

**S
I
G
N
P
O
S
T**

The Ridgeway Churches

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



**MARCH
2019**



*Revd Leonora Hill
Rector of the Ridgeway Benefice
revd.lahill@btinternet.com
01235 760112*

Dear Friends,

I hope that you will all be able to join us for the organ recital at 6pm on Saturday 30th March at St. John the Baptist, Kingston Lisle. Originally located in a church in London, the organ is a Walker Type C direct electric action organ dating from 1971. It has been reconfigured, enhanced and re-cased to fit the small space and budget available.

The installation of this new pipe organ at St. John the Baptist is the final stage of a major restoration. On behalf of the church I would like to thank Angus Saer (churchwarden) for masterminding the whole restoration project at Kingston Lisle.

We are delighted that Bishop Colin will be with us to mark the occasion at our Benefice Communion service. I do hope you will be able to join us at Kingston Lisle on Mothering Sunday for this service of celebration, a day traditionally known 'as *a day of relief from the rigour of Lent*'.

Blessings for Lent,

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BURIAL OF ASHES		
Heulwen Price	16 TH February 2019	Childrey
MEMORIAL SERVICE		
Catherine Blackburn	15 th February 2019	Sparsholt

LENT 2019

"Come and explore the special relationship we enjoy through Holy Communion".

Monday mornings 11th, 18th, 25th March & 1st, 8th April. 10:30pm – noon
Timberdown, South Street, Letcombe Regis For more information please
contact Denise Elliott Tel: 01235 767471 or deniseelliott915@gmail.net

Thursday evenings 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March & 11th April. 7:45pm – 9.15pm
The Lesters, Childrey. For more information please contact
Peter Cook Tel: 01235 751078 petercook@lesters.org.uk

REVISION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL 2019 - This is the year when every parish has to prepare a new electoral roll. This occurs every six years and if you are already on the electoral roll you should receive an application for enrolment or find one in church. I urge you to join as being on the electoral roll encourages a sense of belonging and entitles you to attend your Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and have a voice in church matters.

MARCH DIARY DATES

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 £15 per person and are available from Childrey Village Shop (cash only). All profits to St Mary's Church.

Saturday 16th March – St Andrew's Lent Soup Lunch in Letcombe Regis Village Hall from 12.15pm – 1.45pm. Do come and support this event and enjoy some delicious homemade soups! Donations to Mission Aviation Fellowship.

Saturday 23rd March Do come and support a charity concert by the **St James Singers** entitled "East Meets West" at St Mary's Church, Childrey. Refreshments will be served and admission is free. Donations on the night in aid of the Parkinsons.Me charity. www.parkinsons.me

Saturday 30th March - Messy Church will be held in The Methodist Church from **11.30am to 1.30pm** - All families and children are invited to come along and enjoy lots of fun activities to celebrate Mothers' Day. Lunch is included! This is the first time we have held Messy Church so if it is something you would like to happen more often please come along and support it! For further info call Linda on 01235 751297 or email: lindasoames@home.3b.co.uk

Saturday 30th March An Organ Concert at St John the Baptist Kingston Lisle at 6pm. Programme includes Bach, Vidor and will last about an hour with refreshments afterwards. Entry by free tickets from Churchwarden Arthur Marmont arthurmarmont@gmail.com

Sunday 31st March : Bishop Steven will be visiting St. Michael and All Angels Letcombe Bassett at 2 p.m. to consecrate the new piece of the churchyard, very kindly given by John Wheeler. There will be tea and biscuits in the church afterwards. Please do come and share this special occasion.

ON INTO APRIL...!!

Thursday 4th April - Audience Required 6.30 pm!!

King Alfred's 'A' level music students will be performing their examination pieces which will be recorded and sent for marking as part of their final grade. The recordings must be done in front of an audience, so please come along and help support them at this very important time. Light refreshments will be served.

OH AND BY THE WAY...!! – The next **Tearfund Lunch** will be in May, when we hope for better weather instead of the snowboots which were required to get to our February lunch! Many thanks to Satu for hosting in such snowy weather! More details in next month's Signpost.

FORTHCOMING ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS (APCM'S)

N.B.The first PCC meeting of the year will follow immediately after the APCM

West Challow	Sparsholt	Letcombe Regis	Kingston Lisle	Letcombe Bassett	Childrey
Thursday 21 st March	Monday 25 th March	Wednesday 27 th March	Monday 1 st April	Wednesday 3 rd April	Wednesday 10 th April

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

RIDGEWAY CHURCH SERVICES MARCH 2019

	3 rd March	10 th March	17 th March	24 th March	31 st March	7 th April
	The Sunday next before Lent	The First Sunday of Lent	The Second Sunday of Lent	The Third Sunday of Lent	Mothering Sunday	The Fifth Sunday of Lent
Childrey	8:30am Holy Communion		10:00am Family Communion	11:30am Worship Together		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		10:00am Matins
Letcombe Bassett	6:00pm Evensong		8:30am Holy Communion			6:00pm Compline
Sparsholt		8:30am Communion by Extension				
Kingston Lisle	10:00am Family HC with Baptism				10:00am Benefice Communion	

Letcombe Regis	3 rd March	Matins	Lay led
Letcombe Bassett	3 rd March	Evensong	Lay led
Sparsholt	10 th March	Communion by Extension	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	10 th March	Holy Communion	The Revd Paul Faint
West Challow	10 th March	Family Service	Lay led
Letcombe Bassett	17 th March	Holy Communion	The Revd Mary Harwood
Childrey	17 th March	Holy Communion	The Revd Mary Harwood
Letcombe Regis	17 th March	Matins	Lay led
Kingston Lisle	31 st March	Benefice Communion	The Right Revd Colin Fletcher

Ash Wednesday, 6th March

11:00am Public Worship with Communion by Extension, St. Andrew's, Letcombe Regis

7:30pm Public Worship with Communion by Extension, St. Mary's, Childrey

Wednesday 20th March

7:30pm Taizé Service, St. Laurence West Challow

Mothering Sunday, 31st March

10:00am Benefice Service at St. John the Baptist, Kingston Lisle

Bishop Colin will be presiding. During the service Bishop Colin will bless the new organ.

The Ridgeway Benefice Ministry Team will also be commissioned during the service.

Ridgeway Benefice Pastoral Co-ordinators:

Miranda Marsh (Childrey) 01235 751377; email: mirandajmarsh@btinternet.com

Ann Brown (West Challow) 01235 762358; email: ann.r.brown@hotmail.co.uk

Debbie Webb (Letcombe Regis) 01235 760973; email: debbieleek21@gmail.com

Janey Nelson (Kingston Lisle) 01367 820392 email: janeynelson@hotmail.co.uk