# THE RIDGEWAY BENEFICE CONTACT

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

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Dear Friends,

When I was a newly-wed student living with a lovely family in *The Old Rectory* it never crossed my mind that years later we would live in a rectory. Having lost touch with the family imagine my surprise when I discovered *The Old Rectory* on the front cover of a new book. Eleanor Stewart is now an author of two books: *Kicking the Habit* and *New Habits.* 

Kicking the Habit by Eleanor Stewart.

Eleanor tells of her life as a nun and a midwife in a large inner- city hospital in Liverpool. While Beatlemania grips the nation, she is trying to co-ordinate the demands of the religious life with the drama, excitement and occasional tragedy of the hospital world.

New Habits by Eleanor Stewart.

Eight years later, she left the Order and found herself in Liverpool, thrown into the world of the late 1960s, with its free and easy attitude to relationships. After some foolish mistakes, she settles down and marries - yet she was devastated to discover that she was unable to have children. She and her husband then embarked on the path to adoption, eventually becoming parents to two lovely children, and now grandchildren.....

Happy holiday reading!

Blessings, Leonora

## CHILDREY

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 12.30pm The Tear Fund Lunch will be held at the home of Sue & Julian Worth, Appleton House, West Street. All Welcome!

## WEST CHALLOW

You may have noticed the churchyard has not been cut. This is intentional, as we are trying to encourage more flowers to grow in the churchyard, so the grass will be cut in late July and then again in the Autumn. We are trying to create a wild flower field without scalping the grass! We will be looking for some volunteers to help pick up the cuttings in August!

## **KINGSTON LISLE**

The church is now closed for our restoration works, which we hope to complete in time for Christmas, and we are within £10,000 of our revised £315,000 fundraising target. Many thanks to all our wonderful donors. There are still porch roof tiles available to sponsor at a suggested £5 each - please contact Serena Sissons if you'd like to do this.

## SPARSHOLT

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm** Concert at Sparsholt Church – The Carducci String Quartet who are recognised as one of today's most successful string quartets are returning to Sparsholt and will play music by Haydn, Shostakovich and Mendelssohn. Tickets from: Anthony Lee 751247, Henry Newton 751540 or Wantage Museum 760176. (£20 – Nave, £15 Chancel & Side Chapel) Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July - The St James' Singers Recital – Choral Evensong at The Church of the Holy Rood, Sparsholt. The afternoon will begin with a short recital at 4:30pm followed by tea and cakes in The Griffin Memorial Hall and then 6:00pm Choral Evensong in the church.



Don't forget that Christ Church Oxford YOUR Cathedral in is Cathedral! Parishioners from across the Diocese may apply for a free completing pass by an entry application form and sending it with SAE to the Cathedral office. It allows entry to pray and look around. For an application form telephone 01865 276492 or visit www.chch.ox.ac.uk/cathedral/visiting

## AND JUST FOR FUN – CHURCH SPEAK!

and search for Free Passes.

**Choir:** A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lip-sync.

**Hymn**: A song of praise usually sung in a key two octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

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**FUNERAL** 

Phyllis Thompson

3rd June

Letcombe Bassett

### WEDDING

James Lyle Le Gallais 6 Clementine Polly Walker Browne

6th June

Sparsholt



## We Make the Road by Walking by Brian McLaren

Mondays: 10:00 – 10:30am: Coffee, 10:30am – 11:45am: Book Group Ridgeway Rectory, Letcombe Regis The Wednesday evening book group is taking a break during July and August and

will resume again on Wednesday 2nd September.

## We Make the Road by Walking 'Pilgrimage': Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2015

Our walk is now going to take place on Sunday afternoon. We will meet at St. Michael and All Angels, Letcombe Bassett and complete a circular walk along the Ridgeway arriving back in time for our 6:00pm service at the church. More details next month but in the meantime it would be good to have some idea of numbers so if you would like to join us please contact Leonora Tel: 01235 760112 revd.lahill@btinternet.com

ORGANIST

It is always good to have an organist to lead our Sunday worship. If you know of anyone who would be willing to play for the churches of the Ridgeway either on a regular basis or when time permits please ask them to get in touch with the Rector.

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The Living Faith Prayer

Gracious God, you call us to a living faith in the future as well as in the present; open our eyes to the opportunities before us in our parishes and deaneries, and in our own daily discipleship. May we sustain and nourish our inner lives so that we can serve others effectively and offer to all people the transforming love of Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen

## **Ridgeway Benefice Church Services for July 2015**

	5 <sup>th</sup> July	12 <sup>th</sup> July	19 <sup>th</sup> July	26 <sup>th</sup> July	2 <sup>nd</sup> August
	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
Childrey	<b>8:30am</b> HC B	<b>10:00am</b> Family Communion	<b>6:00pm</b> Evensong BCP	<b>11:00am</b> Family Service Methodist Church	<b>8:30am</b> HC B
West Challow	<b>11:30am</b> Family Service		<b>8:30am</b> HC A		11:30am Family Service
Letcombe Regis	<b>10:00am</b> HC A	<b>10:00am</b> Matins	<b>10:00am</b> Morning Prayer	<b>10:00am</b> HC B	<b>10:00am</b> HC A
Letcombe Bassett		<b>8:30am</b> HC B		6:00pm Evensong	
Sparsholt		<b>6:00pm</b> Choral Evensong*			<b>11:30am</b> Baptism
Kingston Lisle	St John the Baptist Church at Kingston Lisle is now closed for renovations until 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2015				

HC A: Holy Communion in Modern English (Red Book); HC B: Holy Communion in Traditional English (Green Book); BCP: Book of Common Prayer; Matins: Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer; Morning Prayer on a Sunday from Common Worship

West Challow	5th July	Family Service	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	12th July	Matins	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	19th July	Morning Prayers (CW)	Lay led
West Challow	19th July	Holy Communion (A)	The Revd Antonia Cretney
Childrey	19th July	Evensong	Lay led
West Challow	2nd August	Family Service	Lay led

## **Childrey Methodist Services**

5th July	6:00pm	Revd Martin Smithson	Celebrating 60 years of Choral Music' Wantage Choral Society	
12th July	11:00am	Brenda Boyer from Wallingford	7:30pm Saturday 27th June 2015 Sparsholt Church	
19th July	11:00am	Revd Martin Smithson	Please send any items for Contact to:- Chic Cook 01235 751078 or email:	
26th July	11.00am	Family Service led by Andrew Lockley from Grove	elizabeth@lesters.org.uk by the 15th July. Thank you!	