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The Ridgeway Churches

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



**FEBRUARY
2019**



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Dear Friends,

In these times of uncertainty I find faith in the creation of a delicate and beautiful small white flower that stands erect, undeterred by the blasts of the cold and the strength of the storms... The snowdrop a symbol of hope.

*Let nothing disturb thee,
nothing affright thee;
all things are passing,
God never changeth!
Patient endurance attaineth to all things;
who God possesseth in nothing is wanting;
along God sufficeth.*

Blessing from the Northumbrian Community Daily Office/Midday Prayer

Love and prayers

Leonora

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISM		
Sonny Reese Atkins	6 th January 2019	Kingston Lisle
FUNERAL		
Anthony William Perkins	2 nd January 2019	Letcombe Regis
Anthony George Hine	16 th January 2019	Letcombe Regis
WEDDING		
Andrew James Fiddy & Victoria Louise Thomson	15 th December 2018	Sparsholt

Home Communion Box Set

Do you know of anyone who has a Communion Box Set that is no longer being used? Members of our Pastoral Team are in training to take Holy Communion to people in their homes and we would like an additional Communion Box Set. If you would like to donate one to the benefice please get in touch with Rector Leonora. Thank you.

Pathways - New Diocesan Magazine

The new diocesan magazine is called *Pathways* and should start to appear in our churches this month. Do look out for a copy and let the diocese know what you think. communications@oxford.anglican.org Pathways is also available to read on line: <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways/>

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

ONE MORE DATE FOR JANUARY...!!

Wednesday 30th January 2019 – Parochial Church Council Meetings
7.15pm for 7.30pm Letcombe Regis Village Hall.

NOW FOR FEBRUARY...

Friday 1st February – The next **Tearfund Lunch** will be held at Childrey Manor by kind invitation of Satu Marks who looks forward to seeing you there from 12.30pm onwards!

Monday 4th February – Book/Bible Study Group in West Challow at 3 Orchard Gardens from 10.15am – 12.15pm. All very welcome.

ON INTO MARCH...

Saturday 2nd March, the Cheese & Wine Fundraising Quiz with 6 wines, 6 cheese and lots of silly questions returns to Childrey Village Hall. No more than 6 people per team. 7pm for 7.15pm start, tickets cost £14 per person and will be available from Childrey Village Shop (cash only) on the 11th February. All profits will go to St Mary's Church.

Saturday 23rd March There will be a concert by the **St James Singers** entitled "East Meets West" at St Mary's Church, Childrey. This will be in aid of the Parkinsons.Me charity. Website is: www.parkinsons.me

AND EVEN APRIL...!!

Thursday 4th April King Alfred's "A Level" music concert will take place at St Mary's Childrey. Further details next month.

OH AND BY THE WAY...!!

St Mary's Childrey – Thanks to everyone's generosity, the Christmas Tree Festival raised £400 for church funds, the Christingle raised £280 for The Children's Society and the collection on Christmas morning £330 for Crisis at Christmas. The Mummings visited Childrey on Boxing Day and as a result a further £425 was raised towards church funds.

Safeguarding Training:

We need to create and sustain "safe" inclusive church communities with a positive open transparent culture, where everyone is respected and has dignity; everyone is valued and encouraged to have life in all its fullness....

There are three levels of safeguarding training provided by the Church of England. C0: is available online and for all church volunteers. If you do not have access to the internet please contact Pat Hudson 07787120045 Patricia.a.hudson16@gmail.com



Christ Church Cathedral is unique architecturally and historically. Anyone who is on an electoral roll in the Oxford Diocese can apply for a free Diocesan pass which gives year round visitor access to the Cathedral, so you can pop in whenever you are in the city. Entry, normally £8, is free with a pass. To apply, contact The Visitors Officer, Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, OX1 1DP, email: cathedral@chch.ox.ac.uk or ring 01865 276155. Alternatively, you can download and print an application form from www.chch.ox.ac.uk/cathedral/visiting

RIDGEWAY CHURCH SERVICES FEBRUARY 2019

	3rd February	10th February	17th February	24th February	3rd March
	Presentation of Christ in the Temple	4 th Sunday before Lent	3 rd Sunday before Lent	2 nd Sunday before Lent	Sunday next before Lent
Childrey	8:30am Holy Communion	6:00pm Evensong	10:00am Family Communion	11:30am Worship Together at Childrey Methodist Church	8:30am Holy Communion
West Challow		11:30am Family Service		11:30am Holy Communion	
Letcombe Regis	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion	10:00am Matins
Letcombe Bassett	6:00pm Evensong		8:30am Holy Communion		6:00pm Evensong
Sparsholt		8:30am Holy Communion			
Kingston Lisle	10:00am Family Communion				10:00am Family Communion with Baptism

Letcombe Regis	3 rd February	Matins	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	17 th February	Matins	Lay led
Letcombe Bassett	3 rd March	Evensong	Lay led

CANCELLATION

6:00pm Saturday 2nd February, Presentation of Christ in the Temple
St. Laurence, West Challow

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