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## *The Ridgeway Churches*

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



## *JANUARY 2016*

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*NB rest day: Tuesday*

Dear Friends,

***'While we walk along' Luke 24.17***

As we begin the New Year, we look forward to welcoming Bishop Colin, our MP Ed Vaizey and sponsors to celebrate the completion of the various restoration projects and new initiatives that will have been completed in the Ridgeway churches.

Please book the date: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March (Palm Sunday). The itinerary for the day is still being planned but it will include the grand re-opening of St. John the Baptist, Kingston Lisle, along with celebrations to mark the completion of the restoration works and installation of a kitchenette and toilet at St. Mary's, Childrey and St. Andrew's, Letcombe Regis, as well as the newly renovated church path at Letcombe Bassett.

It will be a day to remember and I hope you will be able to join us at some point during the day.

Happy New Year,

Leonora

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**FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

**BURIAL OF ASHES**

Ida Winifred Morow

12<sup>th</sup> November

Childrey

**BURIAL**

Brenda Ann Izzard

8<sup>th</sup> December

Letcombe Bassett

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***Thank you for all your Christmas cards and best wishes for the New Year.***

***Happy New Year***

***Leonora and Peter Hill, Ridgeway Rectory***

Thank you to everyone who cleaned and decorated churches, read lessons, played instruments, sang in choirs, provided refreshments, prepared for our services, led services and welcomed and worshipped with us this Christmas.

It was a joy to share the festival season with you all.

*Leonora*

## *Coming Soon....!*

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016 - Open Ridgeway Council Meeting 7:00 for 7:30pm in Childrey Village Hall. Presentation: "A Pause Along the Way"** An opportunity for us to look back over 2015 and outline priorities for the new year. Everyone welcome!

**Sunday 31st January the Benefice Service** will be held at St Laurence, West Challow, due to the continuing closure of St John the Baptist, Kingston Lisle.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February will be the next Tear Fund Lunch.** Venue to be advised later.

**Saturday 20th February** there will be a Lent Soup Lunch in Letcombe Regis in aid of the Mission Aviation society. Further details in February Signpost.

**Sunday 20th March (Palm Sunday) at 10am** there will be a re-opening service at St John the Baptist with Bishop Colin and our MP Ed Vaizey will also be in attendance. The restoration works are due to be completed by the end of January and the final stage of the project is to install a new pipe organ. It's time "to pull out all the stops" to finish our fundraising: to sponsor a pipe, please email [angus.saer@btinternet.com](mailto:angus.saer@btinternet.com) or call 01235 751552.

## *And By the Way .....*

**St Laurence at West Challow** is starting a major fund raising programme starting in the New Year. More details in the next edition of Signpost.

**St Andrew's Church Letcombe Regis** thanks all those who contributed to their annual gift day which raised an amazing £3000. The work on the construction of a kitchen and WC in the vestry area at the west end of the church is due to commence early in January – a great start to 2016!

Thank you also to those who put gifts under the Christmas tree in St Andrews and those who helped with the beautiful decorations.

## *Found....*

A medallion has been found in St Andrew's Church Letcombe Regis. If you think it may belong to you, please get in touch with The Revd Leonora Hill – 01235 760112 or email: [revd.lahill@btinternet.com](mailto:revd.lahill@btinternet.com).

## Ridgeway Benefice Church Services for January 2016

	3 <sup>rd</sup> January	10 <sup>th</sup> January	17 <sup>th</sup> January	24 <sup>th</sup> January	31 <sup>st</sup> January	7 <sup>th</sup> February
	<i>Epiphany</i>	<i>The Baptism of Christ</i>	<i>The Second Sunday of Epiphany</i>	<i>The Third Sunday of Epiphany</i>	<i>Candlemas</i>	<i>The Sunday next before Lent</i>
<b>Childrey</b>	8:30am Holy Communion HC B		10:00am Family Communion	11:30am Family Service at Childrey Methodist Church		8:30am Holy Communion HC B
<b>West Challow</b>		11.30am Family Service			10:00am Benefice Communion	
<b>Letcombe Regis</b>	10:00am Matins BCP	10:00am Holy Communion HC B	10:00am Morning Prayer CW	10:00am Family Communion HC A		10:00am Matins BCP
<b>Letcombe Bassett</b>		3:00pm Evensong BCP	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

N.B. There are no services at The Church of the Holy Rood, Sparsholt in January  
 St. John the Baptist, Kingston Lisle will remain closed until the Grand Opening on Palm Sunday (20<sup>th</sup> March  
 2016)

### SKETCHES FOR SIGNPOST

On the front page of *Signpost* each month we hope to include a sketch of one of our churches or a familiar landscape of the area. If you are willing to donate one of your sketches to this initiative please contact Chic Cook our editor.

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