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The Ridgeway Churches

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



NOVEMBER 2018

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Dear Friends,

I would like to share this e-mail that I received entitled 'Armistice bells'.

"Her Majesty's Government's ambition is for bells to ring out at 12:30pm on 11th November to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice which signalled the end of the First World War. This will be a symbolic way to give thanks for the end of the war 100 years ago and will replicate the national outpouring of relief that took place at the end of the war as news of the Armistice filtered through and bells which had long been silent rang out. Bells ringing out at 12:30 will help mark the shift in emphasis from Remembrance in the morning to thanksgiving in the afternoon for the end of war and for peace. This will coincide with the start of the People's Procession, as 10,000 members of the public march past the Cenotaph in a nation's thank you."

On Remembrance Sunday, which in this centenary year falls on 11th November, we will mark the themes of Remembrance and Thanksgiving at our morning and evening services. Please see the service rota for times and venues.

Blessings,
Leonora

PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISM		
Jamie Andrew Chaundy	13 th October 2018	Letcombe Regis
Jamie Peter Jackson	14 th October 2018	Letcombe Regis
BURIAL OF ASHES		
Frederick John Froud	15 th October 2018	Childrey
FUNERAL		
Sir Adrian Christopher Swire	18 th September 2018	Sparsholt
THANKSGIVING FOR THE GIFT OF A CHILD		
Merryn Isobel Maybury	6 th October 2018	Childrey
WEDDINGS		
Justin Richard Paul Clark & Judith Vanessa Maidens	15 th September 2018	Letcombe Bassett
David Peter Quentin Hill & Katherine Joan Coleman	29 th September 2018	Sparsholt

Quiet Day 10:00am – 4:00pm Wednesday 5th December 2018

St. Mary's Convent Wantage (£20 includes lunch)

Our next Quiet Day is to be on Wednesday 5th December. 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, use the time to be honest to God about where you are. 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 by Friday 16th November.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES!!

Monday 29th October - Home Group in West Challow at 3 Orchard Gardens from 10.15am – 12.15pm. All very welcome.

Saturday 17th November St Andrew's Churchyard clean-up! Please come along in the morning armed with your wheelbarrow and garden tools and help keep our Churchyard tidy!

Saturday 17th November - The Big Quiz Night in aid of Tearfund! 7pm for 7.30pm Childrey Village Hall – tickets include a light supper and are available from Childrey Village Shop, cost £8 per person. Teams of not more than six at a table!! Licensed bar available. Do come and support the work of Tearfund which helps those less fortunate.

Sunday 25th November – West Challow, following the Family Service at 11.30am there will be a Tree Planting ceremony to commemorate WWI. Refreshments afterwards at the Village Hall

Monday 26th November - Home Group in West Challow at 3 Orchard Gardens from 10.15am – 12.15pm. All very welcome.

Saturday 1st December 7:00pm St. Andrew's Concert will be held in St Andrew's Church, Letcombe Regis. *The Saxonians* will perform a wide range of enjoyable jazzy and light classical music arranged for a saxophone quartet. Tickets £12.50 (to include interval refreshments and a glass of wine\soft drink) are available from Christine Birch, 01235 763529 or the Richmond Shop. Accompanied children free. Don't miss this evening of musical entertainment!

8th/9th December St Mary's Childrey! There will be a **Christmas Tree Festival** over the weekend, with the Christingle Service being held on the Sunday afternoon at 4pm! This will be part of a whole festival weekend across the village in conjunction with the Parish Council.

AND BY THE WAY...!!

St Laurence West Challow would like to thank all those who decorated the church so beautifully for Harvest and gave donations.

St Mary's Childrey are pleased to report that their links with musicians from King Alfred's continue to thrive with the A level students who recorded their pieces at St Mary's all being offered university places.

Work on the South transept roof at St Mary's is now underway and services are continuing as normal.

St John the Baptist Kingston Lisle - Our new pipe organ is now under construction and we hope for installation in November. We look forward to holding an opening recital thereafter and to the visit of the Rt Revd Colin Fletcher, Bishop of Dorchester, on Mothering Sunday (31st March) 2019 to dedicate the instrument. He will also consecrate the new cemetery, on which works are ongoing. The organ is the final stage of our £432,000 restoration of the church and we currently have less than £3,000 to raise.

GDPR - Under the new legislation PCCs can continue to hold your data for a specific legitimate purpose but cannot use your contact details to inform you about anything else. For example a PCC can circulate the flower rota to you as a member of the church flower team, but without your consent cannot then inform you of the forthcoming date of the village *Gardens Opening*. Please help your PCC to keep in touch by completing the consent form that was in Signpost last month. There are spare copies in your local parish church. Thank you very much for your help and support. (Rector Leonora)

Ridgeway Church Services November 2018

	4 th November	11 th November	18 th November	25 th November	2 nd December
	<i>All Saints Day</i>	<i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	<i>The Second Sunday before Advent</i>	<i>Christ the King</i>	<i>The First Sunday of Advent</i>
Childrey	8:30am Holy Communion		10:00am Ecumenical Service HC	11:30am <i>Worship Together</i> at St Mary's	8:30am Holy Communion
West Challow		8:30am Holy Communion		11:30am*** Family Service	
Letcombe Regis	10:00am Matins (lay led)	10:00am Holy Communion	10:00am Matins (lay led)	10:00am Holy Communion	10:00am Matins
Letcombe Bassett		6:00pm Service of Thanksgiving Remembrance Sunday	8:30am Holy Communion		
Sparsholt	6:00pm* All Souls Service	10:45am** Service for Remembrance Sunday			6:00pm**** Advent Carol Service
Kingston Lisle	10:00am Family Communion				10:00am Family Communion

*Sunday 4th November 6:00pm	All Souls Service, Church of the Holy Rood Sparsholt	Readings, poetry and music
**Sunday 11th November 10:45am	Service for Remembrance Sunday Church of the Holy Rood Sparsholt	After the service the British Legion will lay wreaths at the villages within the benefice
***Sunday 25th November 11:30am	Family Service West Challow	A tree will be planted to commemorate the end of WW1
Thursday 30th November 11:00am	Holy Communion St Andrew's Letcombe Regis	Service for St Andrew's Day
****Sunday 2nd December 6:00pm	Church of the Holy Rood Sparsholt	Advent Carol Service

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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

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