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The Ridgeway Churches

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



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Dear Friends,

The words of Teresa Avila are a plea to our faith and humanity in a broken world. Let us resolve to respond to them at the beginning of this New Year.

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)

May we be a blessing and be blessed,
Leonora

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

FUNERAL		
Peter Francis Campbell	18 th November 2016	Letcombe Regis
WEDDING		
James Allan Atkins and Nichola Rose Lamden	10 th December 2016	Kingston Lisle

Pilgrim Course

“Turning to Christ” was the title of the first book of six studies based on the baptismal vows, which ended on 8th December. The group found that there was plenty of content and each week the study provoked much thought and discussion. We learned a lot from each other, with everyone having the opportunity to share views and ask lots of questions! The group resumes on Thursday 5th January in Childrey Village Hall and will look at Book 2, “The Lord’s Prayer”, which also has 6 studies. Refreshments are served at 7:45pm and we start the study at 8 pm, finishing at 9:15pm 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.

COMING SOON...!!

Thursday 5th January will be the first of the new sessions for the Pilgrim Course to be held in Childrey Village Hall. See above for further info.

Sunday 8th January Letcombe Bassett is holding their annual Epiphany church yard working party. This will start at 10.30am and will be followed by seasonal refreshments and a bonfire to which villagers are welcome to bring their Christmas Trees.

Monday 16th January sees the start of the monthly book/bible group from 10.15am to 12.15pm at 3 Orchard Gardens, West Challow. They will be following a York course called "Living your Faith" and look forward to welcoming anyone who would like to come along.

AND BY THE WAY...!

Letcombe Regis would like to thank all those who place gifts beneath the Christmas Tree in Church. These gifts will be distributed to those in need after Christmas.

St Mary's Childrey has been busy! Over 100 adults and children came to the annual **Christingle Service** which raised over £270 for the Children's Society. Childrey's very first **Christmas Tree Festival** was a spectacular success with 16 trees donated and decorated by various village organisations – the church looked magical! Thanks to everyone who came along and especially to Jane Bardell for putting the whole event together. £520 was raised to help support the church roof repair fund. The tree festival provided an enchanting backdrop for **the Little Ducks Nativity and the Ridgeway School Carol Service.**

St Mary's Church Roof Update: We should hear in the Spring whether we have been successful in the first round of applying for a Heritage Lottery Fund grant. Meanwhile a state of the art alarm system has been installed on the whole roof and we are grateful to Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust for part-funding this.



An imaginative Christmas Tree presented by the Playing Field Committee!

Thank you very much for all your cards, greetings and presents for Christmas and the New Year.

Love and best wishes for 2017

*Leonora and Peter Hill
Ridgeway Rectory*

The Editor would also like to thank everyone who contributes to Signpost and all the lovely people who deliver to all the households in our Ridgeway villages every month!

Thank you and a Happy New Year!

Ridgeway Church Services January 2017

	1 st January	8 th January	15 th January	22 nd January	29 th January	5 th February
	<i>Naming and Circumcision of Jesus</i>	<i>Epiphany</i>	<i>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</i>	<i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	<i>Presentation of Christ in the Temple</i>	<i>4th Sunday before Lent</i>
Childrey	8:30am Communion by Extension		10:00am Family Communion	11:30am Covenant Service Childrey Methodist Church		8:30am Holy Communion
West Challow		11:30am Family Service			10:00am Benefice Communion	
Letcombe Regis	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion		10:00am Matins
Letcombe Bassett		6:00pm Evensong	8:30am Holy Communion			
Sparsholt						
Kingston Lisle	10:00am Family Communion					10:00am Family Communion

Childrey	1 st January	Communion by Extension	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	1 st January	Matins	Lay led
Kingston Lisle	1 st January	Holy Communion	The Revd Paul Faint
Letcombe Regis	8 th January	Holy Communion	The Revd Antonia Cretney
West Challow	8 th January	Family Service	Lay led
Letcombe Bassett	8 th January	Evensong	Lay led

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

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