

# THE RIDGEWAY BENEFICE

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Dear Friends,

*A message from the Archbishop of Canterbury  
Chair of the Crown Nominations Commission  
Vacancy in the See of Oxford*

*The Crown Nominations Commission met on the 11th and 12th May to consider the nomination of the next Bishop of Oxford and to meet with possible candidates.*

*I am writing to advise that the Commission has been unable to discern the candidate whom God is calling at this stage to be the next Bishop of Oxford. Under the election rules under which we operate, no candidate received the required number of votes for nomination.*

*The Crown Nominations Commission already has a number of meetings in place for the rest of this year. The Oxford CNC will reconvene on the 4th February 2016 with the second meeting on the 7th/8th March 2016. Bishop Colin will continue to provide oversight to the diocese as he has done over the past few months during the interregnum and I am very grateful to him for this.*

*Many of you will have had the Crown Nominations Commission in your prayers and I thank you for them. I will continue to keep the diocese in my prayers over the next months.*

*This will not be the news that you wanted to hear but please take this as a sign of our commitment to find the right person to be your next bishop.*

Let us continue to pray for the appointment of the new Bishop of Oxford

Blessings,  
Leonora

## **CHILDREY**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 12.30pm The Tear Fund Lunch** will be held at The Lesters, Childrey. Many thanks to Marion & Ian Flower for raising £70 at the May Lunch. Do come and support the work of Tear Fund.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June** - Childrey Manor will again be playing host to St Mary's Church Fête from 3.00 to 6.00 pm. We will be welcoming back our regular stallholders and entertainment as well as Cream Teas, BBQ, Bar, and games for young and old! As in previous years, we will be holding the popular baking and cake decorating competitions for all age groups. Please come and support us and bring your family and friends as well!

The Worthy are delighted to report that the magnificent sum of £600 was raised at the St George's Day Supper and this will go towards the refurbishment of St Mary's Church.

## **WEST CHALLOW**

St Laurence Church has recently celebrated three baptisms and all were most enjoyable occasions. The PCC is also pleased to report that the new seat is now in place next to the yew tree.

## **KINGSTON LISLE**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015 -**

### **“AN EVENING AT WATERLOO”**

A Talk on the Battle of Waterloo by Barney White-Spunner in aid of the Kingston Lisle Church Restoration Fund at The Barn, Eastmanton House, Sparsholt, by kind permission of Ruth Corfield 6.45 p.m. Prosecco & canapés 7.30 Single ticket £25 Double ticket £40. email: [broadleaze@btopenworld.com](mailto:broadleaze@btopenworld.com)

Following our **“Evening at Waterloo”** on the 16<sup>th</sup> June, please join us at 10am on the 21<sup>st</sup> June for our final Family Communion service before we close the church for restoration.

## **SPARSHOLT**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm** Concert at Sparsholt Church – The Carducci String Quartet will play music by Haydn, Shostakovich and Mendelssohn. Tickets from: Anthony Lee 751247, Henry Newton 751540 or Wantage Museum 760176. (£20 – nave and side chapel, £15 chancel (restricted view))

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July - The St James' Singers Recital** – Choral Evensong at The Church of the Holy Rood, Sparsholt. The afternoon will begin with a short recital at 4:30pm followed by tea and cakes in The Griffin Memorial Hall and then 6:00pm Choral Evensong in the church.

## **LETCOMBE BASSETT**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June - 2pm - 5:30 pm.** Letcombe Bassett Gardens will be open. Wander around the village, past the old watercress beds and stop for tea and homemade cakes in the village hall. There will be an Organ recital in the church from 4 pm. Tickets £4 for adults, free for children. Proceeds to St. Michael's Church.

## **LETCOMBE REGIS**

There will be a Safari Supper on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June and the money raised will be shared between St Andrews and the Nepal Earthquake Disaster Fund. For more information please contact Catriona Galbraith on 771100.

**A Prayer for the appointment of the  
new Bishop of Oxford**

Gracious Lord and shepherd of your pilgrim Church, We bless you and praise you that you have gathered us, from across this Diocese, to be one flock, within one fold.

By your Spirit, give us wisdom, courage and faith as we seek a faithful pastor who will sustain us on the journey, feed us with word and sacrament and nurture our 'Living Faith' inspiring us to follow you ever more closely. This we ask in the name of Jesus, our loving, faithful shepherd, who is the beginning and the end of all that we are and seek and do.  
Amen

**CHILDREY METHODIST SERVICES  
JUNE 2015**

7 <sup>th</sup> June – 11am	Holy Communion with Rev John Rowland from Oxford
14 <sup>th</sup> June – 11am	Geoff Caudle from Milton
21 <sup>st</sup> June – 11am	Tabitha Griffiths from Abingdon
28 <sup>th</sup> June – 11am	Family Service at St Mary's, Childrey

**We Make the Road by Walking  
A Weekend Pilgrimage:  
22/23 August 2015**

This walk around the parishes will include a stop at every church within the Ridgeway Benefice: more information next month.

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**FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

**BAPTISM**

Willa Margaret Luck	19 <sup>th</sup> April	Kingston Lisle
Olivia Barton Evans	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	West Challow

**FUNERAL**

Kathleen Margaret Lane	6 <sup>th</sup> May	Letcombe Bassett
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**BOOK GROUP**

**WE HAVE REACHED THE HALF WAY LINE!**

We Make the Road by Walking by Brian McLaren  
A Year-long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation and Activation.  
Hodder & Stoughton  
ISBN: 978 – 1 – 444 – 70370 – 2  
[www.brianmclaren.net](http://www.brianmclaren.net)

This month we begin Part 4: Alive in the Spirit of God. There is no compunction to come on a regular basis so if you would like to give us a try and dip in and out of the sessions for the next six months you would be very welcome.

Mondays: 10:00 – 10:30am: Coffee, 10:30am – 11:45am: Book Group  
Ridgeway Rectory, Letcombe Regis

\*Wednesdays: 7:45 – 9:15pm The Lesters, Childrey\*

(\*Please note that there will be no meeting on the 17th June in Childrey and on the 24th June & 1st July the meetings will be held at Cedarwood, West Street, Childrey)

If you are interested in following our discussions and these timings are not convenient then please get in touch and notes from the meetings will be sent to you.

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## Ridgeway Benefice Church Services for June 2015

	31 <sup>st</sup> May	7 <sup>th</sup> June	14 <sup>th</sup> June	21 <sup>st</sup> June	28 <sup>th</sup> June
	<i>Trinity Sunday</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>
<b>Childrey</b>		8:30am HC B	10:00am Family Communion	6:00pm Evensong BCP	11:00am Family Service
<b>West Challow</b>		11:30am Family Service		8:30am HC A	
<b>Letcombe Regis</b>		10:00am HC A	10:00am Matins	10:00am Morning Prayer	10:00am HC B
<b>Letcombe Bassett</b>			8:30am HC B		6:00pm Evensong BCP
<b>Sparsholt</b>	<b>10:00am* Benefice Communion</b>		6:00pm Evensong BCP		8:30am HC BCP
<b>Kingston Lisle</b>				10:00am Family Communion	

*HC A: Holy Communion in Modern English (Red Book); HC B: Holy Communion in Traditional English (Green Book); BCP: Book of Common Prayer; Matins: Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer; Morning Prayer on a Sunday from Common Worship*

### **Trinity Sunday : 31st May**

\*Please note that this service will take place at The Church of the Holy Rood Sparsholt and not at St Laurence, West Challow as printed in May Contact

Letcombe Regis	14th June	Matins BCP	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	21st June	Morning Prayer (CW)	Lay led
Childrey	28th June	Family Service	Lay led

### **RIDGEWAY COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY 8th JUNE 2015 7.30pm ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, LETCOMBE REGIS**

Everyone is invited to our Ridgeway Council Meeting where we will continue to discuss *The Way Ahead* for the Ridgeway Benefice. This includes an initial discussion of a new service rota for the Ridgeway Churches

### **ORGANIST**

It is always good to have an organist to lead our Sunday worship. If you know of anyone who would be willing to play for the churches of the Ridgeway either on a regular basis or when time permits please ask them to get in touch with the Rector.

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