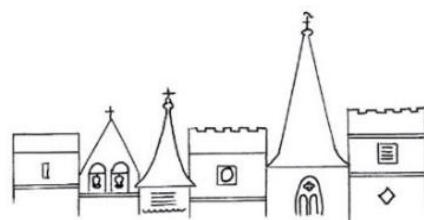


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The Churches of the Ridgeway Benefice

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



Faith & Friendship along the Ridgeway

September 2025

Message from Rob Soames, Childrey

Christianity's message of forgiveness often seems to be forgotten nowadays. Guy de Keramel, Archbishop of Toulouse, recently wrote: Forgiveness is the way to construct peace, through a love which conquers evil.

Forgiveness doesn't dispense justice; but it is an unavoidable condition of peace. Forgiving love is the essential foundation for peace - as Christ proved to us when giving his life for us.

Forgiveness pays back all debts. It pardons and comes to help those who are facing evil of all kinds. It re-establishes relationships. Justice recognises legal wrongs and seeks to repair injustices, but that is all it can do. Forgiveness is needed to reconcile people, communities or countries, re-establishing relationships of confidence and respectful friendship.

Without reconciliation, peace is illusory. History shows there cannot be peace between two countries at war just by signing a treaty which humiliates the vanquished; in time the hour for revenge comes. But if we take time to meet the 'other', to understand, to discover what is good in them so as to pardon and arrive at peace.... this road is long. It may seem impossible, in human terms, to pardon. But the human heart, by the grace of God, can find in itself an unimaginable strength to pardon. The way of reconciliation ends up with the two parties learning to walk together in the same direction.

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The Rector's rest time is
Thursday evening to Saturday morning



Harvest Festivals

14th September 10:15am Letcombe Regis & 4pm West Challow
21st September 10:15am Childrey
28th September 10:15am Sparsholt
5th October 10:15am Letcombe Bassett & 10:15am Kingston Lisle



LETCOMBE BASSETT MICHAELMAS FAYRE

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 27TH
2pm-5pm**
CRAFT STALLS BOOKS RAFFLE
SPECIALLY BREWED
"BASSETT ANGEL" ALE
TEAS AND CAKES PLANTS
LOCAL PRODUCE
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
CHURCH FLORAL DISPLAY

Childrey's Harvest Supper, Auction and Raffle

Saturday 20th September

in the Village Hall
7 pm for 7:30pm

There will be a simple 2 course supper and a licensed bar will be available.

Tickets are just £15 each
and are available from:

stmaryschildreypcc@gmail.com

All funds raised will be sent to the Farming Community Network.

Reflections on Conducting a talk by Hilary Davan Wetton
Friday 3rd October at 12 noon

Eastmanton House, Sparsholt, Wantage OX12 9PJ

Tickets are £15 to include a light lunch, available from

www.whitehorsefestival.co.uk

Proceeds will be split between the White Horse Festival and Sparsholt Church's Restoration Fund.



Monday 15th September from 7:30pm Ness will be in the **Greyhound...**
grab a drink and join her for a chat!



Saturday 13th September 2025 –
Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust
The OHCT has supported churches in the Ridgeway Benefice over the years, with

impressive grants for essential restorations and repairs. Let's help them to continue this generosity! Volunteers are invited to be sponsored to cycle, walk or ride a horse/pony between local churches. For more information and to download a sponsor form please go to: www.ohct.org.uk/ride-stride

CSMV Come and See Weekend 2025

A weekend with the Sisters at St Mary's Convent, Wantage
for vocational explorers

Pray with us ◦ Sing with us ◦ Eat with us ◦ Chat with us ◦ Look around

Sat 27th Sept 11:00am – Sunday 28th Sept 2:00pm

More details at csmv.co.uk/community-life/vocation



St Andrew's Letcombe Regis, 3 – 4 pm

Wednesday 10th September

Would you like to meet with others to talk about Death, Dying
and Funerals?

This will be an informal, supportive, reflective and compassionate Group open
to anyone, whether you go to church or whether you don't.

Tea and biscuits. No charge.

Monday 8th September – Baby Group looks forward to starting again after the
summer break! We will be in the Childrey Methodist Church and meet every
Monday from 10am to 11.30am. For more information please
email: mirandajmarsh@btinternet.com and she will be delighted to help!

St Michael's Lunch Bowl *All welcome*

You are invited to a free bread and soup lunch
followed by a hot drink & cake.

12 noon – 2pm once a month on Thursdays

Letcombe Bassett Village Hall



18th September

16th October

20th November

18th December

FUTURE DATES



Saturday 25th October 7pm There will be an exciting fundraising concert at
Holy Rood, Sparsholt with Hilary Davan Wetton and his choir. Details to follow.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism of Rupert Cox 27 July Church of the Holy Rood, Sparsholt
Baptism of William Flamank 17 August St Mary the Virgin, Childrey

Please send any items for Signpost by the **15th of each month**
to the Benefice Administrator at benefice.ridgeway@outlook.com
Items in Signpost do not necessarily reflect the views of the Editor

Sunday Services

	7th Sept	14th Sept	21st Sept	28th Sept	5th Oct
	Trinity 12	Trinity 13	Trinity 14 Matthew	Trinity 15 St Michael & All Angels	Trinity 16
West Challow		 4pm Holy Communion		10:15am Worship & Prayer	
Childrey	8:30am Holy Communion		 10:15am Holy Communion		8:30am Holy Communion
Kingston Lisle	10:15am Holy Communion				 10:15am Holy Communion
Sparsholt			6pm Benefice Sung Evensong	 10:15am Holy Communion	
Letcombe Regis		 10:15am Holy Communion		10:15am Worship & Prayer	
Letcombe Bassett	10:15am Worship & Prayer		8:30am Holy Communion	 10:15am Holy Communion	10:15am Worship & Prayer

Daily Prayer for September using the C of E Daily Prayer App

Letcombe Bassett 9:15am	Childrey 12 noon	Sparsholt 12 noon	Kingston Lisle 9:15am	West Challow 12 noon	Letcombe Regis 12 noon
			2nd	3rd	4th
9th	10th	11th	16th	17th	18th
23rd	24th	25th	30th		

Every Monday

3:00pm Said Evensong in St Andrew's Letcombe Regis

Every Tuesday

2pm – 2:30pm Silent prayer in St Laurence West Challow

Every Wednesday **NB not 24th September**

Benefice Holy Communion 11am in St Andrew's Letcombe Regis

Wednesday 17th September

4:00pm Taizé Service in St Laurence's West Challow

Every Sunday at 9pm Compline in our own homes