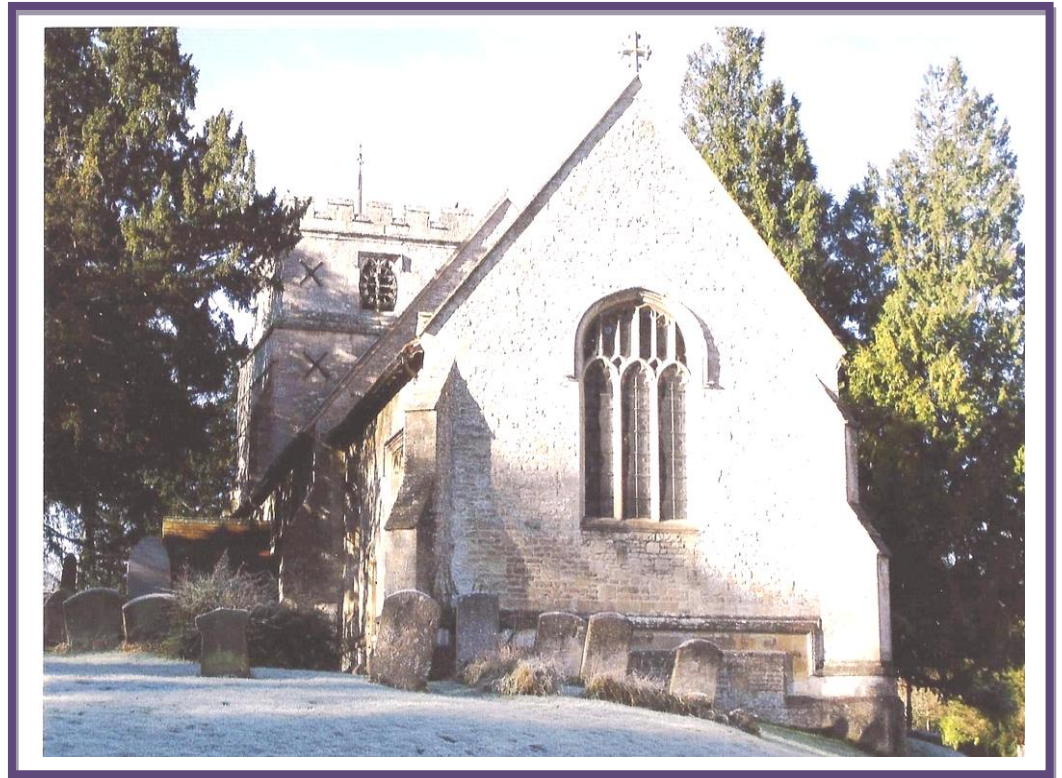


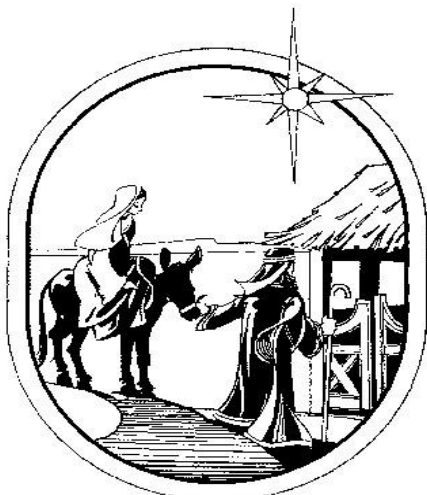
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DECEMBER 2017



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Dear Friends,

At the time of writing and only halfway through November, the commercials for Christmas are everywhere to be seen and heard. As our lives speed up in the coming weeks I'd like to suggest we pause to try and find the still small voice of calm during Advent. I shall be reading *The Grace of Waiting: Learning Patience and Embracing Its Gifts* by Margaret Whipple, formerly a Consultant oncologist, then an inspirational teacher of Pastoral studies at Ripon College and now an Anglican Priest, Lead Chaplain at the Oxford University Hospitals Trust.

Please try and set time aside this Advent for reading and when Christmas comes may it be a joyful one.

Love and prayers

Leonora



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISM		
Lewis Steven Evans	4 th November 2017	Letcombe Regis
Lakeysha Margaret Jayne Collett	5 th November 2017	Letcombe Regis

A Course for Advent: Exploring The Beatitudes

10:30am – Noon Tuesday 5th, 12th, 19th December Ridgeway Rectory, Letcombe Regis.

Copies of the course booklet are now available. Please let Leonora know if you are planning to attend the course so that she give you a course booklet before the first session on 5th December. Tel: 01235 760112, revd.lahill@btinternet.com

Bishop Peter's Pilgrimage Prayer

O Lord God, from whom we come, in whom we are enfolded, to whom we shall return: bless us in our pilgrimage through life; with the power of the Father protecting, with the love of Jesus in dwelling, and the light of the Spirit guiding, until we come to our ending, in life and love eternal. Amen

I hope you have an Advent filled with anticipation and expectation and a Christmas filled with joy and peace and love

With love and blessings

Rector Leonora



DECEMBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...!!

On Wednesdays 6th & 13th December there will be two Advent meetings at The Lesters, Childrey, starting at 7.45pm to consider "The Story we all know". This fresh look at Christmas will be quite informal and will include music and poetry. Please ring Peter or Chic on 01235 751078 if you would like to join us. It is not essential to come to both so just come when you can!

Friday 8th December – A Christmas Tree kindly donated by White Horse Feeds will be on placed on Childrey Village Green. The Ridgeway School, along with Little Ducks, will be making & hanging decorations from 11am. Thereafter the village is invited to make, create or donate a decoration and add to the tree over the weeks leading up to Christmas. Alternatively villagers can pop into St Mary's and collect a decoration to place on the tree.

Friday 8th December – A Tearfund Lunch will be held at Appleton House, West Street, Childrey by kind invitation of Sue & Julian Worth 12.30pm onwards. All welcome and there will be charity Christmas cards & small gifts for sale.

Saturday 9th December – 10am Childrey Village Choir will sing carols around the tree and Rector Leonora will give a blessing. All welcome, mulled wine and mince pies will be served!

Saturday 9th December – St Andrews Letcombe Regis at 3pm Joe Barber will give an Organ Recital of music for Advent & Christmas. Joe is a 3rd year organ scholar at Balliol College and we

look forward to hearing him play, Tickets £5 each and available from Richmond Village Shop or Denise Elliott on 767471 or Penny Barber.

Sunday 10th December 10am – Come and gather around the tree and listen to Wantage Silver Band play traditional carols. There will be hot drinks and festive treats!

Sunday 10th December at 4pm – Christingle Service at St Mary's Childrey. Everyone welcome especially children and families, for this magical time where we tell the Christingle story with oranges, candlelight and sweets. Collection to go The Children's Society. This will be followed by refreshments kindly organised by the Parish Council and will include hot dogs, mulled wine and mince pies!

Saturday 16th December at 6pm – St Andrews Letcombe Regis will be holding their Carol Service at 6pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies! As usual, St Andrews is collecting gifts for children and warm clothes for the homeless. Please wrap and label gifts saying what age group they are suitable for and place them beneath the Christmas Tree in church.

Sunday 18th December – Childrey's Carol Service will be held in St Mary's this year, at 3pm where everyone is most welcome.

Christmas Day Crib Service at 10am in St Mary's with the Village Choir leading the singing. Always a very special Christmas morning at St Mary's!

AND BY THE WAY...!

Many thanks from West Challow to all those who attended the recent talk given by Caroline Jackson and we raised over £320 for the Church.



Ridgeway Church Services December 2017



	3 rd December	10 th December	17 th December	24 th December	25 th December	31 st December
	<i>The First Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>The Second Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>The Third Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>The First Sunday of Christmas</i>
Childrey	8:30am Holy Communion	4:00pm Christingle Service	3:00pm Carol Service	11:30pm Midnight Communion	10:00am Crib Service	
West Challow		11:30am Carol Service			11:30am Family Communion	10:00am Benefice Communion
Letcombe Regis	10:00am Holy Communion	10:00am Holy Communion	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion	10:00am Family Communion	
Letcombe Bassett		6:00pm Carol Service	8:30am Holy Communion	4:00pm Crib Service	8:30am Holy Communion	
Sparsholt	6:00pm *Advent Carol Service			8.30am Holy Communion	10:00am Carol Service	
Kingston Lisle	10:00am Family Communion		6:00pm Carol Service	11:30pm Midnight Communion	10:00am Family Communion	

Letcombe Regis	3 rd December	Advent Sunday HC	The Revd Paul Faint
Kingston Lisle	24 th December	Christmas Eve - Midnight HC	The Revd Tony Lynn
Kingston Lisle	25 th December	Christmas Day - Family HC	The Revd Paul Faint
Letcombe Regis	25 th December	Christmas Day - Family hC	The Revd Antonia Cretney
Sparsholt	25 th December	Christmas Day- Carol Service	Lay led

Sunday 3rd December - First Sunday of Advent 6pm Advent Carol Service

Our Benefice Choir will be leading this candlelit service to mark the beginning of Advent

Wednesday 13th December

7:30pm Taizé Service at St. Laurence, West Challow

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**Merry
Christmas**

Please send any items for Signpost by the 15th of each month to Chic Cook at elizabeth@lesters.org.uk or ring 01235 751078