

THE RIDGEWAY BENEFICE

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

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NB rest day: Tuesday

Dear Friends,

Last month it was a real pleasure to make the opportunity to explore the parishes that make up the Ridgeway Benefice. By bus, cycling and walking I roamed the area, locating outlying farms and cottages and discovering more footpaths. We really do live in a beautiful part of the world. I particularly enjoyed the chance conversations I had walking along the road, meeting new people and catching up with others.

In that vein, this year, I would like to invite you all to come to a joint celebration for Harvest: a Barn Dance on Saturday 26th September, Pond Farm (See flier for further details). I would like to take this opportunity to thank Andrew and Linda Froud for letting us use their barn and to everyone involved in organising this event. It will be a night to remember.

Do come!

Blessings

Leonora

CHILDREY

'A' Level Music Students Results

We are delighted to report that the music students from King Alfred's Academy who performed to an audience earlier this year in St Mary's Church obtained either A or A* grades for their performance module. On behalf of everyone we extend our warmest congratulations to all the students on their outstanding results and all their hard work. We wish them every success with their future studies and careers. You may also like to know we will be seeking another audience for next years' students. This will take place just after the Easter holiday, date to be confirmed.

The Tear Fund Lunch will be held on **Friday 4th September**, at 12.30pm at Chapel House, Childrey by kind invitation of Brian and Pauline. All welcome.

On **Saturday 3rd October** our annual **Gift Aid Day** will be held between 10.00am and 12.00 noon. We plan to hold this year's event in the church as it is hoped that by then the new kitchen and toilet will be installed. We would like to welcome everyone to come along and see the project's progress and enjoy some refreshments with us.

WEST CHALLOW

A very successful gift day was held in aid of St Laurence church and the marvellous sum of £1,500 was raised. Many thanks to those who came and were so generous.

LETCOMBE REGIS

A medallion has been found in St Andrews Church. Please get in touch with the Rector if you think it may belong to you.

KINGSTON LISLE

On **September 9th** - You are invited to an evening of songs from Handel to Gershwin, with soprano Heather Main, baritone Michael Powell and accompanist Amanda Bennett in the music room at Kingston Common Farm, Kingston Lisle OX12 9QT to raise funds for the restoration of St John the Baptist Church.

Tickets are £10 to include a welcome glass of wine at 7:30 pm concert 8pm. Email: heather.main@hotmail.com

Our restoration project has now begun and we aim to reopen the church in time for Christmas. You can read all about it at www.kingstonlisle.net. The new porch roof will be going on soon so please contact serena.sissons@gmail.com to "sponsor a tile" if you haven't already!

LETCOMBE BASSETT

Work has now begun on the church footpath. Whilst the work is being carried out please try to avoid the area. If you do wish to visit the churchyard before the work is completed please talk to the foreman on site who will do his best to ensure you have access. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

THE WAY AHEAD – an invitation to everyone in the village to meet to discuss future services at 9:30am Saturday 5th September in Letcombe Bassett Village Hall. Please Come!

St Peter & St Paul's Church, Wantage

- After the recent Commemorative Evensong held at the Parish Church in Wantage on the 4th August, they were able to send about £800 to Michael Sobell House following the generous Collection.

Ride n' Stride on Saturday 12th September is an annual sponsored bike ride, horse ride or walk that is to raise funds for the Historic Churches Trust and local churches. Anyone who wishes to take part can contact Helen Wood from Letcombe Regis on 01235 766288 or Bryan Winsley from Childrey on 01235 751280. Helen and Bryan will be pleased to supply the necessary forms and any further information. If you cannot participate on the "stride", then both churches are looking for volunteers to "man" them for half hour or hour slots to receive visitors. Any support will be most welcome!

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISM

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| Anna Carlyn Swire | 2 nd August | Sparsholt |
| Jacob Michael Littlechild | 9 th August | Childrey |

FUNERAL

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| Philip Edward Risby | 27 th July | Letcombe Regis |
| Alice Sophia Izzard | 11 th August | Letcombe Regis |



We Make the Road by Walking by Brian McLaren

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

The Wednesday book group begins again
on 9th September at 7.45pm at The Lesters, Childrey
The Monday book group starts with coffee from 10:00 – 10:30am:
and the study is from 10:30am – 11:45am:
at The Ridgeway Rectory, Letcombe Regis

**Ripon College Cuddeson
Cuddeson School of Theology and Ministry (CSTM)
Introductory Session: Saturday 3rd October 2015**

Looking to deepen your discipleship? Beginning to grapple with theology?
Exploring your vocation?
Longing to understand how Christianity can flourish in contemporary culture?
For more information: email cstm@rcc.ac.uk

The Living Faith Prayer

Gracious God,
you call us to a living faith in the future as well as in the present;
open our eyes to the opportunities before us
in our parishes and deaneries, and in our own daily discipleship.
May we sustain and nourish our inner lives
so that we can serve others effectively
and offer to all people the transforming love
of Jesus Christ our risen Lord.
Amen

Ridgeway Benefice Church Services for September 2015

| | 6th September | 13th September | 20th September | 27th September | 4th October |
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| | 14th Sunday After Trinity | 13th Sunday After Trinity | 20th Sunday After Trinity | 27th Sunday After Trinity | 18th Sunday After Trinity |
| Childrey | 8:30am HC B 12.30pm Baptism | 10:00am Family Communion | 6:00pm Evensong | 3:00pm United Harvest Festival at Childrey Methodist Church | 8:30am HC B |
| West Challow | 11:30am Family Service | | 8:30am HC A | | 11:30am Harvest Festival |
| Letcombe Regis | 10:00am HC A | 10:00am Matins | 10:00am Morning Prayer on Sunday | 10:00am HC B | 10:00am Harvest Festival |
| Letcombe Bassett | | 8:30am HC B | | 11:30am Harvest Festival | |
| Sparsholt | | 6:00pm Evensong | 10:00am Harvest Festival | 8:30am Holy Communion 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

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| West Challow | 6th September | Family Service | Lay led |
| Letcombe Bassett | 13th September | Matins | Lay led |
| Letcombe Regis | 20th September | Morning Prayer on Sunday | Lay led |

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

CHILDREY METHODIST SERVICES

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| 6th September | 6pm | Revd Martin Smithson |
| 13th September | 11am | Brenda Boyer from Wallingford |
| 20th September | 11am | Valerie Grist from Abingdon |
| 27th September | 11am | Harvest Festival Service with St Mary's at the Methodist Church led by Revd Martin Smithson and Revd Leonora Hill |

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

