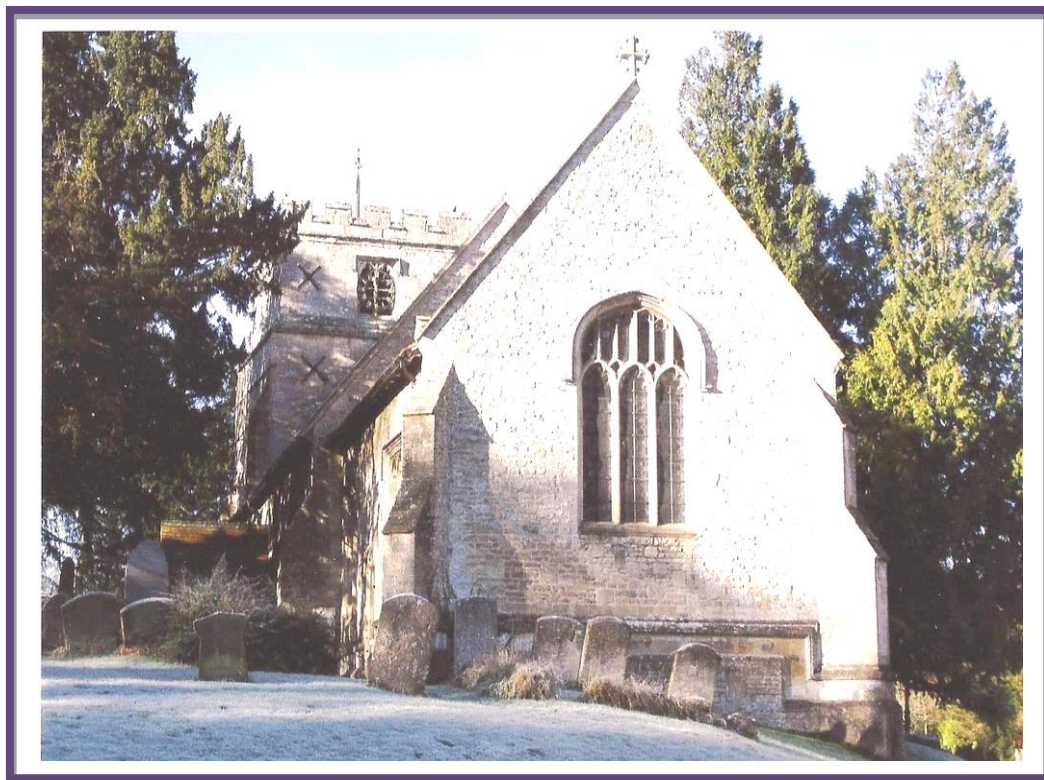


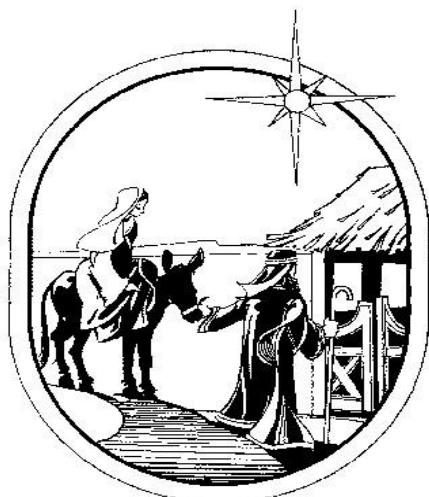
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The Ridgeway Churches

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DECEMBER 2018



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Dear Friends,

At our Christingle and Carol Services we will be giving out a little booklet called *Follow the Star*, a gift to you this Christmas. *'The booklet contains fourteen reflections, one for each day from Christmas Eve throughout the twelve days of Christmas, ending with Epiphany on 6th January. Each one includes a picture, a short Bible passage, a simple prayer and a challenge to reflect or act differently. Together, they form a journey through Jesus' early life, one that will help you take the joy and wonder of Christmas into the year ahead.'*

#Follow the Star: A journey through the 12 days of Christmas has been written by The Revd Dr Isabelle Hamley, Chaplain to The Archbishop of Canterbury.

Happy Christmas

Love and Blessings,

Leonora



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISM		
Bertie Charles Björn Tuke-Hastings	27 th October 2018	Sparsholt
FUNERAL		
John Bellis	18 th October 2018	Letcombe Regis
Gillian Mary Pearson	2 nd November 2018	Letcombe Regis
Jean Mary Wilkinson	15 th November 2018	Letcombe Regis
WEDDING		
Andrew James Martin & Sarah Elizabeth Fell	17 th November 2018	Childrey

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

I hope you have an Advent filled with anticipation and expectation and a Christmas filled with joy and peace and love

With love and blessings

Rector Leonora



DECEMBER DIARY DATES

Saturday 1st December - Gift Day St Andrew's Church. Rector Leonora will be in the church from 10am until 12 noon to receive donations and tea and coffee will be served.

Saturday 1st December – The Saxonians Concert in St Andrews Church in the evening. Tickets £12.50 available from Christine Birch or Richmond Shop.

Friday 7th December A Tearfund Lunch beginning at 12.30pm will be held at Appleton House, West Street, Childrey by kind invitation of Sue and Julian Worth. As this is the pre-Christmas lunch, there will also be Christmas cards and gifts for sale. Any questions ring Sue on 751563

Friday 7th December – A Christmas Tree kindly donated by White Horse Feeds will be on placed on Childrey Village Green. At 11.15am Rector Leonora will bless the Christmas Tree before The Ridgeway School, along with Little Ducks, hang decorations and enjoy a sing song! Thereafter, the village is invited to make, create or donate a decoration and add to the tree over the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Saturday 8th December – Christmas Tree Festival opens – St Mary's Church Childrey from 3 – 6pm

Sunday 9th December – 10.30am Carols round the Village Christmas Tree in Childrey with Wantage Silver Band to enjoy music, mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies.

Sunday 9th December at 4pm – Christingle Service at St Mary's Childrey. Everyone welcome especially children and families, for this magical time where we tell the Christingle story with oranges, candlelight and sweets. Collection to go The Children's Society. This will be followed by refreshments kindly organised by the Parish Council and will include hot dogs and refreshments!

Wednesday 12th December - Taize Service at 7.30pm in St Laurence Church West Challow followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Saturday 15th December at 6pm - St Andrews Letcombe Regis will be holding their Carol Service at 6pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies! As usual, St Andrews is collecting gifts for children and warm clothes for the homeless. Please wrap and label gifts saying what age group they are suitable for and place them beneath the Christmas Tree in church.

AND BY THE WAY....!!

Reading Partners for King Alfred's School - KA's are very grateful to all those who have become reading partners. 30 students are receiving 1:1 support which makes such a difference. If anyone else would like to volunteer please contact Linda on 751297 or John on 751809

Charlie Waller Trust: Thank you to everyone who supported the charity evening in September. The final sum raised was £750 plus gift aid which was a fantastic result!

On the 17th November, 45 people took part in the Big Tearfund (National) Quiz in Childrey Village Hall and raised £511.50!! Thank you to all those who attended, made soup, yummy apple cake and helped in whatever way! As soon as we know the National figure raised we will let you know!



Ridgeway Church Services December 2018



	2nd December	9th December	16th December	23rd December	24th December	25th December
	<i>The First Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>The Second Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>The Third Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>Christmas Day</i>
Childrey	8:30am Holy Communion	4:00pm Christingle Service	10:00am Holy Communion	3:00pm Carol Service Methodist Church		10:00am Crib Service
West Challow		11:30am Holy Communion		11:30am Carol Service		
Letcombe Regis	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion	10:00am Matins	10:00am Matins	11:30pm Midnight Communion	
Letcombe Bassett		6:00pm Carol Service	8:30am Holy Communion		4:00pm Crib Service	
Sparsholt	6:00pm Advent Carol Service			10:00am Holy Communion		10:00am Carol Service
Kingston Lisle	10:00am Family Communion		6:00pm Carol Service		11:30pm Midnight Communion	10:00am Family Communion

Letcombe Regis	2 nd December	Matins	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	16 th December	Matins	Lay led
Kingston Lisle	24 th December Christmas Eve	Midnight HC	The Revd Tony Lynn
Childrey	25 th December Christmas Day	Crib Service	Lay led
Sparsholt	25 th December Christmas Day	Carol Service	Lay led

Sunday 2nd December 6pm
Advent Carol Service:
The Church of the Holy Rood,
Sparsholt

Saturday 15th December 6pm
Carol Service
St Andrews Letcombe Regis

Sunday 30th December 10am
Benefice Communion
St Laurence West Challow

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