

THE RIDGEWAY BENEFICE

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Dear Friends,

We are delighted to announce that The Faringdon Singers will be returning to the Ridgeway to lead Choral Evensong at The Church of the Holy Rood, Sparsholt on Sunday 11th October at 6pm. You may recall that they led our Advent Carol Service in 2013 and we welcome back the choir with their conductor Terence Carter and organist John Ridgway.

We are grateful to The Faringdon Singers, the St. James' Singers, Patrick and Louise Grattan, Christine Birch, Angus Saer and the Benefice Choir for the services they have organised and enriched with their music and singing. We have also been blessed with a number of organists who play for our services. This month we would particularly like to thank Joe Barber. Joe begins his organ scholarship and studies at Balliol College and we wish him every blessing as he begins his first term at Oxford.

Blessings,
Leonora

PS More on services next month!

PPS Eleanor Stewart of *Habits* fame (ref: July letter) is coming to talk at the Wantage (not just) Betjeman Literary Festival on Saturday 31st October 4pm at The Beacon – we are in for a treat!

CHILDREY

Building Project Update - As many of you may know the building work is well underway starting externally to improve the drainage and guttering. Part of the work has also involved removing flooring towards the rear of the church which, unfortunately, is rotten and will have to be replaced. Whilst inevitably there is some disruption, services are carrying on as normal. However, it may be necessary to close the church to visitors from time to time for health and safety reasons. If you are visiting and the church is closed please contact either John on 751809 or Linda on 751297 and we will be pleased to come and unlock the church.

On **Saturday 3rd October** our annual **Gift Aid Day** will be held in the church between 10am and 12 noon. Whilst the work will not have been completed by then we hope you will come along to see the progress made. We will also be pleased to answer any questions you may have about the work. Refreshments will be served.

New Treasurer Still Needed

We are still seeking a new treasurer. You don't have to be a church goer just someone with a general knowledge of accounts who is willing to give up a little time in supporting an important village asset. If you are interested or know someone who may be and you would like to know more we will be very happy to hear from you without obligation. Linda 751297 or John 751809.

Friday 2nd October the next Tear Fund Lunch will be held at the home of Ruth & Clifford Dinning at 13 Lawrence Close, from 12.30pm onwards. All welcome!

WEST CHALLOW

Our good wishes go with Ruth & Ted Froud as they prepare to move to Devon. Over the last 50 years they have contributed so much to St Laurence's Church for which we thank them very much.

Friday 16th October there will be a wine tasting evening in the Village Hall.

KINGSTON LISLE

Work is progressing well on the renovation of the church and we are still aiming to re-open in time for Christmas. It's your last chance to "sponsor a tile" on the porch roof with your name on it for posterity so please contact Serena Sissons if you haven't already done so.

LETCOMBE REGIS

Please join us for our Harvest celebration at 10am at St. Andrew's on Sunday 4th October. Gifts of tinned and dried food will be gratefully received for the local food banks. Thank you to Helen Wood and all who supported the annual Ride and Stride on 12th September.

A future date for the diary, **Saturday November 28th**, our annual Gift Day and church-yard clean-up.

LETCOMBE BASSETT

The path has been re-laid, using the original brick edging. A resin-bonded top-coat will be applied to it after the steps have been rebuilt. We are very grateful to Justin Clark and his sister for their generous donation which made this work possible. Also thanks to Jan Balkwill, St Michael and All Angels now possess a portable ramp to make wheelchair access over the threshold much easier.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BURIAL OF ASHES

Pamela Dorothy Haines

10th September

Childrey



We Make the Road by Walking by Brian McLaren

A Year-long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Re-orientation and Activation

Away Day: Saturday 24th October 2015

10:30am – 3:00pm

Beechwood Room, Court Hill Centre

On display there will be a new hymn book and copies of our new service rotas.

PROGRAMME

- 10:00 Coffee
- 10:45 Session 1: Chapter 7 : It's Not Too Late
- 12:15 Worship
- 12:30 Bring & Share Lunch**
- 13:00 Session 2 : Chapter 8 : Rivalry or Reconciliation
- 14:30 Tea & Discussion (review of the book/initiative)
- 15:00 Grace

Book Group

Mondays:10:00am – 11:45am Ridgeway Rectory

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

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.

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. Tel: 01235 760112 or e-mail: revd.lahill@btinternet.com

Ridgeway Benefice Church Services for October 2015

October	4th	11 th	18 th	25 th	1 st November
	<i>The Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity</i>	<i>The Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity</i>	<i>The Twentieth Sunday After Trinity</i>	<i>The Last Sunday After Trinity</i>	<i>All Saints' Day</i>
Childrey	8:30am HC B	10:00am Family Communion	6:00pm Evensong	11:00am Family Service at St Mary's	8:30am HC B
West Challow	11:30am Harvest Festival		8:30am HC A		11:30am Family Service
Letcombe Regis	10:00am Harvest Festival	10:00am Matins	10:00am Morning Prayer on Sunday	10:00am HC B	10:00am HC A
Letcombe Bassett		8:30am HC B		6:00pm Evensong	
Sparsholt		6:00pm* Choral Evensong		8:30am HC - BCP BCP	

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

Letcombe Regis	11th October	Matins	Lay led
West Challow	18th October	Holy Communion	The Revd Antonia Cretney
Letcombe Regis	18th October	Morning Prayer	Lay led
Childrey	18th October	Evening Prayer	Lay led
Childrey	25th October	Family Service	Lay led
West Challow	1st November	Family Service	Lay led

***The Church of the Holy Rood, Sparsholt
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CHILDREY METHODIST SERVICES

4th October	6pm	Geoff Caudle from Milton
11th October	11am	Tabitha Griffiths from Abingdon
18th October	11am	Michael Clegg from Didcot
25th October	11am	Family Service at St Mary's Childrey

NB St John the Baptist, Kingston Lisle is closed for renovation until December 2015

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