

S
I
G
N
P
O
S
T

The Ridgeway Churches

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

“For the sake of humanity and the free world, the time has come for people of all faiths and none to stand together and declare:

NOT IN GOD’S NAME”

“Now is the time for Jews, Christians and Muslims to say what they failed to say in the past. We are all children of Abraham. And.....we are precious in the sight of God. We are blessed. And to be blessed, no one has to be cursed. God’s love does not work that way.

Today God is calling us, Jew, Christian and Muslim, to let go of hate and the preaching of hate, and live at last as brothers and sisters, true to our faith, and a blessing to others regardless of their faith, honouring God’s name by honouring his image, humankind”.

*Sacks. J. Not In God’s Name; Confronting Religious Violence
(Hodder & Stoughton, London, 2015)*

SEPTEMBER 2016



Revd Leonora Hill
Rector of the Ridgeway Benefice
revd.lahill@btinternet.com
01235 760112

Dear Friends,

Pilgrim approaches the great issues of faith not through persuasion, but participation in a pattern of contemplation and discussion in the company of a small group of fellow travellers. www.pilgrimcourse.org

We will begin the programme in November, meeting on a Thursday evening from 7:45pm to 9:30pm in Childrey Village Hall. The initial commitment is for six weeks but we hope to go on meeting through to May next year.

The group is for:

- those who have recently started coming to Church
- those who want the chance to think about the Christian faith
- those preparing for baptism or confirmation
- those who have been Christians for many years and want to visit the roots of their faith again.

Please do pass on news about the group to anyone you know who may be interested and contact me if further information is required.

Thanks and blessings,

Leonora

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISM

Mollie Louise Swanborough	31 st July 2016	Childrey
Jack Harry Swanborough	31 st July 2016	Childrey

WEDDING

George William Henry Talbot & Charlotte Louise Forsyth	6 th August 2016	Childrey
--	-----------------------------	----------

OXFORDSHIRE'S HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE N' STRIDE - SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

Come and help raise funds for this very generous Trust which has helped so many Churches in Oxfordshire. In particular, Kingston Lisle received the largest possible grant towards their renovations last year and the Trust has also made various grants to refurbishment projects at St Mary's Childrey and St Andrews Letcombe Regis.

Ways to help: Ride (bicycle or horse) or Stride out! Persuade family & friends to sponsor you! Around 12 of our local churches can be safely visited via footpaths and bridleways, thereby avoiding busy roads. If you would like sponsor forms, want to help in any way, or want more details please contact Bryan Winsley on 01235 751280 or Ann Brown on 01235 762358 and they will point you in the right direction!

DIARY DATES:

Friday 2nd September – Tear Fund Lunch – Do come and support the work of Tear Fund, everyone is most welcome! This month will be held in the south transept at St Mary's Childrey from 12.30pm

Friday 16th September – Back by popular demand! St Mary's Childrey is holding another Harvest Barn Dance on Friday 16th September at Pond Farm (many thanks to Andrew & Lynda!). We look forward to being entertained by the fantastic local folk & ceilidh band "Pandemonium" – do come and join us! Tickets will be available from the Childrey Village Shop soon!

Wednesday 21st September - Letcombes Gardening Club is very pleased to welcome Mike Nelhams from Tresco Abbey on the Isles of Scilly, who will give an illustrated talk about the fabulous gardens of Tresco. Time is 7.30pm in St Andrews Church Letcombe Regis, all are welcome!

Harvest Festival Services and Suppers - Please see the attached flier!!

AND JUST TO SAY ...!

A huge thank you to all those who helped with the Summer Flower Festival and Gift Day at St Laurence Church West Challow, the cream teas were delicious! Thank you also to the many visitors who came from around the Benefice it was lovely to see you all. Thanks to all your generous donations, we have so far collected over £2,000!

The PCC of St Michael & All Angels in Letcombe Bassett have purchased new hymn books and you are invited to sponsor individual books in order to forge closer links with the church, this can take the form of a memorial or your own name. A suggested donation is £10. If you would like more details, please contact Lindsey Fellingham on 01235 764714 or Michael Bailey on 01235 769194.

News from St Mary's Childrey

Further investigations of the church roof following the theft of lead from the south transept in June have shown that the main beams are badly decayed so the repair will involve more than just putting on new lead.

Initially the costs of repair were estimated at £50k. The insurance claim will give us only £6,500 and we can find approximately £10,000 from our reserves. The current temporary coverings should last the winter but any repair will need to be protected from the weather while it is done, so with scaffolding and a temporary roof, our final bill may well be in excess of the initial £50,000 estimate.

We shall try and obtain what we can from grants but additional fund raising will be needed. There will be special meeting of the Parochial Church Council on Tuesday 13 September at 6.00 pm at church. In view of the seriousness of the situation, it will an open meeting and everyone is welcome. Any questions, please contact Linda or John – Churchwardens on 01235 751297 or 751809.

lindasoames@home.3b.co.uk, tel: 751297

martin@perrenwellstation.freeserve.co.uk Tel: 751809

Please send any items for Signpost by the 15th of each month to Chic Cook at
elizabeth@lesters.org.uk or ring 01235 751078

Ridgeway Church Services September 2016

	4 th September	11 th September	18 th September	25 th September	2 nd October
	<i>15th Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>16th Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>17th Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>18th Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>19th Sunday after Trinity</i>
Childrey	8:30am Holy Communion	6:00pm Evening Prayer	10:00am Family Communion	3:00pm Harvest Festival at St Mary's	8:30am Holy Communion
West Challow		11:30am Family Service		8:30am* Holy Communion	
Letcombe Regis	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion & Baptism	10:00am Matins
Letcombe Bassett			8:30am Holy Communion by extension	11:30am** Harvest Festival	
Sparsholt			11:30am Harvest Festival		
Kingston Lisle	10:00am Family Communion				10:00am Harvest Festival

Childrey	4 th September	Holy Communion	The Revd Antonia Cretney
Letcombe Regis	4 th September	Matins	Lay led
Kingston Lisle	4 th September	Family Communion	The Revd Paul Faint
Letcombe Regis	11 th September	Holy Communion	The Revd Antonia Cretney
West Challow	11 th September	Family Service	Lay led
Childrey	11 th September	Evening Prayer	Lay led
Letcombe Bassett	18 th September	Communion by Extension	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	18 th September	Matins	Lay led

*Rob Soames will be preaching on Sunday 25th September
at 8:30am Holy communion, West Challow

**Please gather at the steps of St Michael & All Angels where we will bless our new church
steps and path before processing into church for our Harvest Festival

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