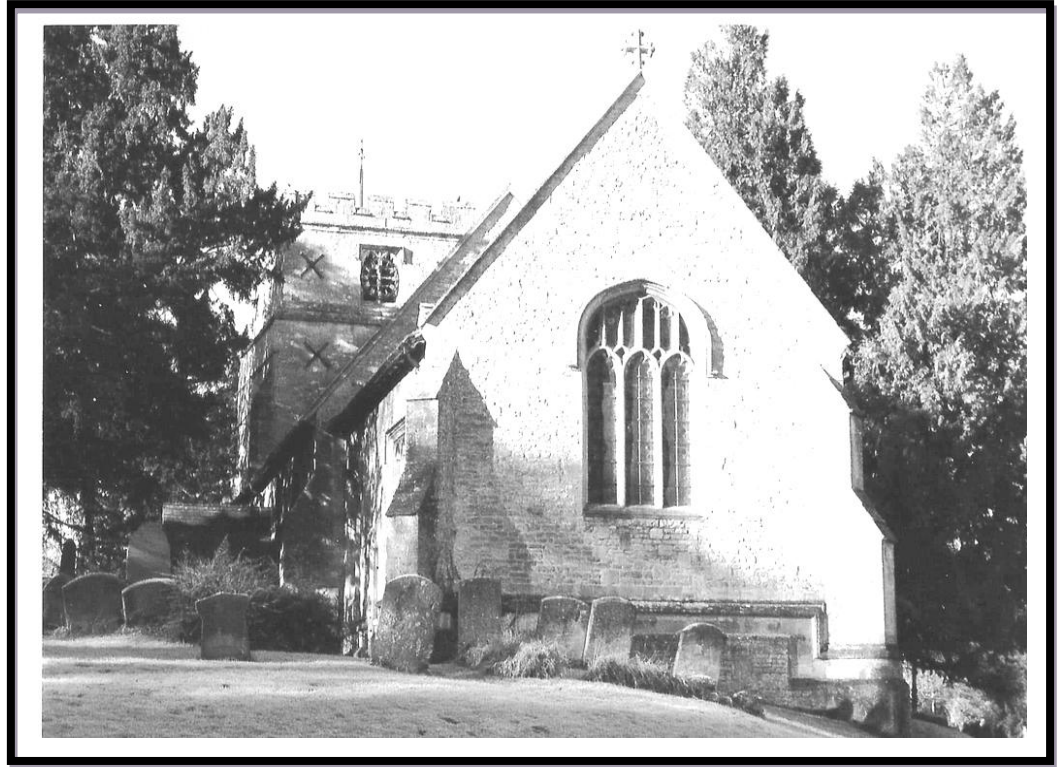


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FEBRUARY 2017



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Dear Friends,

On a recent journey to see my family in Perth my international flight was delayed which meant that I visited three cities not just one. For the frequent flier I expect it is a familiar experience to touch down at a city airport on their way to their final destination. It is so easy to treat life like that; in a state of transition, not fully present. We think of the past and concentrate on the future and do not live the moment.

Let's live the moment and see, hear, touch, smell, taste and experience life in all its fullness.

Blessings

Leonora

Pilgrim Course

***Book Three is entitled "The Commandments":
How do Christians Behave.***

This course will begin on Thursday 23rd February and end on the 30th March and will be held in Childrey Village Hall. Coffee and refreshments from 7.45pm and 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.

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

COMING SOON...!!

Friday 3rd February sees our first **Tear Fund Lunch** of 2017 which will be held at Paddocks End West Street Childrey by kind invitation of Pat and Bryan Winsley. They look forward to seeing you there from 12.30 onwards!

Saturday 11th February – will be the next **Pilgrim Walk**. This will be a circular walk leaving St Mary's Childrey at 9.30am to arrive at St Andrew's Letcombe Regis for prayers followed by coffee from Letcombe Regis village shop before returning to St Mary's Childrey for 1:00pm.

Saturday 25th February – **A Snowdrop Event!** This a joint venture between St Andrew's Church and the Letcombes WI. Everyone is invited to come and see the spectacular display of early spring bulbs throughout the village and churchyard and also enjoy tea and cakes served by the WI in St Andrew's Church between 2pm and 4pm.

Saturday 4th March – **Interested in leading Intercessions?** There will be a morning workshop at Letcombe Bassett Village Hall from 9:30am to 12:30pm for those who already lead 'the prayers of the people' or anyone who would like to learn. This will be a very practical session, with time to share experiences, ideas and resources and to prepare some prayers. The morning will be led by The Revd Charles Chadwick: Parish Development Adviser.

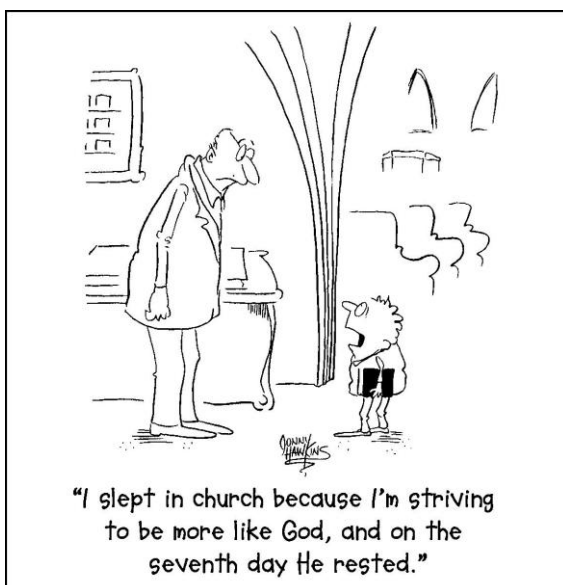
There is no course fee but a suggested donation of £2.50 payable on the day and there is no need to book – but it would be useful to have an idea of numbers so if you are planning to attend please contact

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AND BY THE WAY...!

Kingston Lisle – The final designs for their new pipe organ are coming together. If you would like to sponsor a pipe for a suggested donation of £10 per pipe, there are only 40 out of 649 remaining! Please call 01235 751552 or email angus.saer@btinternet.com Names can be engraved for posterity!

Letcombe Regis – St Andrews Lent Soup Lunch will be held on Saturday 18th March. More details in March Signpost.



The Editor would like to thank Bridget Benn for her lovely photo of St Andrews Church, Letcombe Regis, taken on a bright and sunny frosty morning! We are always pleased to receive photos or pencil drawings by email or "hard copy" of any of the churches in our Benefice for the front cover of Signpost.

Ridgeway Church Services February 2017

	5 th February	12 th February	19 th February	26 th February	5 th March
	<i>Fourth Sunday before Lent</i>	<i>Third Sunday before Lent</i>	<i>Second Sunday before Lent</i>	<i>Sunday Next before Lent</i>	<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>
Childrey	8:30am Holy Communion		10:00am Family Communion	11:30am Family Service Childrey Methodist Church	8:30am Holy Communion
West Challow		11:30am Family Service		8:30am 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 Compline		8:30am Holy Communion		
Sparsholt	11:30am Baptism	6:00pm Evening Prayer			
Kingston Lisle	10:00am Family Communion				10:00am Family Communion

Letcombe Regis	5 th February	Matins	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	19 th February	Matins	Lay led
Kingston Lisle	5 th February	Family Communion	Sue Worth will be preaching
ASH WEDNESDAY			
Letcombe Regis	Wednesday 1 st March	11:00am	Holy Communion (said)
Childrey	Wednesday 1 st March	7:30pm	Holy Communion (said)

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