

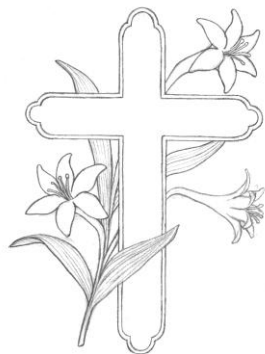
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The Ridgeway Churches

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



APRIL 2018



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Dear Friends,

During Lent two groups in the Ridgeway Benefice have met to reflect on 'Abundant Life' written by the Bishop of Oxford and based on John's Gospel, chapters 11 & 12, the story of Lazarus. Woven into the reflections are the three themes: contemplation, compassion and courage. We have learned that 'courage' is derived from Coeur, French for heart, and does not describe a dragon slayer! Lazarus' story is, perhaps, the longest in the Gospels where, with the disciples, we first encounter resurrection after death. This would have been a difficult concept to comprehend in Jesus lifetime, but it clearly pointed the way to Jesus death and resurrection later in the Gospel.

Through our Christian teaching we can understand more easily now than the disciples could then and, as we once again celebrate the Resurrection on Easter Day, let us consider in our hearts on the wonderful gift that Jesus gave to the world.

Peter Cook

PARISH REGISTERS

<i>BAPTISMS</i>		
Mia May Casey	11 th March 2018	Childrey
<i>FUNERAL</i>		
Sylvia May Rowland	26 th February 2018	Childrey

It is the time in the Church calendar again when Annual Reports are published and meetings are held. This offers the opportunity for anyone from each of the Ridgeway Benefice Parishes to attend and help appoint Churchwardens for their church. There will be a meeting in each village and the dates are given below. You are warmly invited to attend and be part of the process.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings 2018

- Sparsholt:** 7:30pm Monday 9th April, The Church of the Holy Rood, Sparsholt
- West Challow:** 7:30pm Tuesday 10th April, St. Laurence, West Challow
- Letcombe Bassett:** 7:30pm Wednesday 11th April, Letcombe Bassett Village Hall
- Kingston Lisle:** 7:30pm Monday 16th April, St. John the Baptist, Kingston Lisle
- Letcombe Regis:** 7:30pm Wednesday 18th April, St. Andrew's, Letcombe Regis
- Childrey:** 7:30pm Monday 23rd April St Mary's Church

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Friday 30th March – Service for Good Friday – 2pm at The Church of the Holy Rood, Sparsholt led by The Revd Dr Alastair Campbell and the Ridgeway Benefice Choir.

Saturday 31st March - Service of Light for Easter Eve - 8:00pm at St Laurence Church, West Challow.

Sunday 8th April Spring Recital by the St James Singers at 4:30pm at St Michaels & All Angels, Letcombe Bassett, followed by tea in the village hall and Choral Evensong at 6:00pm.

Saturday 14th April 7:30pm in West Challow Village Hall – Hendred Ukulele Group will entertain us! Proceeds will go to St Laurence Church and there will be a bar and a raffle. Tickets available from Ann on 01235 762358 or Alison on 01235 765985.

Tuesday 17th April 6:30pm – St Mary's Childrey are delighted to be hosting King Alfred's 'A' level music students again this year. Their individual pieces of music must be performed and recorded in front of an audience and sent off for marking to obtain their final 'A' level grade. Please do come and support them and listen to some very talented young people. Light refreshments will be served.

Monday 23rd April Bible/Book meeting at 3 Orchard Gardens, West Challow. 15.15am – 12.15pm. All very welcome.

AND BY THE WAY...!

****** Future events at ***St Mary's Childrey*** will include a charity concert, Teddy Bears Picnic service in June and a Pet Service in September. Further details next month!

****** ***St. Michael & All Angels, Letcombe Bassett; and St. Laurence, West Challow***, are both looking for church secretaries. The secretary's main role is to organise four evening meetings a year: preparing agendas and taking and circulating minutes. Most correspondence can be done by email. If you are happy to support your local church in this way then the Rector would be very pleased to hear from you.

****** ***Professional Bereavement & Couples Counselling*** is now available locally. For further details please contact Rector Leonora.

****** ***A Good Read***: Mindfulness and Christian Spirituality ...Making Space for God by Tim Stead



Ridgeway Church Services

April 2018

	1st April <i>Easter Day</i>	8th April <i>The Second Sunday of Easter</i>	15th April <i>The Third Sunday of Easter</i>	22nd April <i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	29th April <i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
Childrey	10:00am Family Service for Easter Day		10:00am Family Communion <i>Linda Soames preaching</i>	11:30am <i>Worship Together</i> St Mary's Welcomes Richard Pitt from Tearfund	
West Challow		11:30am Family Service		8:30am Holy Communion Rob Soames preaching	
Letcombe Regis	10:00am Holy Communion	10:00am Holy Communion	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion	
Letcombe Bassett	11:30am Family Service for Easter Day	6:00pm Evensong	8:30am Holy Communion <i>Linda Soames preaching</i>		10:00am Benefice Communion
Sparsholt	8:30am Holy Communion				
Kingston Lisle	10:00am Easter Day Family Communion				

Childrey	1st April	Easter Day Family Service	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	1st April	Easter Day HC	The Revd Antonia Cretney
Letcombe Regis	15th April	Matins	Lay led

Exploring the Beatitudes

8th, 15th April & 13th May 2018
10:00am St Andrew;s Letcombe Regis

Evensong led by the St James' Singers

6:00pm Sunday 8th April
St Michael & All Angels, Letcombe Bassett

Worship Together at St Mary's Childrey – 11.30am Sunday 22nd April:

Richard Pitt from Tearfund will be speaking about the work of the Charity

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