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The Ridgeway Churches

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Harvest Loaf at St Mary's Barn Dance

OCTOBER 2016



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Dear Friends,

Everyone is invited to the Welcome Service for Bishop Steven: The new Bishop of Oxford. The service will take place at 3:30pm on Sunday 9th October in Dorchester Abbey and refreshments will be available after the service. Bishop Steven will preside and preach. No tickets are required. The idea is to organise transport amongst ourselves so please let me know if you would like to go to the service and/or whether or not you may have a space in your car for someone else.

If you have limited mobility and would like to attend the service please contact Dorchester Abbey in advance (events@dorchester-abbey.org.uk on 01865 340007 so that appropriate provision can be made for parking and seating inside the Abbey.

Thanks and blessings,

Leonora

A Good Read!!

Something we all like sometimes, a good book to read! The following books have been suggested as a "Good Read":-

Williams. R. D. *Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life* (SPCK, 2016)

Higton M. *Difficult Gospel: The Theology of Rowan Williams* (scm press, 2004)

Sacks. J. *Not in God's Name: Confronting Religious Violence* (Hodder & Stoughton, 2015)

If anyone would like to recommend other books as a "Good Read" then please let the Editor (contact details on back page) know so we can publicise the titles.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISM		
Martha Ava Louise Inns	28 th August 2016	Letcombe Bassett
FUNERALS		
Lavina Phillips	25 th August 2016	Letcombe Regis
John Thomas Wakeling	31 st August 2016	Letcombe Regis

Bishop Peter's Pilgrimage Prayer

O Lord God, from whom we come, in whom we are enfolded, to whom we shall return: bless us in our pilgrimage through life; with the power of the Father protecting, with the love of Jesus in dwelling, and the light of the Spirit guiding, until we come to our ending, in life and love eternal. Amen

DIARY DATES ...

Please note there will be no Tear Fund Lunch in October, the next one will be held on the 4th November.

Sunday 2nd October Harvest Festival Service at 10am at Kingston Lisle followed by a Bring and Share lunch at 12 noon in the Village Hall.

Fiona Browne is co-ordinating the food and drink on 07799414372.

Saturday 8th October – Letcombe Regis will be holding their Harvest Supper in the new Village Hall. Tickets are £12.50 and available from the Village Shop.

Monday 10th October will see the next Book/Bible meeting at 3 Orchard Gardens, West Challow from 10.15am to 12.15pm.

Saturday 12th November Cheese and Wine Quiz in Childrey Village Hall. Tickets will be on sale from the Village Shop after the 16th October.

Saturday 19th November will find Andrew Nix playing a Theatre Organ at 3pm St Andrew's Church Letcombe Regis. More details next month.

Saturday 26th November there will be a musical concert by the Florian Quartet in St Andrews Church Letcombe Regis. More details next month

AND JUST TO SAY ...!

A huge thank you to all those who came to support St Mary's Harvest Barn Dance and all those who helped in whatever way to make it happen! We enjoyed dancing and listening to the amazing local band Pandemonium and raised just over £700 towards our fund for the roof repairs. A great evening!!



After a very positive Open Meeting at St Mary's about the church roof, we shall be applying to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant to repair the roof beams and replace the lead with a suitable alternative material. During this period we shall monitor and maintain the temporary plastic roof, improve security around the church and continue our normal fund-raising activities and events. **To help improve communications**, we're inviting everyone who wishes to sign up for our periodical email updates to send their email address to Julian Worth - jkworth@hotmail.com

King Alfred's 'A' level & GCSE Music Results - We are delighted to report the students all passed with excellent grades for their recorded pieces. We look forward to welcoming the next group of exam candidates to St Mary's Childrey for their recital in Spring 2017!

Thank you very much to all those who battled through horrendous rain and wind to support the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride n' Stride on the 10th September and visit all our churches in the Benefice. The money raised is put towards helping preserve the ancient churches all over Oxfordshire and in our own Ridgeway Churches we have received much help from this Trust.

Ridgeway Church Services October 2016

	2 nd October	9 th October	16 th October	23 rd October	30 th October	2 nd November
	19 th Sunday after Trinity	20 th Sunday after Trinity	21 st Sunday after Trinity	Last Sunday after Trinity	All Saints Day	3 rd Sunday before Advent
Childrey	8:30am Holy Communion		10:00am Family Communion	11:30am Family Service Methodist Chapel		8:30 Holy Communion
West Challow		11:30am** Harvest Festival			10:00am Benefice Communion	
Letcombe Regis	10:00am Matins	10:00am Harvest Festival	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion		10:00am Matins
Letcombe Bassett			8:30am Holy Communion		6:00pm Compline	
Sparsholt		***				6:00pm**** "Journey On"
Kingston Lisle	10:00am* Harvest Festival					10:00am Family Communion

Letcombe Regis	2 nd October	Matins	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	16 th October	Matins	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	23 rd October	HC	The Revd Antonia Cretney

*Harvest Festival Lunch in Kingston Lisle Village Hall at Noon

**followed by Bring & Share Harvest Lunch in West Challow Village Hall

***Sunday 9th October

There will be no evening service at Sparsholt as we are all invited to attend the 3:30pm Welcome Service for Bishop Steven at Dorchester Abbey. No tickets required.

****6:00pm "Journey On" at The Church of the Holy Rood, Sparsholt

This service of readings, poetry and music is an opportunity to set aside some time to remember, reflect and light a candle in memory of loved ones.

Pilgrim Course – www.pilgrimcourse.org - We are planning to start running this course in November. Full details, see the flier!!

Please send any items for Signpost by the 15th of each month to Chic Cook at
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