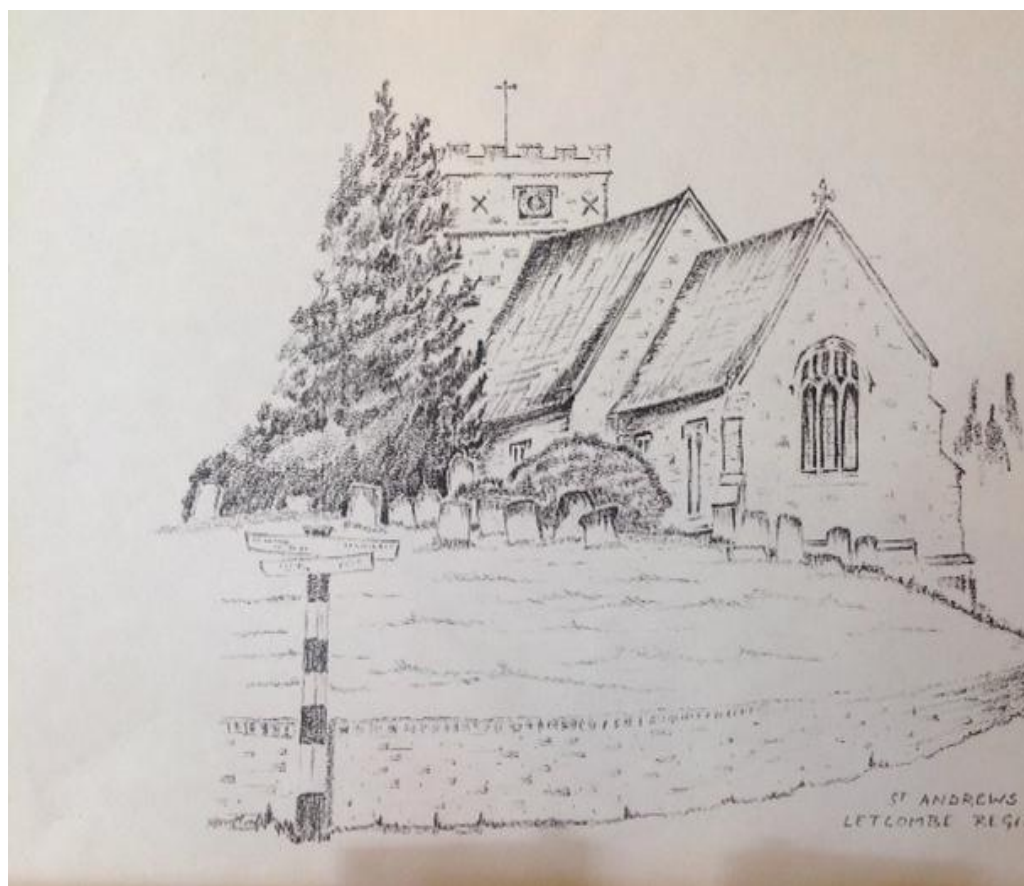


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The Ridgeway Churches

*Childrey: Kingston Lisle:
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Sparsholt & West Challow*



FEBRUARY 2016

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Dear Friends,

'While we walk along' Luke 24.17

I hope you will join us for our Lent study course. Following on from Advent we have chosen a York Course written by Bishop Stephen Cottrell. This study of the psalms is accompanied by a CD featuring distinguished contributors including Revd John Bell of the Iona Community and Fr Timothy Radcliffe a Dominican Friar.

"This course will introduce you to the psalms as God's offer of words to shape your praying, words so poignant and precise that Jesus turned to them as he hung upon the cross". (Bishop Stephen Cottrell).

For more details see below...!

Blessings

Leonora

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

MARRIAGE

Charles Thomas Osbourn Maxwell & Amelia Florance Anne Cornes 19th December 2015 Sparsholt

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Anne Elizabeth Gough 5th January 2016 Letcombe Regis

**LENT STUDY COURSE:
CHILDREY VILLAGE HALL**

**Thursday 18th February – Thursday 17th March 2016
7:30 – 9:00pm**

The Psalms: prayers for today's church

A course in five sessions written by Stephen Cottrell

It helps enormously if everyone has their own course booklet (£3.49).

Please ask Leonora for a copy or order on-line www.yorkcourses.co.uk

CHRISTIAN AID: COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS 2016

This Lent, reflect each day on the blessings in your life and join the charity in giving thanks. Be inspired by daily opportunities to give, act and pray for communities in need. christianaid.org.uk/lent

Coming Soon....!

Friday 5th February : The Tear Fund Lunch will be held at Paddocks End, West Street, Childrey, from 12.30pm, by kind invitation of Bryan & Pat Winsley, Do come along and support the very valuable work of Tear Fund, everyone most welcome.

Sunday 7th February at 3:00pm there will be lay led **Compline service** at St Michael & All Angels, Letcombe Bassett. To those who have not been before, Compline is a short service of prayer and reflection lasting about 20 minutes.

Saturday 20th February there will be a **Lent Soup Lunch** from noon to 2:00pm at Limetree House, South Street, Letcombe Regis in aid of The Mission Aviation Fellowship. Then at St Andrew's 10:00am service on Sunday 21st February, a visiting speaker from MAF will tell us more about the charity and how it flies aid into many remote areas of the world. Please come and support MAF and enjoy some delicious homemade soups!

Half Term Week: Sunday 14th – Sunday 20th February. We are delighted that St Mary's Church will be hosting an exhibition by local Childrey artist, Lenny Cornforth entitled 'A Thousand Lines'. The Church will be open during daylight hours – everyone is welcome during these times. Website: lenny.slidingboxes.com. Twitter: @MsCornforth. Please see Childrey/Sparsholt Newsletter for more details.

On Sunday 20th March (Palm Sunday) at 10am, now the scaffolding is down and the

restoration works are nearly complete, there will be a re opening service at St John the Baptist Kingston Lisle with Bishop Colin and our MP Ed Vaizey will also be in attendance. More details next month's Signpost!

And By the Way....!

At St Mary's, Childrey, we would like to express our appreciation to everyone who gave so generously to the Christmas collections. £222.70 was raised for the Children's Society at the Christingle service; our three Christmas services raised £541 for the Toilet Twinning charity so we have been able to sponsor two school toilet blocks and one household latrine.

The building works in St Mary's are very nearly finished now and have been much admired by all. The finishing touch is the pair of beautiful oak doors, generously given in memory of Tom Marks by his family. We look forward to welcoming the Bishop of Dorchester to St Mary's on 20th March to bless all the work that has recently been done.

Saturday 12th March watch out for news of the pop-up teashop in St Mary's Childrey!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Please get in touch with Rector Leonora if you are thinking about being confirmed.

Ridgeway Benefice Church Services for February 2016

	31 st January	7 th February	14 th February	21 st February	28 th February	6 th March
	Candlemas*	Sunday next before Lent	1st Sunday of lent	2nd Sunday of Lent	3rd Sunday of Lent	Mothering Sunday
Childrey	12 noon Baptism	8:30am Holy Communion HC B		10:00am Family Communion HC A	11:30am Family Service at Childrey Methodists	10:00am Family Service for Mothering Sunday
West Challow	10:00:8:am Benefice Communion		11:30am Family Service		8:30am Holy Communion HC A	
Letcombe Regis		10:00am Matins BCP	10:00am Holy Communion HC B	10:00am Morning Prayer CW	10:00am Family Communion	10:00am Matins BCP
Letcombe Bassett		3:00pm Compline		8:30am Holy Communion HC B		3:00pm Family Service
Sparsholt			3:00pm Family Service**			8:30am Holy communion HC B

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
 MPCW: Morning Prayer on a Sunday from Common Worship

St. John the Baptist, Kingston Lisle will remain closed until the Grand Opening on Palm Sunday (20th March 2016)

***Candlemas: Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

Ash Wednesday:

11:00am Holy Communion (HC B) St Andrew's, Letcombe Regis
 7:30pm Holy Communion (HC B) St Mary's, Childrey

St Valentine's Day: Sunday 14th February

**3:00pm Family Service in *Celebration of Love* at The Church of the Holy Rood Sparsholt

Wednesday 24th February

7:30pm Taize Service St Laurence, West Challow

Sunday 20th March: Palm Sunday

Bishop Colin - Acting Bishop of Oxford and Ed Vaizey MP visit the Ridgeway
 Full details next month

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!
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