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*The Ridgeway Churches*

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



**FEBRUARY  
2018**



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Dear Friends,

A few months ago I was discussing my holiday plans with a friend and chirped in with a comment that went something like this: "Of course I have to be back for 14<sup>th</sup> February because it is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent". Her face said it all, "What planet are you on? 14<sup>th</sup> February is St. Valentine's Day!"

At the beginning of the marriage service there are these lovely words:  
*God is love, and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.*

We are all enfolded in God's love. That is the root of our being. This Lent let us allow ourselves to be open to experience that overwhelming love of God for us.

Love and prayers

Leonora

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#### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

<b>FUNERAL</b>		
Robin Thomas Elliott	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Letcombe Regis
<b>FUNERAL &amp; BURIAL</b>		
Rose Mary Witchell	21 <sup>st</sup> December 2017	Kingston Lisle
<b>MARRIAGE</b>		
Andrew Charles Palmer Shaw & Elizabeth Mary Burton	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Letcombe Bassett

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#### LENT STUDY COURSE – THE STORY OF LAZARUS

This course in three sessions follows on from *Exploring the Beatitudes* and what it means to be a contemplative, compassionate and courageous church.

Mondays 19th & 26th February & 5th March 10:00am – Noon  
at The Ridgeway Rectory, Letcombe Regis.

For further details contact the Rector: Tel: (01235) 760112

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#### A GROUP VISIT TO OUR CATHEDRAL IN OXFORD

The Dean and Chapter of Christ Church warmly invite parishes from within the Diocese to visit the Cathedral, to share in its worship and discover its history. We are planning to accept the invitation and organise a trip to our Cathedral.

The programme will include a guided tour, a visit to the Upper Library (Picture Gallery open on Saturdays and summer term only), afternoon tea in the Great Hall, a visit to the treasury and Cathedral shop ending the visit with Choral Evensong at 6:00pm. The intention is to book a weekday during the summer or autumn term 2018. If you are interested please contact the Rector: Tel: 01235 760112 [revd.lahill@btinternet.com](mailto:revd.lahill@btinternet.com)

## **FEBRUARY DATES...!!**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 – Parochial Church Council Meetings**  
7.15pm for 7.30pm Letcombe Regis Village Hall.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Science & Faith: God or the Big Bang?** With Rt Dr Rodney Holder at Faringdon Corn Exchange at 7.30pm..

## **ON INTO MARCH...!!**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – BeSpace at Ridgeway Primary School**  
– volunteers needed. BeSpace is a Christian charity based in Oxfordshire that works with local churches to facilitate prayer and reflective spaces in schools and other areas of society. If you are able to help over the two days, even if it is only for an hour or two, please get in touch with Rector Leonora.

## **AND EVEN APRIL...!!**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – A Quiet Day at St Mary's Convent Wantage –**

*'A Contemplative Church - For Christians, being contemplative means simply to spend time with God. A contemplative Church spends time with God'.  
(Exploring the Beatitudes, 2017)*

If you would like to book this quiet day 10:00am – 4:00pm, £20.00 per person with lunch included. Please contact the Rector by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

## **BY THE WAY...!!**

**St Mary's Childrey** – it may seem a long time ago now but they would still like to thank everyone who contributed to the collections over the Christmas period which raised £850 for the charity "CRISIS". A further £120 was also raised at the Christingle service for the work of the Children's Society.

**Anyone mislaid a Hat??** A navy cotton hat with a floral lining was left in the church in Letcombe Bassett in December. It is on the table just inside the church door if it is yours or you know who it belongs to.

**In the coming year** we are going to be singing one particular hymn rather a lot! As many of you know Bishop Steven wants us to discover a fresh vision of Jesus Christ and discover what it means to be a more Christ-like Church and he has now written the words of a hymn that go to the Welsh tune Blaenwern. (*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*).



Christ Church Cathedral is unique architecturally and historically. Anyone who is on an electoral roll in the Oxford Diocese can apply for a free Diocesan pass which gives year round visitor access to the Cathedral, so you can pop in whenever you are in the city. Entry, normally £8, is free with a pass. To apply, contact The Visitors Officer, Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, OX1 1DP, email: [cathedral@chch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:cathedral@chch.ox.ac.uk) or ring 01865 276155. Alternatively, you can download and print an application form from [www.chch.ox.ac.uk/cathedral/visiting](http://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/cathedral/visiting)

## RIDGEWAY CHURCH SERVICES FEBRUARY 2018

	4 <sup>th</sup> February	11 <sup>th</sup> February	18 <sup>th</sup> February	25 <sup>th</sup> February	4 <sup>th</sup> March
	The Second Sunday before Lent	The Sunday Next before Lent	The First Sunday of Lent	The Second Sunday of Lent	The Third Sunday of Lent
<b>Childrey</b>	8:30am Holy Communion		10:00am Family Communion	11:30am Worship Together at Childrey Methodist Church	8:30am Holy Communion
<b>West Challow</b>		11:30am Family Service		8:30am Holy Communion	
<b>Letcombe Regis</b>	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion	10:00am Matins
<b>Letcombe Bassett</b>			8:30am Holy Communion		
<b>Sparsholt</b>		6.00pm Evening Prayer			
<b>Kingston Lisle</b>	10:00am Family Communion				10:00am Family Communion

Letcombe Regis	4 <sup>th</sup> February	Matins	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	11 <sup>th</sup> February	Holy Communion	The Revd Paul Faint
West Challow	11 <sup>th</sup> February	Family Service	Lay led
Sparsholt	11 <sup>th</sup> February	Evening Prayer	Linda & Rob Soames
Letcombe Regis	18 <sup>th</sup> February	Matins	Lay led
Letcombe Bassett	4 <sup>th</sup> March	Compline	Lay led

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Ash Wednesday** – 11am Holy Communion at St Andrew's Letcombe Regis and **7:30pm Holy Communion at St Mary's Childrey**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February Taizé Service** 7.30pm at St Laurence West Challow

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