SIGNPOST



The Churches of the Ridgeway Benefice

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



Faith & Friendship along the Ridgeway

November 2026

Message from The Revd Laurence Price

Dear friends

Remember, remember! November is the month of remembering in so many ways.

On the morning of 1 November, All Saints Day invites us to joyfully remember the many saints of God that have gone before us. The patron saints of our churches across our parishes point us to examples of sainthood: St Andrew, the fisherman who brought the other disciples to Jesus; St Michael, the angelic warrior whose name means “who is like God?”; St Mary the Virgin, the Mother of God; St John the Baptist, the strange angry prophet calling people in the wilderness; and my personal favourite for obvious reasons, St Laurence, the Roman deacon who bravely stood up to the authorities who were persecuting Christians- and told some very bad jokes as well…

On the afternoon of 1 November we also have our All Souls service at Letcombe Bassett, which is our opportunity to remember and hold before God those we have loved who have died. This is a gentle moment of stillness and contemplation, where we can name loved ones and light a candle, praying that they will be enfolded in the love of God that knows no end. *(continued overleaf)*

The Rev’d Laurence Price, Rector Laurence.rector@outlook.com
The Rector’s rest time is Thursday evening to Saturday morning

And then it's the season of fireworks and bonfires. Gunpowder, treason and plot! But there's more to it than sparklers and loud bangs. The Church of England takes the fifth of November seriously, and we give thanks for a day when a fearful act of terrorism was prevented, and commit ourselves to a world where violence has no place.

On 8 November, we'll be having our traditional Remembrance Sunday service starting at Sparsholt, followed by a procession round the villages with the Royal British Legion, giving thanks for all those who have fallen in the service of their country in wars past and present. This will be followed by Armistice Day on 11 November, the anniversary of the moment the guns fell silent in 1918, and we'll be falling silent with the children of Ridgeway School at 11am precisely.

I hope you'll be able to join us at some or all of these services. Remembering is more than just looking back to the past. It's an active commitment to those who have gone before us, and a living solidarity with past, present and future. At the Last Supper Jesus said "Do this in remembrance of me". And so we proclaim the living God is present with us every time we break bread and drink wine together in the Eucharist, Sunday by Sunday. May this Remembrance season bring us all solace, joy and a knowledge of God's everlasting love.

All Souls' Service Sunday 1st November at 3pm in Letcombe Bassett followed by a Tea in the Village hall.

If you would like a loved one remembered by name, come to the service or contact the Rector beforehand.
Everyone welcome, including children.

St. Andrew's Gift Day Saturday 28th November 2026 10am-12noon
see the separate insert for Letcombe Regis residents

There will be a churchyard cleanup morning on the same day, and as many people who are able to come and help, would be most welcome.



Join us to keep the bells at St. Andrew's ringing.

Did you hear the bells ring out from St. Andrew's tower on 1 October to welcome Revd Laurence Price as rector? They rang a wonderful quarter peal of St. Clements College Bob Minor. The oldest bell in the tower was cast in 1599 and two others are from 1620 so the English tradition of church bells has been rung in Letcombe Regis since at least the 17th century but without new ringers the bells will fall silent. Would you like to learn this skill in friendly company or maybe you already know how to handle the ropes? Please do contact 01235 763529 or cbirch1997@aol.com for further information.

Wreath Making Workshop



An opportunity to create your own wreath for your front door!
When: Sunday 29th November 2026 from 3:00pm – 5:30pm
Where: Letcombe Bassett Village Hall
Provided: Demonstration, Wreath, Greenery, Ribbon, Natural Decorations, and Refreshments.
Cost: Tickets £50 (Advanced booking essential)
In Aid of: Letcombe Bassett Village Hall and St Michael & All Angels Church
Tickets available from Gill Thompson (gill.mabbett@hotmail.co.uk or 07903 841765)

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
19th November 17th December 21st January



Childrey Chillbusters Returns!
Back again over the winter months
A warm welcome awaits in Childrey Village Hall every Thursday lunchtime **from 29th October** 12 noon – 2pm
A simple bread and soup lunch with cake and a hot drink to follow
All welcome
No charge but donations are invited to support Village Charities and Groups

Following West Challow's third year of producing village apple juice (this year with a dash of pear!), we successfully sold all bottles in a matter of days. The final bottle was kept to one side and presented to Rev'd Laurence as a welcome gift at our wonderful harvest festival service.
Huge thanks to all who donated fruit or purchased 2026 a bottle

LOOKING FORWARD

Childrey Christmas Festival Weekend

Fri 4th December 10.30-11.00am Blessing the village Christmas tree

Sat 5th December 2.30-5.00pm Christmas Lights Festival at St Mary's Come and see the church filled with festive decorations created by our local village groups and small businesses. Please get in touch if you would like to take part: lindasoames7@outlook.com, 07766 794704 or 01235 751297

Sun 6th December 10.30-11.30am Carols round the tree with the Silver Band

Sunday Services in November

	1st Nov	8th Nov	15th Nov	22nd Nov	29th Nov
	All Saints' Day	Remembrance Sunday	2 before Advent	Christ the King	Advent 1
West Challow		4pm Holy Communion		10:15am Worship & Prayer	
Childrey	9:15am Breakfast Church		10:15am Holy Communion 3pm Evensong *		
Kingston Lisle	10:15am Holy Communion				
Sparsholt		10:45am Remembrance Service		10:15am Holy Communion	
Letcombe Regis				10:15am Worship & Prayer	10:15am Benefice Holy Communion
Letcombe Bassett	10:15am Worship & Prayer		8:30am Holy Communion		

Daily Prayer using the C of E Daily Prayer App on our phones or tablets.
Kingston Lisle 9:15am on Tuesdays 6th & 20th October

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

Taizé Service
St Laurence's West Challow 3:00pm on Wednesday 18th November
NB winter timing

* Members of the Deanery Synod will be attending Evensong at Childrey ahead of the Deanery Synod meeting. Everyone is invited to the service.

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