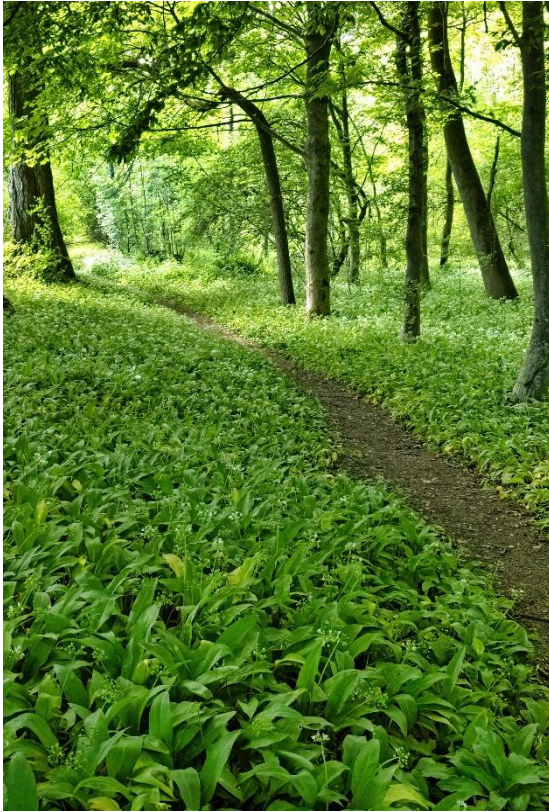


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The Churches of the Ridgeway Benefice

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



Faith & Friendship along the Ridgeway

June 2026

Message from Debbie Webb, Letcombe Regis

In our villages, we are never far from a path.

Some are ancient, worn into the land by centuries of footsteps. Others less visible, the hidden trail through long grass, the way along hedgerows alive with birdsong, the track across a field and the familiar route we take from our door.

Paths appear because people walk them. Slowly, repeatedly, often without noticing, a way is made.

Faith can feel like that too.

We sometimes imagine faith as dramatic—a sudden certainty, a clear direction, a moment of transformation. More often, it is quieter, a gentle nudge.

It is the steady choosing of a path, saying a prayer when the kettle boils, showing kindness to a neighbour, turning up to worship even when the heart feels unsure.

Over time, these small steps become a way, perhaps during this glorious month of June, we might simply notice the paths we walk, the beauty we encounter ...outdoors and within.

Jesus spoke of the “way” not as a single moment, but as something journeyed. Not always easy, or obvious, but there. A path made by trusting, step by step, however faint the track may seem, God is already there, walking it with us.

A Prayer



Lord of the journey,
you meet us on well-worn paths and uncertain roads alike.
In the small steps of our daily lives,
help us to trust that you are near.
When the way feels unclear, be our light.
When we feel alone, remind us we walk with you.
And in all our going and returning,
keep us faithful, patient, and open to your presence.
Amen.

Interregnum report from Paul Thompson

Our advertisement in the Church Times attracted two applicants, both of whom were called to interview on May 22nd. As I write this before the interview day there is nothing more I can tell you, except that the representatives selected from each of your churches will do their best to decide whether either of the candidates could be selected as our new Rector. If neither is selected then we will advertise again.

If an appointment is made then that will be announced as soon as all the background checks and approvals have been completed.

Please continue to pray for the appointment process.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the churches of this benefice, and thank you for the ministry of those who are taking our services and delivering your word in our villages.

We pray that you will guide us as we look for a new Rector, that we may work together to portray the essence of our churches and the opportunity that they represent.

Almighty God, enlighten with your holy wisdom those who are to choose a faithful pastor for this benefice; that we may receive one who will speak your word and serve your people according to your will.

We ask this in Jesus' name

Amen

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 the third Thursday

in Letcombe Bassett Village Hall

18th June

16th July

No Lunch Bowl in August





Letcombe Bassett Open Gardens 2026

Sunday 7 June 2026

1.30pm – 5.30pm

Meander round the beautiful gardens and enjoy tea and cake in the village hall. Experience Letcombe Brook at its finest as it flows through several of the gardens, see the famous spots that inspired Thomas Hardy and Jonathan Swift and share in the beauty of the village we call home.

Tickets £5 (under 16s free) All proceeds support the Village Hall and Church
Free parking.

Some gardens may not accept dogs, except assistance dogs
Gardens may have uneven footing



On **Wednesday 17th June Childrey Village Hall** will host the annual **Music on a Summer's Evening**.

The Real Ale bar opens at 6.30pm, the Whitehorse box pizza boys will hopefully be cooking their fabulous wood fired pizzas (gluten free available) with entertainment provided by Icknield Way Morris and Childrey and Sparsholt Singers.

It's a charity fundraiser so if you're a musician who'd like to jam contact jshkworth@gmail.com. You'll also hear our Bellringers at practice making this the quintessential English village summer event.



St Andrew, Letcombe Regis

Did you know the historic clock may be the oldest in our benefice?

During the village fete on **Sunday, 28 June**, come and marvel at the hand-built mechanism in the tower, **open 2 – 4 pm**, before its restoration, and view flower decorations in the church.

Sunday Services

	7th June	14th June	21st June	28th June	5th July
	Trinity 1	Trinity 2	Trinity 3	Trinity 4	Trinity 5
West Challow		4pm Holy Communion		10:15am Worship & Prayer	
Childrey	9:15am Breakfast Church		10:15am Holy Communion		9:15am Breakfast Church
Kingston Lisle	10:15am Holy Communion				10:15am Holy Communion
Sparsholt				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 Worship & Prayer

Daily Prayer using the C of E Daily Prayer App on our phones or tablets.

Kingston Lisle 9:15am on Tuesdays 2nd, 16th & 30th June

Said Evensong

St Andrew's Letcombe Regis 3:00pm every Monday

Taizé Service

St Laurence's West Challow 4:00pm on Wednesday 17th June

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