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The Ridgeway Churches

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



JANUARY 2019



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Dear Friends,

Well, here we are again, after Christmas, recycling bins overflowing with bottles, cans and wrapping paper and waste food caddies full of sprouts! Children playing with shiny new toys whilst adults are running on empty, all batteries drained, literally and metaphorically.

Are we at risk of throwing our Christmas spirit away as easily as the half used candles?

Instead of hiding the Light of the World away in the attic until next Advent, let's keep the flame alive in our thoughts, prayers, words and especially our deeds in the year ahead.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

Sue Worth

PRAYER TREE



In these busy times it is sometimes difficult to find time to think about the things that really matter to us.

Our parish churches are here all year for those who want to take a moment for reflection. In St Mary's we have placed a Prayer Tree for those who wish to offer up a prayer for something that matters to them.

If you would like some privacy for your prayer please place it in the box and it will be gathered up along with the others by Reverend Leonora and added to the prayers being said in the parish.

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

Thank you very much for all your cards, greetings and presents for Christmas and the New Year.

Love and best wishes for 2019

Leonora and Peter Hill

Ridgeway Rectory

DIARY DATES..!!

Monday 7th January sees the next monthly book/bible group from 10.15am to 12.15pm at 3 Orchard Gardens, West Challow and they look forward to welcoming anyone who would like to come along.

THE CHANGING FACE OF CHILDREY

A slideshow and exhibition of old photos

**Friday 18th January (6.30pm – 9.30pm), and
Saturday 19th January 2019 (09.30am – 12.30pm)**
in Childrey Village Hall

Please pop in any time to see this fascinating display!

It's a celebration of village life, past and present, put together by
Childrey & Sparsholt WI.

Free entry and refreshments are available

Wednesday 30th January 2018 – Parochial Church Council Meetings
7.15pm for 7.30pm Letcombe Regis Village Hall.

St Andrews Letcombe Regis would like to thank all those who placed gifts for the homeless beneath the Christmas Tree in Church. These gifts will be distributed to those in need after Christmas.

St Mary's Childrey has been busy and a big thankyou to all who helped and supported the Christmas Festival Weekend in whatever way, you know who you are. However, we must say a very special thank you to Jane Bardell for organising the magnificent Christmas Tree Festival and also to the Parish Council for the Christmas Tree outside the Village Hall and the excellent refreshments after the Christingle service. Thanks to everyone's generosity, the Festival raised £400 for church funds and the Christingle raised £280 for The Children's Society. The Tree Festival provided a wonderful backdrop for the Ridgeway School Carol Service and The Little Ducks Nativity.

Ridgeway Taize Group continues to meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7.45pm in St Laurence Church, West Challow. Please contact Linda 07766 794704 or Marie-France on 07807 666326 for further details.

FUTURE DATES...!!

Friday 1st February sees the first **Tearfund** Lunch of 2019 and will be held at Childrey Manor by kind invitation of Satu Marks who looks forward to seeing you there from 12.30pm onwards!

Saturday 2nd March The Infamous Childrey Cheese & Wine Quiz returns just before Lent begins!

BY THE WAY...!

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 are in need of a Communion Box Set. If you would like to donate one to the benefice please get in touch with Rector Leonora. Thank you.

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

Ridgeway Church Services January 2019

	30 th December	6 th January	13 th January	20 th January	27 th January	3 rd February
	<i>The First Sunday of Christmas</i>	<i>Epiphany</i>	<i>Baptism of Christ</i>	<i>3rd Sunday of Epiphany</i>	<i>4th Sunday of Epiphany</i>	<i>Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)</i>
Childrey		8:30am Holy Communion		10:00am Holy Communion	11:30am Worship Together Childrey Methodist Church	8:30am Holy Communion
West Challow	10:00am Benefice Communion		11:30am Family Service		8:30am 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 Compline		8:30am Holy Communion		6:00pm Evensong BCP
Sparsholt			6:00pm Evensong BCP			
Kingston Lisle		10:00am Family Communion Noon Baptism				10:00am Family Communion

Letcombe Regis	6 th January	Matins	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	20 th January	Matins	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	3 rd February	Matins	Lay led
Letcombe Bassett	3 rd February	Evensong	Lay led

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

The Editor would also like to thank everyone who contributes to Signpost and all the lovely people who deliver to all the households in our Ridgeway villages every month!

Thank you and a Happy New Year!

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