rushed over, picked me up and throw me to safety, before freeing himself.

My Dad literally got me out of a sticky situation!

At the heart of Easter, we celebrate Jesus' death and rising again, remembering that Jesus came to earth to take our place and get us out of sticky situations in life; freeing us and wiping off the mess that clings to us and weigh us down.

That's what Easter is about for me, remembering that Jesus came to die and rise again; helping us, transforming us and inspiring us, like my Dad did, to come to the rescue of others.

The joy of Easter, is knowing that Jesus has rescued, so that we can live life to the full in a friendship with God.

"The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them" John 15:13

Happy Easter!

God bless

Alec

Pastoral Support

To help our Vicars Revd John Durant and Revd Alec Gill in the pastoral support of the parish Liz Belcher will be acting as 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



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

(at St Nicholas, unless otherwise stated)

Sun 9th April Palm Sunday

Parish Eucharist, distribution of palm crosses, 11.15 am



Holy week.

Mon 10 st	Eucharist and address, 8 pm
Tues 11 th	Eucharist and address, 8 pm (Denchworth)
Wed 12 th	Eucharist and address, 8 pm (Hanney)

Maunday Thurs Eucharist and address, 8 pm (Grove)

Good Friday An hour at the cross, 2 pm;



Sun 16th April
Easter Sunday Eucharist, 11.15 pm

A 21-year East Challow woman who works with adult social care teams at Oxfordshire County Council has been given a special award linked to her apprenticeship.

Gemma Tuckey, who works in the Contracts Team, in Joint Commissioning based at County Hall has been awarded the Special Recognition Award at the Oxfordshire Apprentice Awards 2017.

She was one of hundreds of apprentices from across Oxfordshire to be nominated for the award. She joined Oxfordshire County Council in September 2014.

Gemma, a resident of East Challow near Wantage, and a former pupil of King Alfred's Sports Academy in the town, said: "Prior to my apprenticeship I studied health and social care at college, where I got low grades, and was struggling to see a light at the end of the tunnel. I decided to choose an apprenticeship and I began as an intermediate apprentice studying Business Administration for a year in the Engagement Team at Oxfordshire County Council.

"I decided that I wanted to carry out the Advanced Business Administration apprenticeship so I stayed on in my team and carried this out for another year.

"I worked hard in my role and dealing with large projects and issues in my day to day work helped me gain the experience to work in my job today, as a Quality and Contracts Officer in Learning Disabilities.

"I never thought I would win this award but I did. I am so proud of my journey and am grateful for all opportunities that The Council has handed me in the last 3 years."

Kate Terroni, Director for Adult Social Care at Oxfordshire County Council, said: "We are very proud of Gemma and we know that she would like to thank everyone who has supported her to achieve this award.

"Gemma is a bundle of energy and her success shows how we at Oxfordshire County Council put time and effort in to helping members of staff grow and mature. Gemma is very much 'one of our own'. I have had a number of dealings with her over the last few years have been very impressed."

Notes to editors

Since 2006 Oxfordshire County Council has recruited more than 300 apprentices across all of its services. Apprenticeships provide an opportunity for the council to develop its workforce and provide employment and training opportunities for individuals in the wider community. All apprentices are paid a salary and given the opportunity to complete nationally recognised qualifications.

Death Announcement:

Mrs Katie Blyth, previously of Challow Park, East Challow. Katie passed away at Northallerton Hospital on 17th February age 63. Katie arrived in East Challow in 1983, as a qualified Nursery school teacher she helped set-up East Challow Playgroup and later on ran Brain Gym after school clubs at Challow Park. She was one of the most generous and caring people around, always helping out others and bringing a smile to people when most needed. She later worked as a carer at The Grange, and Framlands. Katie's funeral was held on March 23rd near Reeth, North Yorkshire where she had lived for the past few years with her civil partner Tracey. There will be a Memorial in memory of Katie on April 8th at East Challow Village Hall from 3pm. Anyone is welcome, please come and share your memories of a wonderful women. There will of course be party food and balloons to celebrate the life of a women who always loved a good party! The family look forward to welcoming people to the memorial in colourful outfits, with a big smile, and happy memories.



Katie passed away at Northallerton hospital on the 17th of February, aged 63. Wonderfully caring and generous mother of George (deceased), Amy and Henry, civil partner of Tracey, daughter of Elizabeth, sister of Jane and Emma, and grandmother of Charlie and Jamie.

Katie adored children and was known for her ability to bring smiles all around, she worked and helped set-up various nurseries including Puddle Ducks Creche, Wantage and then East Challow Playgroup; in later life she was a carer at The Grange, Stanford-in-the-Vale, and at Framlands, Wantage. She was also an enthusiastic events organiser at Rush Court, Wallingford.

Her funeral is at St Andrew's Church, Grinton, North Yorkshire at 2.30p.m on Thursday 23rd of March and afterwards at The Buck Hotel, Reeth. Memorial at East Challow village hall on the 8th of April at 3pm. Anyone is welcome, colourful clothes and smiles appreciated.

Donations if desired to Beating Bowel Cancer charity.

Readers

Apr 2 J. Teare
Lent 5
Apr 9 J. Penfold
Palm Sunday
Apr 16 L. Parker
Easter Sunday
Apr 23 R. Pepler
Easter 2
Apr 30 C. Swift
Easter 3
May 7 P. Pepler
Easter 4

April Rotas

Ezekiel 37.1-14
Romans 8.6-11
Psalm 118
Philippians 2.5-11
Jeremiah 31.1-6
Colossians 3.1-4
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1.3-9
Zephaniah 3.14-20
1 Peter 1.17-23
Genesis 7.1-24
1 Peter 2.19-25

Date	Sacristan	Sidesman	Coffee	Cleaning
April 2nd	R. Bustany	R. Bustany S. Giles	M. Perkins	
April 9th	M. Mann	G. Parker D. Mann	P. Hudson D. Hudson	M.Mann
April 16th	P. Pepler	T. Shand F. Webb	L. Hopkins V. Brewster	
April 23rd	J. Penfold	D. Hudson P. Hudson	J. Parker J. Brown	J. Parker
April 30th	S. Swift	P. Pepler L. Hopkins	H. Smith K. Culver	
May 7th	R. Bustany	R. Bustany S. Giles	M. Perkins	L. Belcher

If you are unable to take your turn, please arrange to swap or get someone to step in.

Date	Intercessions	Flowers	Thursday Sacristan
April 2nd	M.Mann	No Flowers	April 6th S. Swift
April 9th	L. Parker	No Flowers	April 13th J. Penfold
April 16th	J. Brown	Everyone	April 20th J. Penfold
April 23rd	P. Pepler	S. Swift	April 27th M. Mann
April 30th	P. Hudson	M. Mann	May 4th M. Mann
May 7th	M. Mann	H. Smith	

St Nicholas Church 200 Club March 2017 Winners

£50	No	52	Mrs J Prior
£20	No	71	Mr. Mrs. Parker
£10	No:	73	Mr. Mrs. Knott

We would welcome any new members to the 200 club.
If you would like to join, please contact Tricia Shand—01235 764222
or email: the.shandies@btinternet.com

St Nicholas Church, East Challow

Church Alterations: Toilet, Entrance and Servery

We now have permission from the Diocese to proceed with the project.

The aim is to make the church more welcoming, accessible and more usable for a wider range of church and village activities; by sensitively introducing some modern facilities, making the building more compatible with the needs and expectations of the 21st century. This involves providing a toilet suitable for disabled people, reorganising the entrance area, adding some basic catering facilities, and making the external access more disabled friendly with the path ramped up to the entrance.

We have detailed plans and costings; and a budget figure ~ £50,000

Although we will do some parts of the work ourselves and we hope to raise some of the total from grants, there is still an urgent need for substantial direct giving, and fund raising.

We will formally launch the project over the weekend of 13/14th May, with a Gift Day on Saturday 13th May.

Gift Day

Saturday 13th May, St Nicholas Church

Members of the church will be available at the church from 9 am to 4 pm to show and explain the plans and to receive any contributions.

We are seeking your generous support in the form of giving, pledges, or by organising fund raising events.

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Village News

OUR VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Presentation of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for East Challow took a step forward at a packed public meeting in Challow & Childrey Cricket Club on Monday 13th March where more than seventy villagers took part in an exercise to examine the strengths, weaknesses of the village, and the threats and opportunities facing it in the future.

The Government created neighbourhood planning to empower local people to direct and shape the way their communities grow and develop into the future. If the Plan meets basic conditions, set out in law and checked by an independent examiner, the community can vote on it at referendum; if more than 50% of the people who vote say 'yes', the District Council formally adopts the plan and uses it in deciding planning matters.

East Challow Parish Council wants to develop a NP in order to:-

- provide for changing housing needs, have a say in where housing is sited, in what type of housing is developed, and in the style of development
- preserve the rural character of the village and focus new development in areas which do not disturb the heart of the village.
- avoid congruence with Wantage
- encourage development in the area which contributes to the development of the Western Relief Road and thus reduces the current traffic flow on the A417
- see increased employment opportunities in the vicinity
- encourage more housing and facilities for the elderly and for young families
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- preserve the high quality and accessible countryside setting of the village and protect the valued neighbouring green spaces.

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OUR VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN Cont:-

To this end the NP is to provide a guide for development within the parish including specific planning policies to instruct and guide both developers and landowners, and to enhance the built environment, infrastructure and community resources.

The next step is to design a questionnaire and undertake a survey to gather views which will contribute to a first draft of the NP.

If you would like more information or are interested in getting involved, please contact Peter Rumsey (Chair, NP Steering Group) on 07580 291258.



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Please clean up after your dog.

VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS

We have vacancies for parish councillors. The Parish Council represents and serves the whole community of East Challow and is responsible for maintaining the local environment and amenities. If you are interested in joining the team please contact the clerk for more information.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 12 April 2017. 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:

PARISH COUNCILLORS: Vanessa Bosley (Chairman), 764068;
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