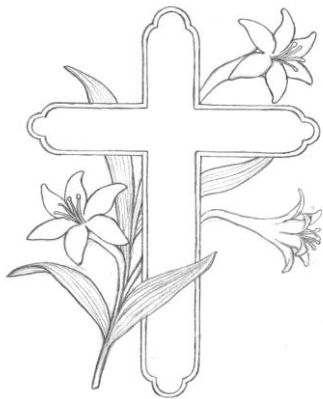


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The Ridgeway Churches

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



APRIL 2019

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Dear Friends,

Watching *The Durrells* this spring has brought back happy memories of holidays in Corfu. The year we were there for Easter was especially memorable – three brass bands parading through the streets each playing a different tune, processions of Saint Spiridon around the town, crockery being thrown off the balconies onto the road and everything culminating in the most spectacular firework display at midnight on Easter Saturday. Easter celebrations eclipse Christmas here. And why not? Easter brings the promise of new life as spring follows winter and leads on to summer and hope for the future as we celebrate the triumph of good over evil in the resurrection.

A very Happy Easter to you all, however you spend the weekend.

Linda Soames



PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS		
Isla Rose Tuddenham	3 rd March 2019	Kingston Lisle
FUNERAL		
Alison Lesley Burfitt	1 st March 2019	West Challow

Ridgeway Taizé Group meets for a time of reflection and to sing the Taizé chants in the peace and quiet of St Laurence’s Church, West Challow. They meet at 7:30pm and sing from 7:45 – 8:30pm. Dates are as follows: Wed 24th April; Wed 22nd May; Wed 26th June and Wed 24th July.

If you would like to know more please contact *Linda Soames* on lindasoames@home.3b.co.uk tel 01235 751297 or just come along on the day!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

END OF MARCH....!

Saturday 30th March - Messy Church will be held in The Methodist Church, Childrey 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 – Mothering Sunday 10:00am Bishop Colin will preside at the Benefice Service at St John the Baptist, Kingston Lisle and during this service he will commission the Ridgeway Benefice Ministry Team and bless the new organ.

Bishop Colin will then travel to Letcombe Bassett for 2:00pm to consecrate the new area of churchyard, generously donated by John Wheeler. This will be followed by refreshments in the church.

NOW FOR APRIL...!!

Monday 1st April - Kingston Lisle Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Wednesday 3rd April - Letcombe Bassett Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Thursday 4th April - Audience required 6.30 pm in St Mary's Childrey!!

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.

Wednesday 10th April - Childrey Annual Parochial Church Meeting (to be held in Childrey Village Hall).

Sunday 14th April Palm Sunday - St Andrew's Church, Letcombe Regis - Please join us at 10:00am for a special service of dramatised readings of The Passion.

Sunday 21st April Easter Day - St Mary's Childrey look forward to celebrating Easter with their traditional 10am service. The Village Choir will be singing for us and afterwards the children are invited join in the Easter Egg Hunt around the church!

ON INTO MAY...!

Saturday 11th May - To encourage wild flowers, volunteers will be scything Letcombe Bassett church yard, starting around 8:30 am. Please come and help by raking up after them, at any time that morning which suits you. Refreshments will be provided.

Sunday 19th May – Hymns and Pimms 6:30pm St Mary's Childrey. Save the date and watch this space!!

AND SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT....

Many of us struggle to find the time or discipline, to snatch a quiet moment during the day for reflection. It can help to have a set of daily or weekly notes to focus our thoughts. The BRF Bible Reading Fellowship, offer a variety of notes, books and quiet days which can help. You can also get their daily readings on your computer or phone. For more information, do talk to Linda Soames, the Benefice BRF Rep (751297) or visit www.biblereadingnotes.org.uk You can also follow BRF on Twitter@brfonline!



Ridgeway Church Services

April 2018

	7 th April	14 th April	21 st April	28 th April	5 th May
	<i>The Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>Easter Day</i>	<i>The Second Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>The Third Sunday of Easter</i>
Childrey	8:30am Holy Communion		10:00am Family Service	11:30am <i>Worship Together</i>	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 Holy Communion	10:00am Holy Communion	10:00am Matins
Letcombe Bassett	6:00pm Compline		8:30am Holy Communion		6:00pm Evensong
Sparsholt			11:30am Holy Communion		
Kingston Lisle			10:00am Family Communion		10:00am Family Communion

Kingston Lisle	31st March	Benefice Communion	The Right Revd Colin Fletcher
Letcombe Bassett	7th April	Compline	Jan Balkwill
Kingston Lisle	21st April	Family Communion	The Revd Tony Lynn
Letcombe Regis	21st April	Holy Communion	The Revd Mary Harwood

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.
 11:45am Bishop Colin will consecrate the extension to Kingston Lisle burial ground.
 2:00pm Consecration Service at St. Michael and All Angels, Letcombe Bassett
 Bishop Colin will consecrate the extension to the churchyard

Maundy Thursday: 18th April

7:30pm Holy Communion with Feet Washing at St. Mary's, Childrey

Good Friday: 19th April

2:00pm The Church of the Holy Rood, Sparsholt with the Ridgeway Benefice Choir

Saturday 20th April at 8:00pm

Easter Eve Service of Light at St Laurence Church, West Challow

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