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*The Ridgeway Churches*

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



**MARCH 2018**



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Dear Friends,

Beech Publishing, in partnership with the Diocese of Oxford, have published a family activity sticker book. It is called *God Venture through the story of Lazarus*. This sticker activity book is for families to do together and it has a poster in the centre pages with verses to help you 'dwell in the story' for 40 days. Each session includes ideas on how you can read the Bible and pray together, as well as ways to include under 5's.

I have a number of copies available. If your family or you know of another family who would like one, please get in touch.

Blessings,  
Leonora

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#### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

<b>BAPTISM</b>		
Millie Rose Prior	7 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Kingston Lisle
<b>FUNERAL</b>		
Myra Gwenllian Worth	20 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Childrey

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#### A VISIT TO OUR CATHEDRAL IN OXFORD

The Dean and Chapter of Christ Church warmly invite parishes in 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 on Saturdays and summer term), 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 week day 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)

#### Quiet Day: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 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.*

#### 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

## **MARCH DIARY DATES..!!**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Tearfund Lunch** 12.30pm onwards and kindly hosted by Sue & Julian Worth, Appleton House, West Street, Childrey – Everyone most welcome to come and support the work of Tearfund.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March Compline Service** at 6pm at St Michael & All Angels Letcombe Bassett led by Jan Balkwill. It is a very brief service of prayer & reflection.

**Mondays 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March** continue the Lent Study sessions of *The Story of Lazarus* which are held at The Rectory Letcombe Regis from 10am – 12 noon. Further details from Rector Leonora on 01235 760112

**Wednesdays 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March** at 7.45pm Peter & Chic Cook will be holding discussion group meetings for Lent based on the book *Abundant Life - The Story of Lazarus*. These will be held at The Lesters, Childrey. Please let us know if you would like to come along and join in. (01235 751078)

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March - Book/Bible meeting** – 10.15am – 12.15pm at 3 Orchard Gardens, West Challow. All welcome to come and join in.

**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.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March – St Andrews Lent Soup Lunch** will be held at Letcombe Regis Village Hall from 12 noon to 2pm. Do come and enjoy some delicious homemade soups and support the Mission Aviation Society.

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

**In Kingston Lisle** designs for the new pipe organ are being finalised and it is hoped to install it in the church over the summer. Meanwhile, the plans are proceeding for the extension of the cemetery over the next few months, as only two plots remain in the existing one. The PCC and the Parish Council have worked closely together to make this happen and we are very grateful to Chris Nash for donating the land.

**Revision of the Electoral Roll** - This is the time of year when the Electoral Roll of each parish is revised. The Electoral Roll is a list of the names and addresses of every person who can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. To be on the Electoral Roll of a parish you should be baptised and at least 16 years old. You should either live in the parish or have worshipped at the church regularly for at least six months. To apply for your name to be added to the roll you have to fill out a form so please get in touch with the Rector if you wish to do so.

God of gentleness and love  
Draw near to us as we draw near to you  
Dwell in every heart and conversation  
Fashion us into the likeness of your Son Jesus Christ  
Help us to discern together all that you are calling us to be  
And all that you are calling us to do  
Assist us, by your Spirit, to become a more contemplative,  
More compassionate and more courageous church  
For the building of your kingdom and the glory of your Son  
Amen

## RIDGEWAY CHURCH SERVICES MARCH 2018

	4 <sup>th</sup> March	11 <sup>th</sup> March	18 <sup>th</sup> March	25 <sup>th</sup> March	1 <sup>st</sup> April
	<i>The Third Sunday of Lent</i>	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday</i>	<i>The Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>Easter Day</i>
<b>Childrey</b>	8:30am Holy Communion <i>Sue Worth Preaching</i>	10:00am Family Service  6:00pm Evening Prayer	10:00am Family Communion	11:30am Worship Together at Childrey Methodist Church	10:00am Family Service
<b>West Challow</b>		11:30am Family Service			
<b>Letcombe Regis</b>	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion	10:00am Holy Communion
<b>Letcombe Bassett</b>	6:00pm Compline		8:30am Holy Communion <i>Linda Soames Preaching</i>		
<b>Sparsholt</b>					8:30am Holy Communion
<b>Kingston Lisle</b>	10:00am Family Communion				10:00am Family Communion

Letcombe Regis	4 <sup>th</sup> March	Matins	Lay led
Letcombe Bassett	4 <sup>th</sup> March	Compline	Lay led
Childrey	11 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Service	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	18 <sup>th</sup> March	Matins	Lay led
Childrey	1 <sup>st</sup> April	Family Service	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	1 <sup>st</sup> April	Holy Communion	The Revd Antonia Cretney

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Professional Bereavement and Couples Counselling are now available locally. For further details please contact Rector Leonora - 01235 760112

Please send any items for Signpost by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to Chic Cook at [elizabeth@lesters.org.uk](mailto:elizabeth@lesters.org.uk) ring 01235 751078