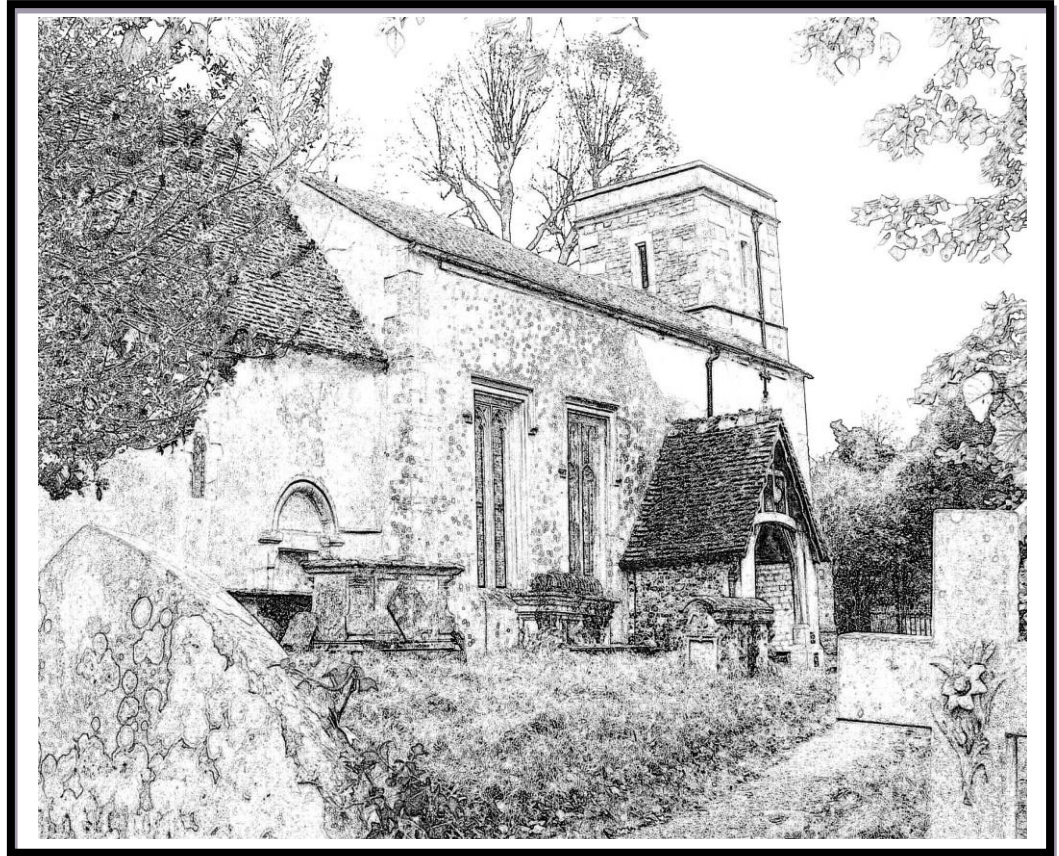


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MARCH 2017



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Dear Friends,

Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent and this year it falls on the 1st March St. David's Day. Having lived in Wales during my teenage years I often wear a daffodil and once organised an Eisteddfod in our village at the local Methodist Church.

'A host of golden daffodils' is a glorious sight to see and speaks of the abundant generosity of a loving, creative God. Through music and poetry an Eisteddfod celebrates gifts and talents creating a wonderful sense of community and celebration.

So this Lent 'Don't Give Up, Give Out'.

Blessings

Leonora

PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS		
Dylan James Sellwood	4 th February 2017	Letcombe Regis
Jessica Judith Swire	5 th February 2017	Sparsholt
FUNERALS		
Sallyann Nicholls	23 rd January 2017	Letcombe Regis

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.

The next Pilgrim Walk will be on Saturday 8th April 2017. It will be a circular walk from St Mary's Childrey to St Michael and All Angels Letcombe Bassett. More details next month.

Revision of the Electoral Roll

This is the time of year when the electoral roll of each parish is revised. The electoral roll is a list of the names and addresses of every person who can vote at the annual parochial church meeting. To be on the electoral roll of a parish you should be baptised and at least 16 years old. You should either live in the parish or have worshipped at the church regularly for at least six months. To apply for your name to be added to the roll you have to fill out a form so please get in touch with the Rector if you wish to do so.

MARCH DIARY DATES...

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, resources and to prepare some prayers. It will be led by The Revd Charles Chadwick: Parish Development Adviser. If you would like to come contact Rector Leonora: revd.lahill@btinternet.com or tel: 01235 760112.

Sunday 12th March the St James Singers make a welcome return to St Mary’s where they will give a Recital at 4.30pm followed by Tea. Then at 6pm they will sing again at Choral Evensong starting at 6pm.

On **Monday 13th March** the joint APCM of Sparsholt and Kingston Lisle Churches will be held at Kingston Lisle Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

On **Tuesday 14th March** the APCM for St Laurence West Challow will be held in St Laurence Church starting at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 15th March, Rob Soames will talk on ‘Islam and the Modern World-What are the facts?’ If you are interested just come along to Childrey Village Hall at 8.15pm for an informative talk and discussion.

Saturday 18th March - St. Andrew's Lent Soup Lunch will be held in Letcombe Regis Village Hall from 12 noon to 2pm. Come and enjoy delicious homemade soups and support the work of The Mission Aviation Fellowship, one of the charities we support at St. Andrew's.

Sunday 26th March – This year’s Mothering Sunday service will be held at St Mary’s Childrey at 11.30am. Everyone is most welcome!

AND BY THE WAY.....

Tearfund Lunches - Sadly, after many years of there being a monthly fundraising lunch for Tearfund, it will now become a less frequent event unless more volunteers come forward. If you are interested in hosting please contact me, Sue Worth 751563 or dinnerpartyblues@hotmail.com. The next planned lunch will take place at Cedarwood, West Street, the home of Linda and Rob Soames on Friday 7th April from 12.30. All are welcome to join in a simple lunch thereby helping those less fortunate.

Kingston Lisle is down to the last few of the 649 organ pipes available for sponsorship. You can have names engraved for a suggested donation of £10 per pipe! Please contact Angus on 01235 751552.

PS DON'T FORGET TO SAVE THE DATE...!!

Saturday 13th May 2017 “NINEBARROW” an amazing Folk Duo will be playing at St Andrew’s Church Letcombe Regis. They have been nominated for the Radio 2 Folk Awards and described as: “They will become a major force in English folk music”; “Sheer Folk Perfection” BBC Radio 3; “Stunning” Maverick Magazine.

Tickets from Paul, paul.fulford@gmail.com or (01235) 411182

**Ridgeway Church Services
March 2017**

	5th March	12th March	19th March	26th March	2nd April
	<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	<i>Mothering Sunday</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>
Childrey	8:30am Holy Communion	6:00pm Choral Evensong	10:00am Family Communion	11:30am Family Service St Mary's	8:30am Communion by Extension
West Challow		11:30am Family Service		8:30am Communion by Extension	
Letcombe Regis	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion	10:00 am Matins
Letcombe Bassett			8:30am Holy Communion		
Sparsholt	//////////	//////////	//////////	//////////	//////////
Kingston Lisle	10:00am Family Communion				10:00am Family Communion

Letcombe Regis	5 th March	Matins	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	19 th March	Matins	Lay led
Childrey	26 th March	Family Service	Lay led
West Challow	26 th March	Communion by Extension	Linda Soames
Letcombe Regis	26 th March	Holy Communion	Revd Antonia Cretney
Childrey	2 nd April	Communion by Extension	Linda Soames
Kingston Lisle	2 nd April	Family communion	Revd Tony Lynn
ASH WEDNESDAY			
Letcombe Regis	Wednesday 1 st March	11:00am	Holy Communion (said)
Childrey	Wednesday 1 st March	7:30pm	Holy Communion (said)

////////// - There is no service at Sparsholt Church during the month of March

Taizé Service Wednesday 15th March at 7:30pm St. Laurence West Challow

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