

THE RIDGEWAY BENEFICE

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Childrey with West Challow: Letcombe Bassett: Letcombe Regis:
Sparsholt with Kingston Lisle

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NB rest day: Tuesday

Dear Friends,

When I was a newly-wed student living with a lovely family in *The Old Rectory* it never crossed my mind that years later we would live in a rectory. Having lost touch with the family imagine my surprise when I discovered *The Old Rectory* on the front cover of a new book. Eleanor Stewart is now an author of two books: *Kicking the Habit* and *New Habits*.

Kicking the Habit by Eleanor Stewart.

Eleanor tells of her life as a nun and a midwife in a large inner- city hospital in Liverpool. While Beatlemania grips the nation, she is trying to co-ordinate the demands of the religious life with the drama, excitement and occasional tragedy of the hospital world.

New Habits by Eleanor Stewart.

Eight years later, she left the Order and found herself in Liverpool, thrown into the world of the late 1960s, with its free and easy attitude to relationships. After some foolish mistakes, she settles down and marries - yet she was devastated to discover that she was unable to have children. She and her husband then embarked on the path to adoption, eventually becoming parents to two lovely children, and now grandchildren.....

Happy holiday reading!

Blessings,
Leonora

CHILDREY

Friday 3rd July at 12.30pm The Tear Fund Lunch will be held at the home of Sue & Julian Worth, Appleton House, West Street. All Welcome!

WEST CHALLOW

You may have noticed the churchyard has not been cut. This is intentional, as we are trying to encourage more flowers to grow in the churchyard, so the grass will be cut in late July and then again in the Autumn. We are trying to create a wild flower field without scalping the grass! We will be looking for some volunteers to help pick up the cuttings in August!

KINGSTON LISLE

The church is now closed for our restoration works, which we hope to complete in time for Christmas, and we are within £10,000 of our revised £315,000 fundraising target. Many thanks to all our wonderful donors. There are still porch roof tiles available to sponsor at a suggested £5 each - please contact Serena Sissons if you'd like to do this.

SPARSHOLT

Saturday 4th July at 7.30pm Concert at Sparsholt Church – The Carducci String Quartet who are recognised as one of today's most successful string quartets are returning to Sparsholt and will play music by Haydn, Shostakovich and Mendelssohn. Tickets from: Anthony Lee 751247, Henry Newton 751540 or Wantage Museum 760176. (£20 – Nave, £15 Chancel & Side Chapel)

Sunday 12th July - The St James' Singers Recital – Choral Evensong at The Church of the Holy Rood, Sparsholt. The afternoon will begin with a short recital at 4:30pm followed by tea and cakes in The Griffin Memorial Hall and then 6:00pm Choral Evensong in the church.



Don't forget that Christ Church Cathedral in Oxford is *YOUR* Cathedral! Parishioners from across the Diocese may apply for a free entry pass by completing an application form and sending it with SAE to the Cathedral office. It allows entry to pray and look around. For an application form telephone 01865 276492 or visit www.chch.ox.ac.uk/cathedral/visiting and search for Free Passes.

AND JUST FOR FUN – CHURCH SPEAK!

Choir: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lip-sync.

Hymn: A song of praise usually sung in a key two octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

Ridgeway Benefice Church Services for July 2015

	5 th July	12 th July	19 th July	26 th July	2 nd August
	<i>5th Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>6th Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>7th Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>8th Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>9th Sunday after Trinity</i>
Childrey	8:30am HC B	10:00am Family Communion	6:00pm Evensong BCP	11:00am Family Service Methodist Church	8:30am HC B
West Challow	11:30am Family Service		8:30am HC A		11:30am Family Service
Letcombe Regis	10:00am HC A	10:00am Matins	10:00am Morning Prayer	10:00am HC B	10:00am HC A
Letcombe Bassett		8:30am HC B		6:00pm Evensong	
Sparsholt		6:00pm Choral Evensong*			11:30am Baptism
Kingston Lisle	St John the Baptist Church at Kingston Lisle is now closed for renovations until 30 th November 2015				

HC A: Holy Communion in Modern English (Red Book); HC B: Holy Communion in Traditional English (Green Book); BCP: Book of Common Prayer; Matins: Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer; Morning Prayer on a Sunday from Common Worship

West Challow	5th July	Family Service	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	12th July	Matins	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	19th July	Morning Prayers (CW)	Lay led
West Challow	19th July	Holy Communion (A)	The Revd Antonia Cretney
Childrey	19th July	Evensong	Lay led
West Challow	2nd August	Family Service	Lay led

Childrey Methodist Services

5th July	6:00pm	Revd Martin Smithson
12th July	11:00am	Brenda Boyer from Wallingford
19th July	11:00am	Revd Martin Smithson
26th July	11:00am	Family Service led by Andrew Lockley from Grove

Celebrating 60 years of Choral Music'
Wantage Choral Society
7:30pm Saturday 27th June 2015
Sparsholt Church

Please send any items for Contact to:-
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elizabeth@lesters.org.uk by the 15th
July. Thank you!