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## *The Ridgeway Churches*

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



*St Laurence Church, West Challow*

**JULY 2016**

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Dear All,

**More in Common – celebrating the life of Jo Cox**

Jo Cox, a British MP, and former Oxfam colleague, was killed for her beliefs. All over the world, people - "activists" - are being killed simply because of the causes they believe in. The world has been stunned by Jo's murder. Her death has devastated a family and attacked the ideals that many of us cherish. As Jo said in her maiden parliamentary speech: *"We are far more united and have far more in common with each other than things that divides us."* Jo's legacy is a direct challenge to everyone, to take part, speak up and be a voice for the voiceless, to treat even those we disagree with tolerance and genuine respect.

The three charities her family chose for the **Jo Cox Fund** were **WRVC** (Royal Voluntary Service), **Hope not Hate** and **Syrian White Helmets**

Thank you to everyone who feels moved to join in any action to honour and remember Jo.

An extract from an e-mail sent by

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**FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

**WEDDING**

Thomas Henry Welchman &  
Lucila Caroline Georgina Hickie

28<sup>th</sup> May 2016 Sparsholt

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***Strengthening Links with King Alfred's Academy: "Reading Partners"***

Starting next term: KA's would welcome "Reading Partners" to listen to some of the students read. You may have supported your local primary school in a similar way but there is a very important gap to be filled at secondary level. If you are willing to help or would like to find out more, please get in touch with Revd Leonora.



## **DIARY DATES**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July** The Tear Fund Lunch from 12.30pm onwards will be held at 13 Lawrence Close, Childrey by kind invitation of Ruth & Clifford Dinning. Everyone welcome!

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Come and visit the Secret Gardens of Letcombe Regis. £5 entry fee to all the gardens (children free). Teas will be served at Antwick Manor and there will be plants for sale. For further information please ring Neil McLaurin 769624.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July** Evensong at St Michael & All Angels, Letcombe Bassett will be sung by friends of Patrick & Louise Grattan.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July - “A Summer Evening of Song & Dance”** starting at 8pm on the Childrey Village Green – The Icknield Morris Men will be joined by the Childrey Village Choir – other musicians & singers also welcome – please ring Julian on 751563. Bar available. Proceeds to St Mary’s Church.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August** will be the next book/bible meeting at 3 Orchard Gardens, West Challow, from 10.15 to 12.15 all are welcome.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August “Summer of Flowers”** in West Challow – more details next month!

### ***AND JUST TO SAY ...!***

We have had three great events in Childrey last month also supported by our friends from the other villages and churches in the benefice.

A wonderful concert presented by **Die Alten Knaben Choir** from Hamburg raised nearly £400.

A **Teddy Bears’ Picnic** held on the 8<sup>th</sup> June at the playing fields with children from Little Ducks, the Toddler Group and pupils from the Ridgeway School. It was a lovely occasion and our thanks must go to Revd Leonora and the Open the Book team for leading the worship and to Suzy Alder for masterminding the whole event!

The **Church Fête** was again held at Childrey Manor, a big thank you to Satu Marks for her hospitality and to all the people who worked so hard to make it all happen. It was another wonderful occasion and again, also supported by our friends from nearby villages in the benefice.



***AND ONE FOR THE DIARY..!!*** – By popular request there will be a Harvest Barn Dance on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September at Pond Farm with local band Pandemonium – more details next month!!

## Ridgeway Church Services July 2016

	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> August</b>
	<i>Thomas the Apostle</i>	<i>Sea Sunday</i>	<i>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>
<b>Childrey</b>	8:30am Holy Communion		10:00am Family Communion	11:30am Family Service St Mary's	3:00pm Baptism	8:30am Holy Communion
<b>West Challow</b>		11:30am Family Service		8:30am Holy Communion		
<b>Letcombe Regis</b>	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion		10:00am Matins
<b>Letcombe Bassett</b>		6:00pm Evensong	8:30am Holy Communion			
<b>Sparsholt</b>					10:00am *Benefice Communion	
<b>Kingston Lisle</b>	10:00am Family Communion					10:00am Family Communion

Letcombe Regis	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Matins	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	17 <sup>th</sup> July	Matins	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	7 <sup>th</sup> August	Matins	Lay led

\*Benefice Communion this month will be held at Holy Rood Church Sparsholt on the 31<sup>st</sup> July at 10:00am

### PASTORAL LEAFLET

Last month we sent out copies of the Pastoral Care Leaflet but unfortunately one of the email addresses was incorrect. Apologies, the correct one for Ann Brown is [ann.r.brown@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ann.r.brown@hotmail.co.uk)

Please send any items for Signpost by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to Chic Cook at [elizabeth@lesters.org.uk](mailto:elizabeth@lesters.org.uk) or ring 01235 751078