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The Ridgeway Churches

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



**OCTOBER
2017**

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Dear Friends

We live in a beautiful part of the world only 40 minutes drive away from Oxfordshire's county town of Oxford, a cathedral city with its dreaming spires and famous world-wide for its prestigious university.

We are very fortunate to have had Joe Barber play for many of our services during the holidays. Joe is now in his third year as an organ scholar at Balliol College, Oxford and this month I am going to take the opportunity to attend the Balliol Chapel Evensong at 5:30pm on Sunday 29th October. The preacher will be The Revd Dr William Beaver, Associate Priest, St. Mary the Virgin, Iffley.

If you would like to join me please let me know.

Blessings,
Leonora

PARISH REGISTERS

BURIAL OF ASHES		
Joan Elizabeth Simmons	30 th August 2017	Childrey
FUNERAL		
Raymond William Bishop	30 th August 2017	Letcombe Regis
MARRIAGES		
James Sellick & Ruth Mary Hall	2 nd September 2017	Letcombe Regis

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*St. Michael and All Angels,
Letcombe Bassett*

*Saturday 21st October
at 7:30pm*

an

*Autumn Concert
given by the
St. James' Singers*

*followed by refreshments in the
Village Hall*

*Retiring collection in aid of
the church
and the village hall*



**A prayer from our Diocesan Bishop:
Bishop Steven.....**

God of gentleness and love

Draw near to us as we draw near to you

Dwell in every heart and conversation

Fashion us into the likeness of your Son

Jesus Christ

Help us to discern together all that you are
calling us to be

And all that you are calling us to do

Assist us, by your Spirit, to become a more

contemplative,

More compassionate and more courageous
church

For the building of your kingdom and the glory
of your Son

Amen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY..!

Wednesday 4th October - All PCC Meetings: - 7:00pm for 7:30pm in Letcombe Regis Village Hall

Saturday 7th October – Letcombe Regis Harvest Supper is at the Village Hall! 7:00pm for 7:30pm. Tickets are priced at £12.50, available from Letcombe Village Shop or Alison Robinson on 762410 (Alison@fairstead.net) and include a welcome glass of wine followed by a carvery buffet and yummy pud!

Sunday 8th October – is West Challow Harvest Service at 11.30am, followed by a Bring & Share Lunch in the Village Hall.

Thursday 12th October 7.30pm – Dr Sharon Dirckx will be at the Faringdon Corn Exchange to talk on Science & Faith: Big Questions – Has Science killed God? Free entry & refreshments. www.allsaintsfaringdon.org.uk

AND BY THE WAY..!!

Help Required: St Mary's Childrey urgently needs to find a new Treasurer. It isn't an onerous job but requires a basic understanding of book-keeping and accounts. You do not need to be a churchgoer but just someone based locally who can spare a few hours each month to keep the accounts up to date, attend a quarterly meeting and produce a set of annual accounts for audit. Any questions please ring Linda Soames on 751297.

Tearfund Lunches - The tradition of holding a fund-raising lunch (originally called a Hunger Lunch) in Childrey in aid of Tearfund dates back more than 30 years to the mid 1980s, and means we've raised around £15,000 for the charity. However, the numbers of those able to host the lunches has recently dwindled, so it has been decided for the time-being, to hold the lunches quarterly. The next lunch will be in the late autumn, date to be finalised. We are looking forward to hearing a speaker from Tearfund who is coming to St Mary's next Spring to update us on their work. For further information about the work of Tearfund have a look at their website: <http://www.tearfund.org/>

A SELECTION OF WHAT'S ON AT CHRISTCHURCH: **Thursday 12th October 7:45pm: Through the Gate of Death – The Dream of Gerontius £15 per ticket.** Explore the journey from this life to the next through Elgar's Dream of Gerontius. Keri Thomas, Stephen Darlington and Angela Tilby discuss death, dying and end of life care with the help of Newman's poem and Elgar's music.

Sunday 15th October 8pm 29th October, 12th November, 26th November:

After Eight: *What is the point of being a Christian?*

Our informal evening worship offer's an hour's time and space to reflect in conversation, silence, music and prayer. Inspired by Timothy Radcliffe's book "What is the point of being a Christian?" four Christians reflect on what motivates, inspires and hinders them in their faith and discipleship. Mark Speeks, Clare Hayns, Grant Bayliss and Sarah Foot.

Tuesday 17th October 6pm St. Frideswide Civic Service

An annual service celebrating St Frideswide, Oxfordshire's patron saint, and highlighting an aspect of the life of our community. This year we focus on how Good Parenting contributes to a healthy, compassionate, responsible and productive society and we appreciate those who support parents struggling with the pressures of family life.

Further info on these events and more, on the website: www.chch.ox.ac.uk/cathedral tel: 01865 276155

Ridgeway Church Services October 2017

	1 st October	8 th October	15 th October	22 nd October	29 th October
	<i>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>Bible Sunday</i>
Childrey	8:30am Holy Communion		10:00am Family Communion	11.30am Family Service St Mary's	
West Challow		11:30am Harvest Festival		8:30am Holy Communion	
Letcombe Regis	10:00am Matins	10:00am Harvest Festival	10:00am Matins	10:00am Holy Communion	
Letcombe Bassett		8:30am Holy Communion	8:30am Holy Communion		10:00am Benefice Communion
Sparsholt	11:00am Harvest Festival	6:00pm Evening Prayer			
Kingston Lisle	10:00am Harvest Festival with Family Communion				

Letcombe Regis	1 st October	Matins	Lay led
Sparsholt	1 st October	Harvest Festival	Lay led
Letcombe Regis	15 th October	Matins	Lay led

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

Ridgeway Benefice

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