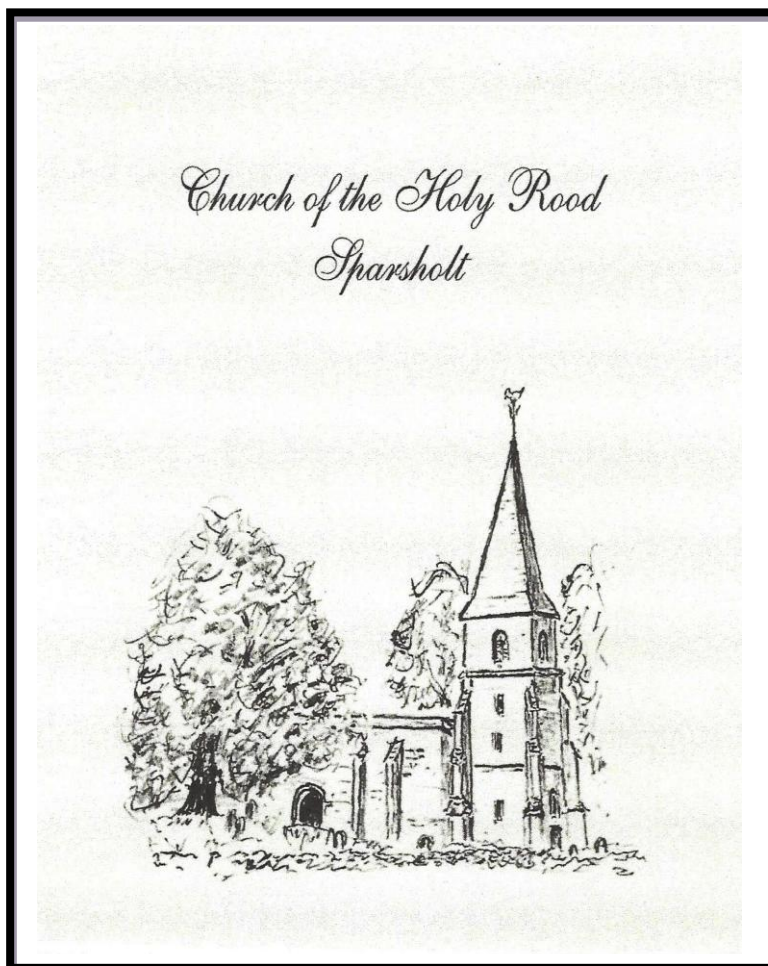


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The Ridgeway Churches

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Letcombe Regis: Letcombe Bassett:
Sparsholt: West Challow*



**JULY & AUGUST
2017**



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Dear Friends

Bishop Steven recently wrote a letter to the Diocese outlining his hopes and vision for the future. Below are some key points from this letter.

“At Pentecost, God poured out the Holy Spirit on the early Church. The Spirit changes everything and helps us to become more like Jesus Christ. The Spirit equips and empowers us for God’s mission in every age. The Spirit helps us to be salt and light in God’s world. Our world faces many challenges. The recent terror attacks in Manchester and London remind us of the challenge of building a strong and united society. The world and our nation need us to be the best Church we can be in such times as these.

I have now visited 22 of our 29 deaneries where I have listened to what is happening across the diocese. So far, I’ve met with over 2000 people who have shared their hopes, vision and questions with me. I look forward to visiting the remaining 7 deaneries by the end of July. I’ve seen a huge amount that is good. I’ve talked in my deanery visits about the kind of Church we are called to be. The simple call to become a more Christ-like Church has resonated very deeply whenever I have shared it. The Beatitudes in Matthew’s gospel speak to us very clearly about what it means to be a Christ like Church: we are called to be contemplative, compassionate and courageous in all we attempt together. There are new things happening in our wider society. The population is growing. Our work in schools is developing. We must reflect on all these changes and decide where our new priorities lie and what kind of future we want to build together.

At a recent conference I gave three reflections based on the story of the raising of Lazarus on what it means to be a contemplative, compassionate and courageous church. These themes were welcomed by people of many different traditions. You can find these reflections on the [diocesan website](#) together with other materials from the conference.

Please pray with me that we continue to become more contemplative, compassionate and courageous and that we put Christ at the heart of everything we do as we move forward together.

With love and prayers

+Steven Oxford.

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PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISM		
Phoebe Louise Mary Martin	4 th June 2017	Letcombe Regis
FUNERAL		
Richard Albert Rowland	5 th June 2017	Sparsholt

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY..!

Tuesday 4th July sees the welcome return of the music students from King Alfred’s Academy who will play an entertaining selection of their music at St Mary’s Church starting at 7pm. Entry is free and light refreshments will be served. They look forward to your company!

Wednesday 5th July – An evening with Bishop Steven at St John the Baptist Church Grove. Starting at 7.30pm with a simple act of worship followed by an address from Bishop Steven and then questions and refreshments.

Saturday 8th July is the next Pilgrim Circular Walk starting from St Mary’s Childrey to St John the Baptist Kingston Lisle, via The Church of the Holy Rood Sparsholt. We start from the porch of St Mary’s, Childrey. Please wear walking boots/shoes and don’t forget your mac! Also water and anything else you may need!

Sunday 9th July – Evensong at Letcombe Bassett will be sung by friends of Patrick and Louise Grattan starting at 6:00pm.

Wednesday 12th July – Music on a Summer’s Evening with the Icknield Morris Men, the Childrey Village Choir and Real Ale at the Pop-up Pub in Childrey Village Hall from 8pm onwards!

Monday 17th July is the date of the next meeting of the West Challow bible/book club starting at 10.15am at 3 Orchard Gardens, West Challow.

AND BY THE WAY..!!

Reading Partners are again needed for the start of the next school year to help with reading for some students. Many of you came forward last year and found it very rewarding. King Alfred’s have told us how grateful they are for the help and how very successful it was. If you are not already a reading partner and would like to help please contact either Linda Soames 751297 or John Martin on 751809 for more details. It does not require a lot of time.

St Mary’s Childrey recently held their annual Fête at Childrey Manor (by kind invitation of Satu Marks). In spite of it being extremely windy, it was a most enjoyable and well supported occasion. Although the final figures have not yet been announced, it is anticipated that approx £4,500 has been raised. Massive thanks to everyone who was involved in whatever capacity!



Ridgeway Church Services July 2017

	2 nd July	9 th July	16 th July	23 rd July	30 th July
	<i>The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth</i>	<i>The Fourth Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>The Fifth Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>The Sixth Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>The Seventh Sunday after Trinity</i>
Childrey	8:30am Holy Communion		10:00am Family Communion	11:30am Family Service at Childrey Methodist Church	
West Challow		11:30am Family Service			10:00am Benefice Communion
Letcombe Regis	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion	
Letcombe Bassett		6:00pm Choral Evensong	8:30am Holy Communion		
Sparsholt	6:00pm* Evening Prayer				
Kingston Lisle	10:00am Family Communion				

Letcombe Regis	2 nd July	Matins	Lay led
Sparsholt*	2 nd July	Evening Prayer	Lay led
Letcombe Bassett	9 th July	Choral Evensong	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	16 th July	Matins	Lay led

Sunday 30th July – 10:00am Benefice Communion

Sue Worth will be preaching at West Challow

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