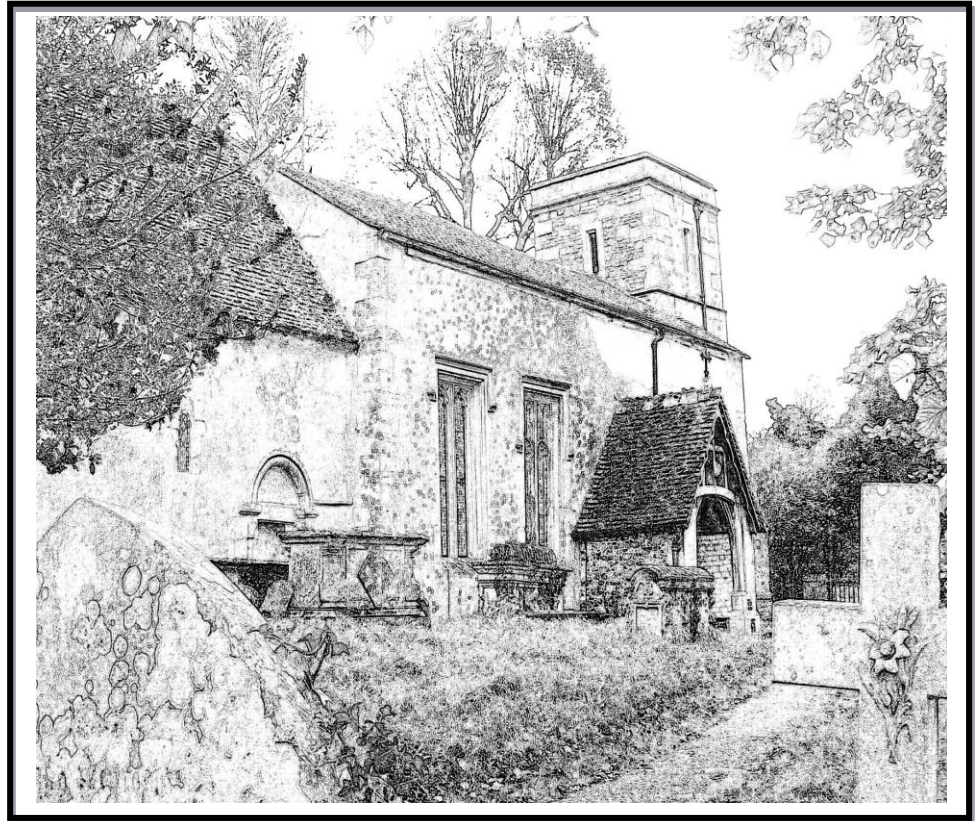


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The Ridgeway Churches

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



MAY 2018



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Dear Friends,

I have recently heard of a scheme whereby you can write to prisoners whilst keeping your address details private. *“There are many prisoners who check the mail board for their name every day, but it rarely appears. Some may only receive one letter per year”*. If you are interested in getting involved in this scheme then please write to: Penfriends, PO Box 33480, London, SW18 5YB

Thanks and blessings

Leonora

PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISM		
George Dean Adams	8 th April	Letcombe Regis
FUNERAL		
Anne Winifred Shone	26 th March	Childrey
John Adrian Griffiths	28 th March	Letcombe Regis
BURIAL OF ASHES		
Susan Jane Rolfe	3 rd April	Childrey
Dennis Albert Rowland	6 th April	Childrey

Join the global wave of prayer: Thy Kingdom Come 10th – 20th May 2018

In each of our six churches there will be a copy of Novena 2018. In the booklet there is a picture, bible text and prayer for each day during the nine days between Ascension Day and Pentecost. Feel free to use the material or alternatively:

#Pledge2Pray online www.thykingdomcome.global

This year Thy Kingdom Come coincides with Christian Aid Week: 13th – 19th May.

During Christian Aid week there will be a house-to-house collection in Letcombe Regis. There will also be Christian Aid envelopes in our churches. Please feel free to take one and send your donation direct to Christian Aid.

Alternatively you can donate on-line www.christianaid.org.uk

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...

Monday 7th May – Sparsholt Manor Gardens will be open from 2pm until 6pm under the National Gardens Scheme. Entry is £4 for adults, children free. Dogs on leads are welcome.

Wednesday 23rd May – A Taizé Group is being set up to sing Taizé chants on the third Wednesday of each month and will be held in St Laurence Church West Challow The first gathering will be on the 23rd May from 7.45pm – 8.45pm. Everyone welcome – we shall all be learning together! If you are interested and would like to know more please email Marie-France Burton on mariefrance@waitrose.com

Friday 1st June – The Tearfund Lunch will be held at Appleton House, West Street, Childrey, from 12.30pm onwards by kind invitation of Sue & Julian Worth. Please come along and support the work of Tear Fund. All welcome!

AND BY THE WAY...!

West Challow recently hosted a very enjoyable Ukele evening and raised the great sum of £221! Many thanks to those who came along!

Kingston Lisle is hoping that the Diocesan authorities will approve their proposals for the new pipe organ at their meeting due to be held on the 14th May. The total cost is £33,000 and there is now less than £7,000 to raise and they are in the process of applying for grants to cover the final hurdle. If anyone would like more information and see “mock-up” plans of how it will look in the church, please email angus.saer@btinternet.com

Letcombe Regis raised a record sum of £287.85 for the Mission Aviation Fellowship at the St Andrew's Lent Soup Lunch. Thank you to all those who came along and enjoyed the soup!

Childrey would like to thank everyone who came along and supported the King Alfred's music students recording their A Level music pieces on 17th April. Five students performed on the evening and, without exception, their performances were stunning. We wish them well in the rest of their exams this summer and will let everyone know how they got on when the results come through later in the year.

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.

Christchurch Cathedral - If you are on your parish electoral role you are eligible for a free Diocesan pass that admits you to the Cathedral without charge. www.chch.ox.ac.uk/education-and-visiting/free-entry

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

FUTURE DIARY DATES...

Letcombe Regis Open Gardens - Sunday 1st July

Wednesday 5th September - Quiet Day 10:00am – 4:00pm St Mary's Covent Wantage – Further details next month

St Mary's Church Fête – Childrey – Saturday 16th June!!

Ridgeway Church Services

May 2018

	6 th May	13 th May	20 th May	27 th May	3 rd June
	<i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>The Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>Pentecost</i>	<i>Trinity Sunday</i>	<i>The First Sunday after Trinity</i>
Childrey	8:30am Holy Communion		10:00am Family Communion	11:30am <i>Worship Together</i> Childrey Methodist Church	8:30am Holy Communion
West Challow		11:30am Family Service		8:30am Public Worship with Communion by Extension	
Letcombe Regis	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion	
Letcombe Bassett			8:30am Holy Communion		
Sparsholt		6:00pm Evensong*			
Kingston Lisle	10:00am Family Communion				10:00am Family Communion

Letcombe Regis	6th May	Matins	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	20th May	Matins	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	27th May	Holy Communion	The Revd Tony Lynn
West Challow	27th May	Public Worship with Communion by Extension	Linda Soames



Sunday 13th May 2018
The Faringdon Singers
The Church of the Holy Rood Sparsholt
Choral Evensong
at 6:00pm



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