The Ridgeway Churches

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

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St Andrew's Church, Letcombe Regis

MAY 2016

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

"While we walk along" Luke 24.17

I am delighted that the Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft who is currently Bishop of Sheffield is to be the new Bishop of Oxford.

Bishop Steven was the Archbishop's Missioner and leader of the Fresh Expressions Team during my ordination training and an inspiring lecturer at one of our Summer schools. He co-wrote the Pilgrim Course that we plan to begin in the Ridgeway this autumn and is also an advocate for building up lay discipleship and leadership. He is a member of the Archbishops' Council and chairs the Church of England's Ministry Council, overseeing selection and training.

Please continue to pray for Bishop Colin and for Bishop Steven and his family as they prepare to move to Oxford and for the Diocese of Sheffield who will be very sad to say goodbye to him.

Blessings,

Leonora

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISM

Samuel Arthur Jelinski 27th March 2016 Letcombe Regis

FUNERAL

Michael Stanley Macdonald 17th March 2016 Letcombe regis

Thy Kingdom Come

The Archbishops have expressed their longing "to see a great wave of prayer" leading up to Pentecost on Sunday 15th May. You may have read about this initiative on the website mentioned in the Rector's letter last month www.thykingdom.co.uk In our churches you will find some of their ideas for prayer and resources, if we run out order from the website. There will also be Prayer Meetings in our churches. Please see the back page for details.

A belated but huge thank you to everyone who contributed and supported our services in whatever way during Holy Week and on Easter Day. The flowers in all the churches were beautiful and our "flower ladies" are very much appreciated.

It was wonderful to celebrate Easter with you all!

Leonora



A lovely reminder of Bishop Colin's visit to us on Palm Sunday when we celebrated Benefice wide, all the recent renovations and building works to make our churches more 'user-friendly'!

LETCOMBE REGIS: The **Letcombe Regis Safari Supper** will be held on **Saturday 7th May**. For more information please ring Catriona on 771100 or Polly on 768257.

KINGSTON LISLE: Please join us at our **Family Communion** on **Sunday 1st May** as the restoration of our 15th-17th century woodwork gets under way. You can see the before and after! We're also continuing our efforts to raise the last £18,000 for our new organ. Please contact Angus on 751552 if you'd like to sponsor a stop for £10.

CHILDREY: The Tear Fund Lunch will be held on Friday 6th May at 12.30pm in St Mary's in our newly renovated South Transept! All welcome!

On Friday 27th May at 7pm at St Mary's we are delighted to welcome back our friends Die Alten Knaben Choir from Hamburg for a concert of Three Centuries of Religious and Secular Choral Music for Men's Voices, to include music by Rossini, Poulenc and Schubert. Wine and nibbles will be served in the Interval. There will be a retiring collection in aid of church expenses.

SPARSHOLT: The St James Singers will lead **Choral Evensong** at 6pm at Sparsholt on **Sunday 8th May**. This service will mark the beginning of the nation's prayer initiative 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

WESTCOTT: Saturday 28th May to Monday 30th May, 11am - 5pm daily - Open art studio, at Baytree cottage, Westcot. Leila Anderson newly arrived artist in the Vale is opening her studio over the Bank holiday weekend. 10% of any sales will be donated to the Macmillan Charity.

COMING SOON..../Saturday 18th June, Childrey Manor will again be playing host to **St Mary's Church Fête** from 3.00 to 6.00 pm. Please come and support us and bring your family and friends as well!

Ridgeway Church Services May 2016

	1 st May	8 th May	15 th May	22 nd May	29 th May
	The Sixth Sunday of Easter	The Seventh Sunday of Easter	Pentecost	Trinity Sunday	The First Sunday after Trinity
Childrey	8:30am Holy Communion		10:00am Family Communion	11:30am Family Service at St Mary's	
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	
Letcombe Bassett		8:30am Holy Communion	3:00pm Family Service		10:00am Benefice Communion
Sparsholt		6:00pm Choral Evensong**			
Kingston Lisle	10:00am Family Communion				

ASCENSION DAY: THURSDAY 5TH MAY

11:00am HCA Letcombe Regis 7:30pm HCB Childrey

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'Jesus Christ calls every person to follow him. As Christians it's our duty and joy to share that invitation. That's why the Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting every church in England to join a week of prayer this Pentecost from 8 – 15th May'.

During the week there will be opportunities to gather for prayer at **5:00pm**.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9th May	10th May	11th May`	12th May	13th May	14th May
St Mary's, Childrey	St John the Baptist, Kingston Lisle	St Michael and All Angels, Letcombe Bassett	St Andrew's, Letcombe Regis	The Church of the Holy Rood, Sparsholt	St Laurence, West Challow