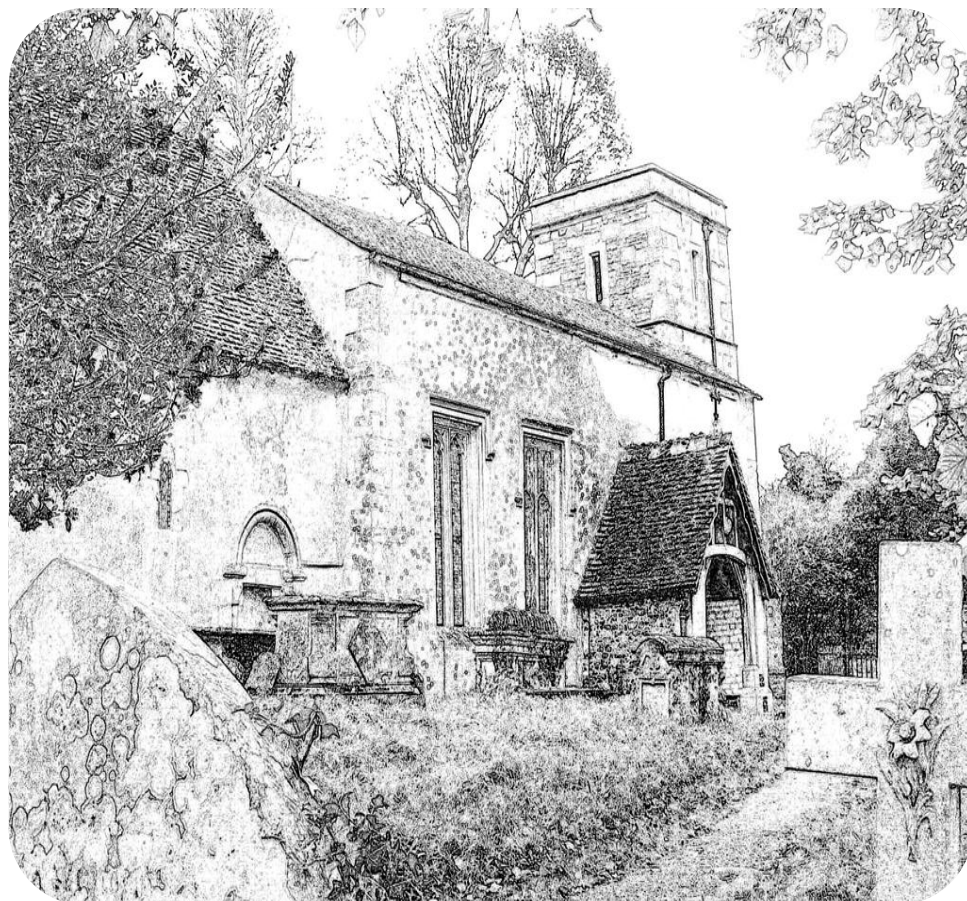


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The Ridgeway Churches

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



*St Michael and All Angels Church,
Letcombe Bassett*



APRIL 2016

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Dear Friends,

“While we walk along” Luke 24.17

Last month The Archbishop of Canterbury and The Archbishop of York wrote to every serving parish priest in the Church of England inviting us to join in a week of prayer for the evangelisation of our nation in the week leading up to Pentecost (8th – 15th May 2016).

At the heart of our prayers will be the words that Jesus Christ himself taught us **‘Thy kingdom come, thy will be done... We will be taking part in this initiative with more information to follow next month; in the meantime check out the website www.thykingdom.co.uk**

Blessings,

Leonora

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISM

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| Harry Hugo De Quincey Adams | 12 th March 2016 | West Challow |
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FUNERAL

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| Geoffrey Stephen Rea | 23 rd February 2016 | Childrey |
| Albert Edgar Boyes | 25 th February 2016 | Letcombe Regis |
| Griffiths Grantham Richard Cox | 11 th March 2016 | Childrey |

PALM SUNDAY

The first time Bishop Colin has blessed two loos in one day! Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate the day with us. St. John the Baptist, Kingston Lisle looked beautiful. The first performance of Bishop Peter’s Pilgrimage Prayer sung by the Festival Choir and, celebratory drinks afterwards, added to the sense of occasion. There was a welcome cup of coffee at St. Andrew’s, Letcombe Regis where Bishop Colin blessed the first loo and kitchenette of the day.

In the afternoon Childrey village choir and members of the congregation lined the new footpath at St. Mary’s to welcome Bishop Colin and before entering the church he blessed the new porch doors that have been made in memory of Tom Marks. During the service Bishop Colin blessed the kitchenette and loo and commissioned the new Pastoral Team. The village choir sang and scrumptious cakes and tea followed. A day to remember!

Coming Soon...!

Saturday 2nd April - Letcombe Regis WI along with St Andrew's Church is holding a 'Celebration of Spring Bulbs' to mark the Queen's Special Birthday! St Andrews Church will be decorated with spring flowers and memorabilia of the Queen's life. Teas will be served between 2pm and 5pm.

Sunday 3rd April – Kingston Lisle – Please do join us at our Family Communion at 10am as this service moves to the first Sunday of the month.

Thursday 14th April – Childrey with West Challow Annual Parochial Church Council meeting at 7.30pm in Childrey Methodist Church.

Thursday 21st April at 7pm - We will be welcoming the Music Students from King Alfred's Academy to record their pieces for their forthcoming examinations. We started this new venture last year and provided a wonderful audience to support the young performers through this important part of their course. Everyone is invited to come along, swell the audience numbers and enjoy a wide variety of music. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

Saturday 23rd April – St George's Day Supper + Shakespeare! Food & Frolics!

Tickets (available from Childrey Village Shop or ring Sue on 751563) are £20 per person to include a 3 course meal. Licensed bar available.

Friday 27th May at 7pm, our friends from Hamburg Die Alten Knaben, will be giving a concert in St Mary's, Childrey. Further details next month.

And By the Way....!

Thank you to all those people in **Letcombe Regis** who supported the Clean For The Queen village clean-up!

In **Kingston Lisle** they are now raising the last £18,000, for their new pipe organ, part of the £400,000 restoration project. If anyone would like to sponsor one or more of the 20 stops and 700 pipes, please call Angus on 01235 751552.

West Challow is very pleased with the new hymn books with some more modern hymns. They are also fund raising and this can be done in the following way: "Text STLA and only amounts up to £10 and send to 70070,(for example: STLA£10)".

We would have to pay a lot more a month for amounts over £10 so every little will help us!

In **Childrey** the new facilities in St Mary's have already been proving their worth with the brilliant **Pop Up Tea Shop** last month which raised over £200 for the Little Ducks Pre-School and the beautiful **Choral Evensong** with the St James' Singers. Lots more plans in the pipeline.... And we welcome more ideas, so do get in touch with the Churchwardens with your thoughts – Linda (751297) and John (751809).

And one more thing, there will not be a Tear Fund Lunch in April, the next one will be on **Friday 6th May**.

Venue to be advised!

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

**Ridgeway Church Services
April 2016**

| | 3rd April | 10th April | 17th April | 24th April | 1st May |
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| | <i>The Second Sunday of Easter</i> | <i>The Third Sunday of Easter</i> | <i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> | <i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> | <i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> |
| Childrey | 8:30am Holy Communion | | 10:00am Family Communion | 11:30am Family Service at Methodist Church | 8:30am Holy Communion |
| West Challow | | 11.30am Family Service | | 11:30am Holy Communion | |
| Letcombe Regis | 10:00am Matins | 10:00am Holy Communion | 10:00am Matins | 10:00am Holy Communion | 10:00am Matins |
| Letcombe Bassett | | 6:00pm Evensong | 8:30am Holy Communion | | |
| Kingston Lisle | 10:00am Holy Communion | | | | 10:00am Holy Communion |

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| Childrey | 3 rd April | Holy Communion | The Revd Antonia Cretney |
| Kingston Lisle | 3 rd April | Holy Communion | The Revd Paul Faint |
| Letcombe Regis | 3 rd April | Matins | Lay Led |
| Letcombe Regis | 10 th April | Holy Communion | The Revd Paul Faint |
| West Challow | 10 th April | Family Service | Lay Led |
| Letcombe Bassett | 10 th April | Evensong | Lay Led |

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS 2016 (APCM)

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| Childrey & West Challow | Thursday 14 th April | 7:30pm | Childrey Methodist Church |
| Letcombe Bassett | Tuesday 19 th April | 7:30pm | Letcombe Bassett Village Hall |
| Letcombe Regis | Wednesday 20 th April | 7:30pm | St. Andrew's Church, |
| Sparsholt with Kingston Lisle | Thursday 21 st April | 7:30pm | Kingston Lisle Village Hall |

These meetings are for everyone on the electoral roll of their parish. Copies of the Annual Reports 2015 will be available in our churches for Easter. These hard copies are for you to take away and read in advance of the meetings. It is also possible to receive a copy by e-mail. Please contact your respective PCC secretary if you wish to do so. (PCC members will be sent a copy of the reports).

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| Letcombe Regis | david.allchin@btinternet.com |
| Sparsholt + Kingston Lisle | Serena.sissons@gmail.com |

The first meeting of the evening will be The Vestry Meeting. At this meeting the Churchwardens are elected. This meeting is open to all parishoners.