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*The Ridgeway Churches*

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



**MAY2017**



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Dear Friends,

In the Ridgeway Benefice we have two churches listed in the Simon Jenkins England's Thousand Best Churches: St. Mary the Virgin, Childrey and The Church of the Holy Rood, Sparsholt.

*“Yet Sparsholt is a delightful church with the most spectacular view down the nave into the chancel”.*

We look forward to welcoming you on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 4.30pm to a Spring Recital by the St James' Singers followed by tea and, at 6pm, Choral Evensong in this delightful church. Come and join us for music, song and the beautiful language of The Book of Common Prayer.

Easter Blessings,  
Leonora

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### PARISH REGISTERS

<b>BAPTISM</b>		
Jonathon Christopher Edward Conroy	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Sparsholt
<b>FUNERALS</b>		
Diana Apps	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017	Letcombe Regis
Eileen Winifred Evans	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Letcombe Regis
<b>INTERMENT OF ASHES</b>		
Richard Everard Shewan Rowe Gretel Margarithe Rowe	8 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Letcombe Bassett

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#### Pilgrim Course

**Book Four is entitled “The Beatitudes”:  
What is the Christian Vision for the  
World?**

This course completes the first year of the Pilgrim Course. It began on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April (no meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> May) and ends on 1<sup>st</sup> June. It is being held in Childrey Village Hall with coffee and refreshments from 7.45pm. 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.

25th May– 4th June 2017

Join the global wave of prayer

[www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

“I cannot remember in my life anything that I’ve been involved in where I have sensed so clearly the work of the Spirit”.

Archbishop Justin Welby

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY..**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Tearfund Lunch** to be held at The Lesters, Childrey 12.30pm onwards – Do come along and help support the work of Tearfund.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May** – A day exploring ordination for young people at Christ Church, Flackwell Heath. Speakers are Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford and Claire Whitmore National Young Vocations Adviser. Further info from: <https://youngvocationsday.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May** – “**NINEBARROW**” – A brilliant Folk Duo, nominated for the Radio 2 Folk Awards, will be playing at St Andrew’s Church Letcombe Regis. Tickets from Paul – [paul.fulford@gmail.com](mailto:paul.fulford@gmail.com) or 01235 411182

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May the St James Singers** are giving a Recital at The Church of the Holy Rood, Sparsholt at 4:30pm which will be followed by tea. Choral Evensong will commence at 6:00pm.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May** from 10.15am – 12.15pm a bible/book club meeting will be held at 3 Orchard Gardens West Challow. All welcome.

## **AND BY THE WAY...!**

Thank you from Rector Leonora to everyone who decorated and cleaned our churches. To all who contributed and supported our services during Holy Week and the Easter weekend. On Easter Eve the children’s Passion Play at West Challow was very special and what a joy to see people from every generation in our village churches gathered together to worship and celebrate Easter Day.

**Letcombe Regis:** Thank you to all who supported St. Andrew’s Lent Soup lunch. The homemade soups were delicious and the donations raised £300 for The Mission Aviation Fellowship.

**St Mary’s Childrey :** Thank you to the children from Ridgeway School and Little Ducks who performed so beautifully at their school Easter service, reading their own prayers and singing so well. Thankyou also to the Childrey Village Choir for singing on Easter Day.

## **NOW ON INTO JUNE...!!**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June St Mary’s Church Fête in the grounds of Childrey Manor.** Further details of competitions and everything else next month!

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June Letcombe Bassett Gardens** will be open – Enjoy the beautiful gardens and pop in for tea & cake in the Village Hall.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June Rural Resource Roadshow** 9.30am – 12.30pm at Windmill Farm Conference Centre, Clanfield Oxon OX18 2SN. The Bishop of Oxford will introduce each roadshow. Hear about the findings of the group which spent over two years exploring the needs of the rural church, learn about the resources available and consider how you might use them. To book your place please go the the Eventbrite link: <https://ruralsourcebampton.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June Music Workshop** in St Mary’s Church Childrey from 9:30am – 12 noon. More details next month.

**AND FINALLY A PS TO THE LITTLE PEOPLE...!!** Look out for further details next month of another Teddy Bear’s Picnic Service!



**Ridgeway Church Services**  
**May 2017**

	<b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b>
	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>The Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>Pentecost</i>
<b>Childrey</b>	8:30am Holy Communion		10:00am Family Communion	11:30am Family Service Childrey Methodist Church	8:30am Holy Communion
<b>West Challow</b>		11:30am Family Service with Baptism		11:30am Family Communion	
<b>Letcombe Regis</b>	10:00am Matins  12 noon Baptism	10:00am Holy Communion	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion	10:00am Matins
<b>Letcombe Bassett</b>			8:30am Holy Communion		6:00pm Compline
<b>Sparsholt</b>		4:30pm Recital  6:00pm Choral Evensong			
<b>Kingston Lisle</b>	10:00am Family Communion				10:00am Family Communion

Letcombe Regis	7 <sup>th</sup> May	Matins	Lay led
West Challow	14 <sup>th</sup> May	Family Service	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	21 <sup>st</sup> May	Matins	Lay led
Letcombe Bassett	4 <sup>th</sup> June	Compline	Lay led

**Sunday 30th April 10:00am**

Benefice Communion at Letcombe Bassett

**Sunday 14th May - 6:00pm**

Sue Worth will be preaching at The Church of the Holy Rood, Sparsholt

**Thursday 25th May - Ascension Day:**

11:00am Holy Communion Letcombe Regis

**Sunday 4th June at 3:00pm – Pentecost**

Wantage Silver Band will play on Childrey Village Green at 3pm as the Childrey Churches meet together to sing in celebration of Pentecost

**Ridgeway Benefice Pastoral Co-ordinators:**

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