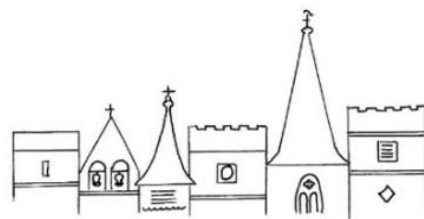


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## ***The Churches of the Ridgeway Benefice***

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



Faith & Friendship along the Ridgeway

# ***October 2025***

### **Message from Revd Ness Brunner-Ellis**

It's been wonderful living here for the last 2.5 years but sadly it's time for us to say 'goodbye'. Good things happen here - and it's been a joy to witness: an exciting project underway in Sparsholt to restore and develop the Church building, Lunch Bowl in Letcombe Bassett, the sparkling Church of St John the Baptist Kingston Lisle: thank you. Baby Group in Childrey, the contemplative Midweek Communion in St Andrew's, Anna Chaplaincy in Richmond Village, Taize and delicious apple juice in West Challow: thank you. Daily Prayers in each church, the 'Grave talk' group, and 'grab a drink and chat to the Vicar in the Pub': I've appreciated it all, thank you. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to a phenomenal team of Churchwardens: thank you for all that you do and all that you are. A very special thank you to the staff at the Greyhound who've unfailingly offered friendly faces and looked after us on countless occasions!

Living with the Letcombe Brook as a close companion, we'll miss the gorgeous ducks, moorhens and their offspring in our back garden, and of course the wondrous kingfisher and many owls! Thank you to the Letcombe's Conservationists for all that you do and all that you offer.

We're moving to a group of three churches in Bristol, a mix of rural and suburban; we'll not be too far away to pop back and say hello! Dates for leaving here and Licensing in Bristol still to be arranged.

Every blessing for you all and especially for the six churches of the Ridgeway Benefice as you discern your journey ahead.

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## **Harvest Festivals**

10.15am on Sunday 5th October  
Letcombe Bassett & Kingston Lisle



The last of these sessions will be on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 3 pm in St Andrew's.

Tea and cake, and all are very welcome, even if you've not been previously.

There is an All Souls' Service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm in Letcombe Bassett followed by a Tea in the village hall.

If you would like a loved one remembered, you can either come to the service and tell us their name or contact the Rector beforehand. Everyone welcome, including children.

### **Messy Church for Autumn**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October  
2-4pm in Childrey Methodist Chapel

Crafts, cooking, a Bible Story –  
all with an Autumn theme  
Baby Corner;

Tea, cake and cookies: Everyone welcome of every age!



### **Two events with Hilary Davan Wetton!**



#### **Reflections on Conducting: a Talk**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 12 noon**

Eastmanton House, Sparsholt, Wantage OX12 9PJ

Tickets £15 includes a light lunch

Email: [www.whitehorsefestival.co.uk](http://www.whitehorsefestival.co.uk)

*Proceeds split between White Horse Festival and Sparsholt Church's Restoration Fund*

### **Twilight in the Vale: The Alina Choir**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm**

Church of the Holy Rood Sparsholt

Tickets £25 (Children £15) includes Cremant & Canapés

Email: [holyroodsparsholt@gmail.com](mailto:holyroodsparsholt@gmail.com)

or pay using the QR code.

Tickets available or on the door





THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED  
OR HELPED IN OUR CHURCHES!

**Baby Group** meets in the Childrey Methodist Chapel on Mondays from 10am to 11.30am. For more information please email: [mirandajmarsh@btinternet.com](mailto:mirandajmarsh@btinternet.com) and she will be delighted to help!



Childrey Chillbusters is back again over the winter months

A warm welcome awaits you in **Childrey Village Hall**

Thursday lunchtimes from October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025, 12 noon - 2pm

A simple bread and soup lunch with cake and a hot drink

All welcome

No charge but donations are invited to support Village Charities and Groups

### **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 in Letcombe Bassett Village Hall

16<sup>th</sup> October, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 18<sup>th</sup> December



**On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October from 7:00pm** Ness will be in the **Greyhound...**  
grab a drink and join her for a chat!

### **FUTURE DATES**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 12 noon** Gift Day in Childrey Village Hall

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 10:45am** Remembrance Service in Sparsholt

**5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> December** Childrey Christmas Festival weekend

**3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December 7pm** Advent Group 'A Calendar of Carols': more information next month

Please send any items for Signpost by the **15<sup>th</sup> of each month**  
to the Benefice Administrator at [benefice.ridgeway@outlook.com](mailto:benefice.ridgeway@outlook.com)  
*Items in Signpost do not necessarily reflect the views of the Editor*

## Sunday Services

	5th Oct	12th Oct	19th Oct	26th Oct	2nd Nov
	Trinity 16	Trinity 17	Trinity 18	Last after Trinity	All Saints Day
<b>West Challow</b>		4pm Holy Communion		10:15am Worship & Prayer	
<b>Childrey</b>	8:30am Holy Communion		10:15am Holy Communion		8:30am Holy Communion
<b>Kingston Lisle</b>	 10:15am Holy Communion				10:15am Holy Communion
<b>Sparsholt</b>			6pm Benefice Sung Evensong	10:15am Holy Communion	
<b>Letcombe Regis</b>		10:15am Holy Communion		10:15am Worship & Prayer	
<b>Letcombe Bassett</b>	 10:15am Worship & Prayer		8:30am Holy Communion		10:15am Worship & Prayer

## Daily Prayer for October using the C of E Daily Prayer App

<b>Letcombe Bassett 9:15am</b>	<b>Childrey 12 noon</b>	<b>Sparsholt 12 noon</b>	<b>Kingston Lisle 9:15am</b>	<b>West Challow 12 noon</b>	<b>Letcombe Regis 12 noon</b>
				1st	2nd
7th	8th	9th	14th	15th	16th
21st	22nd	23rd	28th	29th	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

### Wednesdays 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

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

**Every Sunday at 9pm** Compline in our own homes