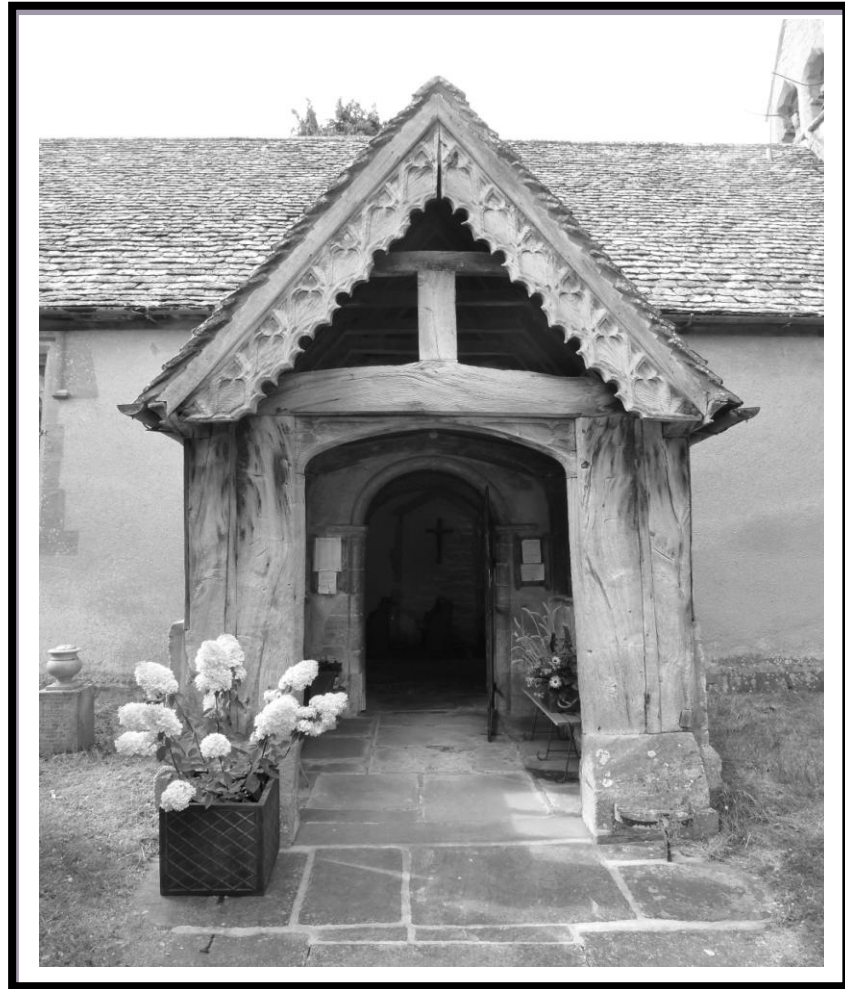


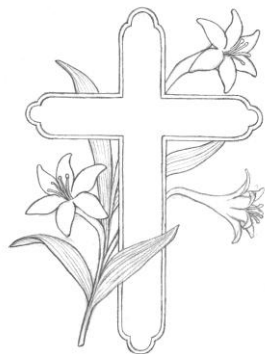
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The Ridgeway Churches

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APRIL 2017



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Dear Friends,

A grandson! New life is miraculous and what a joy!

When I think of the expectation, the hope, the pain and the joy of becoming a parent it reminds me of the Easter story. The hope and expectation of Palm Sunday, the journey through Holy Week, the pain and suffering of Good Friday and the joy of Easter Day. You can't go over it. You can't go under it. Oh no! You've got to go through it! What joy awaits us!

Have a happy, joyous Easter.

Easter Blessings,

Leonora

PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS		
Alfred Henry Hunt	18 th February 2017	Childrey
BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION		
Bruce Trevor Roberts	18 th March 2017	Letcombe Regis
FUNERALS		
Keith Raymond Waller	20 th February 2017	Letcombe Regis
Brian Edgar Culley	16 th March 2017	Childrey

Pilgrim Course

***Book Four is entitled "The Beatitudes":
What is the Christian Vision for the World?***

This course completes the first year of the Pilgrim Course. It begins on Thursday 20th April (no meeting on the 4th May) and ends on 1st June. It will be held in Childrey Village Hall with coffee and refreshments from 7.45pm. We start the study at 8pm and the aim is to finish by 9.30pm.

These sessions are designed for anyone interested in exploring faith, not just for regular church goers. It is a 'dip in, dip out' course and there is no commitment to attend every meeting. Everyone is welcome and study books, whilst not essential, are available.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY..

Saturday 8th April – Pilgrim Walk – A circular Walk from St Mary's Childrey to St Michael and All Angels Letcombe Bassett. Meet at St Mary's 9:30am – bring water bottle, snacks/lunch and raingear. Return by 2pm.

Friday 7th April – Tearfund Lunch to be held at Cedarwood, West Street, Childrey by kind invitation of Linda & Rob Soames. 12.30pm onwards – All welcome.

Sunday 9th April – Palm Sunday There will be a special service at 6pm at St Michael and All Angels Letcombe Bassett.

Saturday 15th April Easter Saturday Passion Play & Service of Light.

There will be a Passion Play in West Challow at 6pm. Anybody willing to take part, children especially welcome, contact Tania Watson on 07827973730 or email taniawatson@hotmail.com. The idea is to gather at the village hall by 6pm and we process to St. Laurence, West Challow (with a donkey or pony) where a short play will take place. Speaking roles available or simply come and spectate. After a short interval we will complete the Easter story with an adapted Service of Light, again children especially welcome.

Sunday 16th April - 10am Special Easter Day Service with the Village Choir at St Mary's Childrey, followed by an **Easter Egg Hunt!**

Thursday 20th April – First session of the new Pilgrim Course – 7.45pm Childrey Village Hall.

Monday 24th April - St Mary's Childrey APCM. 7.30pm Childrey Methodist Church. Everyone Welcome.

Wednesday 26th April – St Michael and All Angels Letcombe Bassett APCM. 7.30pm in Letcombe Bassett Village Hall. Everyone Welcome.

NOW ONTO MAY...!

Saturday 13th May – “**NINEBAROW**” - A brilliant Folk Duo, nominated for the Radio 2 Folk Awards will be playing at St Andrew's Church Letcombe Regis. Tickets from Paul – paul.fulford@gmail.com or 01235 411182

AND BY THE WAY...!

Letcombe Regis would like to thank all those who contributed to the great success of their Snowdrop Event, which so far, has raised £670 for Tearfund's Appeal for Middle East Refugees.

St Mary's Childrey are delighted that The Heritage Lottery Fund is awarding them a generous grant to help repair the South Transept roof after the lead theft last summer. The total cost is expected to be around £68k so, with the grant and the remaining reserves they will be able to undertake the work.

Grateful thanks to the **St James Singers** for a wonderful recital and Evensong at St Mary's last month: the retiring collection raised £250 towards the roof funds.

Links between St Mary's and King Alfred's School. Due to changes in the exams process, there will be no recording of exam pieces this Spring BUT a recital by students is planned in June/July. KA students will also be putting on an exhibition of their artwork for the Church Fête on Saturday 10th June.

Ridgeway Church Services
April 2017

	2nd April	9th April	16th April	23rd April	30th April	7th May
	<i>The Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>Easter Day</i>	<i>The Second Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>The Third Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>
Childrey	8:30am Communion by Extension		10:00am Family Service for Easter Day	11:30am Family Service		8:30am Holy Communion
West Challow		11:30am Family Service				
Letcombe Regis	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion	10:00am Family Communion	10:00am Holy Communion		10:00am Matins Noon Baptism
Letcombe Bassett		6:00pm Service for Palm Sunday	8:30am Holy Communion		10:00am Benefice Communion	
Sparsholt			11:30am Family Communion with Baptism			
Kingston Lisle	10:00am Family Communion		10:00am Family Communion			10:00am Family Communion

Childrey	2 nd April	Communion by Extension	Linda Soames
Letcombe Regis	2 nd April	Matins	Lay Led
Kingston Lisle	2 nd April	Family Communion	The Revd Tony Lynn
Kingston Lisle	16 th April	Family Communion	The Revd Paul Faint
Letcombe Regis	16 th April	Family Communion	The Revd Antonia Cretney

Sunday 9th April: Palm Sunday

Linda Soames will be preaching at St Andrew's Letcombe Regis

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