

THE RIDGEWAY BENEFICE

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Dear Friends,

At 6:00pm on Sunday 17th May St. Michael and All Angels, Letcombe Bassett, would like to invite you to join them for a service of Compline. This is a new initiative and one that we hope will become part of our regular pattern of worship.

The ancient office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion' (completorium). It is above all a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. It is most effective when the ending is indeed an ending, without additions, conversation or noise. When Compline is held in a church, those present depart in silence.

St. Michael and All Angels is a beautiful setting for this ancient office, offering space to sit and be, before the beginning of the working week. I commend it to you.

Blessings,
Leonora

The Revd Leonora A. Hill



CHILDREY

We are delighted to report that the target of £35,000 for our appeal '*Bringing St.Mary's into the 21st Century Appeal*' has been reached. We have also received a separate grant for exterior maintenance to be carried out to guttering, drainage and roof repairs. The works will be starting shortly.

Friday 24th April – St.George's Day Pop-Up Supper 7.30 pm Childrey Village Hall. Tickets £20 for 3 course supper, musical items and fun readings. Licensed bar. Proceeds to St.Mary's and raffle proceeds to Oxfam for Vanuata Appeal. Tickets available from Sue Worth (dinnerpartyblues@hotmail.com – Tel: 751563) or Childrey Village Shop or churchwardens Linda Soames Tel: 751297 or John Martin 751809.

Friday 1st May – 12.30pm Tear Fund Lunch to be held at Wakerley, Stowhill, the home of Marion & Ian Flower. All welcome to come and support the work of Tear Fund.

Diary Date - 20th June Church Fete in the garden of Childrey Manor from 3.00 – 6.00pm

WEST CHALLOW

We are pleased to report that the grand sum of £600 was raised at the recent "Cotton to Gold" talk. Many thanks to Penny Vaughan Fowler for organising this event.

KINGSTON LISLE

It was wonderful to have a full church on Easter Sunday. We aim to start our restoration works in early July, so the church will stay open for our 17th May and 21st June Family Communion services. Please join us for a last chance to see the church before the works. And please contact Serena Sissons to sponsor a tile or

two on the new porch roof if you haven't already!

LETCOMBE BASSETT

Diary Dates - On Saturday, 13th June at 7.30 p.m. a concert of light music in aid of the church will be given by members of Steventon Choral Society in St Michael and All Angels, Letcombe Bassett. Tickets will be £10 and will include refreshments. Please contact Lindsey Fellingham (Churchwarden) on 764714 or Judi Wilde for tickets.

Sunday 14th June - 2pm - 5:30 pm. Letcombe Bassett Gardens will be open. Wander around the village, past the old watercress beds and stop for tea and homemade cakes in the village hall. There will be an Organ recital in the church from 4 pm. Tickets £4 for adults, free for children. Proceeds to St. Michael's church."

LETCOMBE REGIS

A memorable evening was held on the 11th April when a full church of people listened to a wonderful concert by The Florian Quartet. Thank you to all who supported the event.

On **Sunday 3rd May** at 6pm Christchurch Cathedral Choir in Oxford will be leading a celebratory service of lessons and carols for Eastertide.

Easter Day was such a joyous celebration! Thank you to everyone who cleaned and decorated our churches, read, sang and played at our Easter services and led, supported and worshipped with us during Holy Week and Easter.

A Prayer for the appointment of the new Bishop of Oxford

Gracious Lord and shepherd of your pilgrim Church, We bless you and praise you that you have gathered us, from across this Diocese, to be one flock, within one fold.

By your Spirit, give us wisdom, courage and faith as we seek a faithful pastor who will sustain us on the journey, feed us with word and sacrament and nurture our 'Living Faith' inspiring us to follow you ever more closely. This we ask in the name of Jesus, our loving, faithful shepherd, who is the beginning and the end of all that we are and seek and do.
Amen

CHILDREY METHODIST SERVICES - MAY

3 rd May – 6pm	Katherine Pickering from Didcot
10 th May – 11am	Rev Martin Smithson - Holy Communion
17 th May – 11am	Gill Morton from Wantage
24 th May – 11am	Family Service with St Mary's at the Methodist church led by Michael Howlett from Didcot
31 st May – 11am	Alan Smith from Wallingford

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISM

Bella-Rose Crook	22 nd March	West Challow
Aliza Linda-Mae Inns	4 th April	Letcombe Bassett

FUNERAL

Mollie Fletcher	23 rd March	West Challow
Jean Rees	9 th April	Letcombe Bassett

**We Make the Road by Walking by Brian McLaren
A Year Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation and Activation**

This Eastertide come and join us

either on a Monday morning or a Wednesday evening.
Mondays: 10:00am – 11:45am: Ridgeway Rectory, Letcombe Regis
Wednesdays: 7:45 – 9:15pm The Lesters, Childrey
If you are interested in following our discussions and these timings are not convenient then please get in touch and notes from the meetings will be sent to you

ORGANIST

It is always good to have an organist to lead our Sunday worship. If you know of anyone who would be willing to play for the churches of the Ridgeway either on a regular basis or when time permits please ask them to get in touch with the Rector.

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Ridgeway Benefice Church Services for May 2015

May	3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st	7th June
	5th Sunday of Easter	6th Sunday of Easter	7th Sunday of Easter	Pentecost	Trinity Sunday	1st Sunday after Trinity
Childrey	8:30am HC B	10:00am Family Communion	6:00pm Evensong BCP	11:00am Family Service at Methodist Church		8:30am HC B
West Challow	11:30 am Baptism		8:30am HC A		10:00 HC A	11:30am Family Service
Letcombe Regis	10:00am HC A	10:00am Matins BC P	10:00am Morning Prayer on Sunday	10:00am HC B		10:00am HCA
Letcombe Bassett		8:30am HC B	6:00pm Compline	6:00pm Evensong BCP		
Sparsholt		6:00pm Evensong BCP		8:30am HC BCP		
Kingston Lisle			10:00am Family Communion			

HC A: Holy Communion in Modern English (Red Book); HC B: Holy Communion in Traditional English (Green Book); BCP: Book of Common Prayer; CW : Common Worship

Letcombe Regis	10th May	Matins BCP	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	17th May	Morning Prayer (CW)	Lay led
Kingston Lisle	17th May	Family Communion	The Revd Antonia Cretney
Letcombe Bassett	17th May	Compline	Lay led
Sparsholt	24th May	HC BCP	The Revd Paul Faint
Letcombe Regis	24th May	HCB	The Revd Paul Faint
Letcombe Bassett	24th May	Evensong BCP	The Red Antonia Cretney

The Ridgeway Benefice is hosting our next Deanery Synod Meeting
at 7:30pm on Thursday 21st May in Kingston Lisle Village Hall.

Please send any items for Contact to:- Chic Cook 01235 751078 or email:
elizabeth@lesters.org.uk by the 15th April. Thank you!