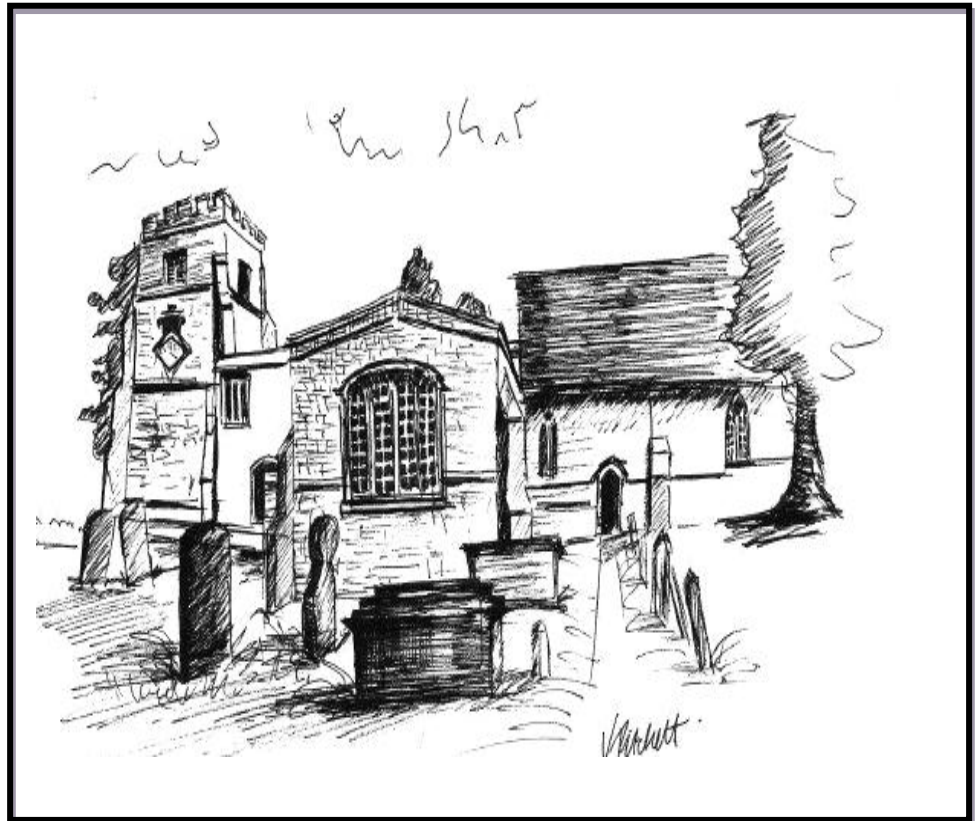


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The Ridgeway Churches

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



JUNE 2018

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Dear Friends,

Recently all the Parochial Church Councils of the Rideway Benefice came together for a presentation entitled: “*Moving the Rideway Churches Forward*”. The presentation outlined a new approach for governance and administration to enable us to become a more Christ-like church. The approach has two strands:-

- Employ an administrator
- Become one parish with six churches

I hope you will join us in praying and listening to God as we continue to seek the best way forward for the churches of the Rideway Benefice.

Thanks and blessings

Leonora

PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISM		
Lily Ann Palmer	13 th May 2018	Childrey
FUNERAL		
Robina Mary Astley Cooper	23 rd April 2018	Letcombe Regis
Dianne Plaister	26 th April 2018	Kingston Lisle
Ruth Amelia Rowland	14 th May	Sparsholt

West Challow Open Gardens will be held on Sunday 3rd June from 2:30pm to 5pm. Teas will be at Manor Farm - Tickets £5 for adults & children free. Proceeds to go to St Laurence Church

St Mary's Church Fête

Saturday 16th June 3-6pm
Childrey Manor

(by kind invitation of Satu Marks)

Come along and join in the fun!!
All the old favourites will be there plus a few new surprises!!

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 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!

Sunday 3rd June West Challow Open Gardens from 2.30pm – 5pm Teas will be at Manor Farm and tickets are £5 per adult, children free. All proceeds in aid of St Laurence Church.

Saturday 16th June St Mary's Church Fête from 3:00pm – 6:00pm in the grounds of Childrey Manor by kind invitation of Satu Marks

Saturday 23rd June in Letcombe Regis there will be a Safari Supper starting at 7pm and finishing with coffee in The Greyhound. For more information please contact Jane Ellis on 01235 763727.

Sunday 1st July Letcombe Regis Gardens are open. There will be 8 gardens to view and teas will be available. Please contact Neil McLaurin on 01235 769624 for more details and offers of help.

AND BY THE WAY...!

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, 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 – Small groups from Churches in the diocese of Oxford are invited by the Dean & Chapter to visit our Cathedral, Christ Church for a guided tour, tea in the Great Hall and choral evensong, A visit for the parishes of the Ridgeway Benefices has now been arranged for Thursday 18th October 2018. The visit commences at 3:00pm, with tea during the afternoon and concludes with Sung Evensong finishing by 7:00 pm. There are still spaces so if you would like to join the group please let me know. Peter Cook Tel: 01235 751078 or email: petercook@lesters.org.uk

A Good Read: Richard Holloway, *Waiting for the Last Bus Reflections on Life and Death*, Canongate, 2018

Quiet Day 10:00am – 4:00pm St. Mary's Convent Wantage (£20 includes lunch) – The next Quiet Day is to be on Wednesday 5th September. A 'Quiet Day' is a term commonly used for a day set apart to listen to God. The day begins with a short act of worship and two short talks (optional) are scheduled during the day. Silence is kept during the day and even during lunch! There are lots of ways to make the most of the silence. Do nothing at all....use a bible passage or poem to spark off a theme for prayer.....use the time to be honest to God about where you at.....be creative, knit, paint, write.....the day is space for you. If you would like to join us please get in touch with the Rector. (Spaces are limited so early booking advisable).

Professional Bereavement and Couples Counselling is now locally available, for further details please contact Rector Leonora Hill.

Ridgeway Church Services
June 2018

	3rd June	10th June	17th June	24th June	1st July
	<i>The First Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>The Second Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>The Third Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>The Birth of St John the Baptist</i>	<i>The Fifth Sunday after Trinity</i>
Childrey	8:30am Holy Communion	6:00pm **Evensong Led by St James' Singers	10:00am Family Communion	11:30am Worship Together St Mary's	8:30am Holy Communion
West Challow		11:30am Family Service		8:30am Holy Communion	
Letcombe Regis	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion	
Letcombe Bassett	6:00pm Compline		8:30am Holy Communion		
Sparsholt				6:00pm Evening Prayer	
Kingston Lisle	10:00am Family Communion				10:00am Family Communion

Letcombe Regis	3rd June	Matins	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	10th June	Matins	Lay led

**A prayer from the Diocese of Oxford
Clergy Conference 2018**

God of our pilgrimage,
We are a thirsty people in a dry and weary land.
Strike our stony hearts afresh.
Restore your springs of life within us.
Renew us by your Holy Spirit.
Let streams of living water flow through all your Church
For the healing of the nations
For the blessing of the earth
And to the glory of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Sunday 10th June

*4:30pm Recital
followed by Tea &
Choral Evensong at
6pm led by
The St James' Singers
at
St Mary's Childrey*

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