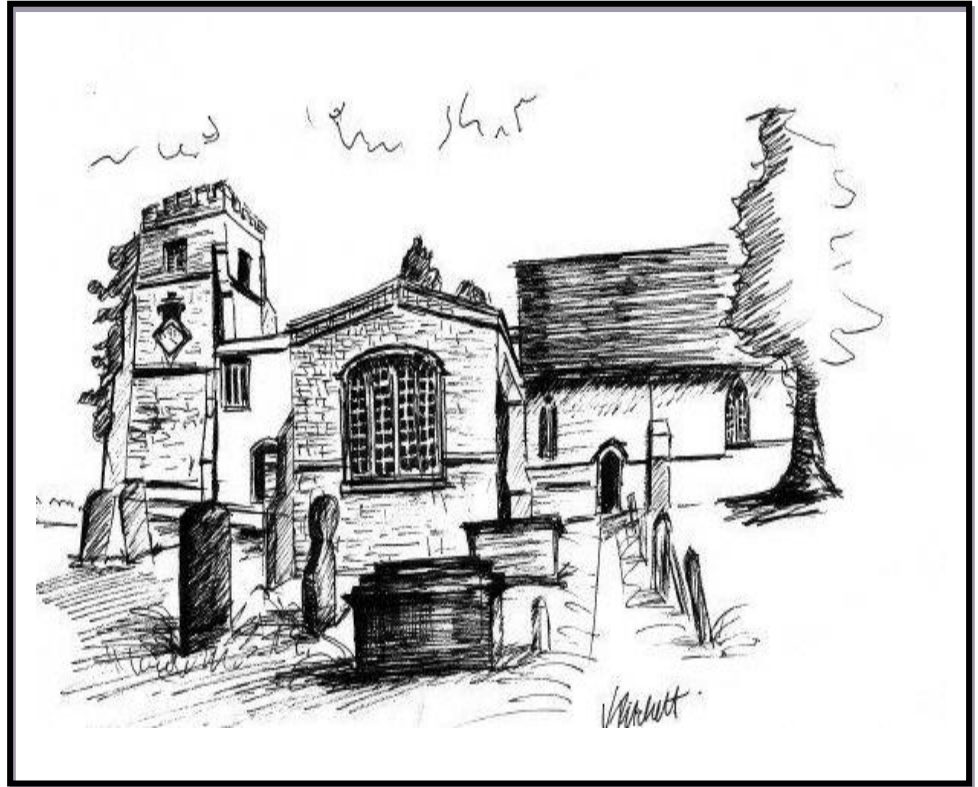


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MAY 2019

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Dear Friends,

During the last week of Lent there was a disastrous fire at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris. It was a reminder of the fire 35 years ago at York Minster which resulted from an “act of God”, a lightning strike, whilst at Notre Dame the cause was reported as an electrical fault. Great national shock, expressions of grief and amazing financial support have followed with reports emphasising the architectural importance of the Paris skyline and the tourist industry. The most notable spiritual event was the ringing of church bells across France 24 hours after the fire.

We should remind ourselves, however, that Jesus put little store by buildings. The Church was established for people and the buildings came much later. Whilst we have the responsibility to love and look after our historic churches, let us not forget that it is our communities and not the stones that should always take precedence.

Spring is here. Hallelujah!



Peter Cook

PARISH REGISTERS

<i>BAPTISM</i>		
Robert Daniel Winterborne	14 th April 2019	Childrey
<i>FUNERALS</i>		
Stanley Wilkinson	21 st March 2019	Letcombe Regis
Kathleen Joan Elbrow	27 th March 2019	Kingston Lisle
Jeremy Michael Davies	15 th April 2019	Letcombe Regis

Mothering Sunday, Holy Week and Easter.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to ensure that the visit of Bishop Colin on Mothering Sunday was a successful and memorable day.

Following the tradition of no flowers in church during Lent our churches looked beautifully adorned for Easter. Thank you very much to all our flower arrangers and to all those who cleaned our churches in preparation for the Easter Festival.

A big thank you too to those who organised and led our services during Holy Week and Easter. We are also very grateful to the Ridgeway Benefice Choir, Childrey Village Choir and Ridgeway School Choir and our organists for enriching our Easter worship.

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

DIARY DATES FOR 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.

Saturday 18th May 2019 “Ninebarrow” St Andrew’s Letcombe Regis, doors open 7:00pm. Ninebarrow are a multi-award winning folk duo and they gave a stunning performance when they came in 2017. This will be another memorable night. Tickets online from www.ninebarrow.co.uk/gig or at the village shop.

Sunday 19th May 6:30pm St Mary’s Childrey – “Hymns & Pimms” – Come and join us in singing a number of favourite and well-known hymns chosen by various groups from the community, followed by a glass or two of Pimms! It promises to be a most enjoyable evening. Admission free – donations welcome.

Wednesday 22nd May Ridgeway Taizé Group meets for a time of reflection and to sing the Taizé chants in St Laurence’s Church, West Challow. Meet at 7:30pm and sing from 7:45 – 8:30pm. Further info from *Linda Soames* on lindasoames@home.3b.co.uk or 01235 751297 or just turn up!

Sunday 26th May Letcombe Bassett Gardens are open between 1.30pm and 5.30pm. £5 entry for adults. Do come and enjoy the gardens and views of the Letcombe Brook and Downs and pop in for tea and homemade cake in the Village Hall.

AND ON INTO JUNE....!!

Friday 7th June Music on a Summer’s Evening – Childrey Village Hall - bar from 6pm – The Icknield Way Morris men will be there and assorted folk singers. The famous White Horse pizza guys will also be there!

Saturday 22nd June St Mary’s Church Fête to be held in the grounds of Childrey Manor from 3:00pm. Look out for more info next month!

AND BY THE WAY !! - Saturday 21st September St Mary’s Harvest Supper and Folk Concert with Moonrakers in the Barn at Pond Farm in Childrey. Make a note of the date!!

West Challow would like to say a huge thank you to all who helped with the church spring clean which hadn’t been done for a very long time! Also a belated thanks to all those who helped with the churchyard snowdrop planting.

Childrey is pleased to report that the **St James Singers Charity Concert** raised just over £500 for Parkinsons.Me. Thanks to all involved in whatever way!

The first **Messy Church** held recently was a great success and it is planned to hold another one in due course! Look out for further details soon.

Childrey Village Choir is looking to recruit new members for the choir! Everyone welcome, no experience needed. Rehearsals are in the Methodist Church Childrey on Tuesdays, 8.30pm-9.30pm (you don't have to live in Childrey to come!) Next performances are 7th June (Summer Evening) and 22nd June (St Mary’s Fête) and our first rehearsal after Easter will be 30th April. Any questions please email Chris at: deweycr@gmail.com

Ridgeway Church Services
May 2019

	5th May	12th May	19th May	26th May	2nd June
	<i>The Third Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>The Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>
Childrey	8:30am Holy Communion	6:00pm Evensong	10:00am Holy Communion	11:30am <i>Worship Together at Childrey Methodist Church</i>	8:30am Holy Communion
West Challow		11:30am Family Service		11:30am Public Worship with Communion by Extension	
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 Public Worship with Communion by Extension		6:00pm Evensong
Sparsholt		8:30am Holy Communion			
Kingston Lisle	10:00am Family Communion				10:00am Family Communion

Letcombe Regis	5th May	Matins	David Allchin
Letcombe Bassett	19th May	Public Worship with Communion by Extension	Jan Balkwill
Letcombe Regis	19th May	Matins	George Green
West Challow	26th May	Public Worship with Communion by Extension	Ann Brown
Letcombe Bassett	2nd June	Evensong	Jan Balkwill

Petertide Ordinations

Please pray for all those to be ordained this Petertide among them Andrea Colbrook who is to serve her curacy in the Ridgeway Benefice.

Andrea is to be ordained Deacon by Colin, Bishop of Dorchester at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford on Saturday 29th June 2019 at 2pm.

All are welcome to attend the service at the Cathedral and please remember Andrea, Ade, Beth, Emily and Dan in your thoughts and prayers

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