

S I G N P O S T

The Ridgeway Churches

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



NOVEMBER 2023



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Rest Day: Friday

Dear Friends,

During November the days grow shorter and the nights longer, leaving us with less light and increasing darkness. As well as our physical need for light in November, there is also a spiritual need in the midst of this darkness, be it outer or inner we need the Light of Christ.

This Christ Light can be our guide and solace, to help us navigate the challenges of life in November. Christ can give us the strength to endure, the courage to persevere and the hope to keep going.

As we celebrate All Souls' Day and reflect on our loved ones who have departed this life and the loss we feel of living without them, let us recall ...He is the "resurrection and the life" (John 11:25). He has conquered death and opened the way to eternal life for all.

May I invite you to turn to Christ for the light you may need at this time of year. Light a candle and invite the Light and Love of Christ into your heart. He is the light of the world, wanting to guide us through the darkness, helping us to re-ignite the light within ourselves and each other, leading us eventually to eternal life with and in Him.

Debbie Webb - Ministry Team



PARISH REGISTER

WEDDING		
Matthew Scott & Lucy Humphries	9 th September	Childrey
Eleanor Wood & Edward Lifely	23 rd September	Childrey
BAPTISM		
Ivy Waddell	17 th September	Letcombe Bassett



111 for the Holy Land

In the light of escalation of violence in the Holy Land, I'm inviting everyone to participate in 111. On the first day of each month, at 1 pm, I encourage you to stop whatever you're doing for one hour, or even just for one minute, to pray for peace. You may like to do this once a day instead, at 1 pm, for one minute, or perhaps light a candle at that time; please use **111 for the Holy Land** as you wish. If you'd like any prayer resources, please ask me, the Rector, thank you

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

DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER...!

Wednesday 1st November at 11am we will be celebrating the Feast of All Saints with Holy Communion in St Andrews Church Letcombe Regis.

Thursday 2nd November - Chillbusters is back by popular demand!! Lunches will be starting again every Thursday 12 noon – 2pm in Childrey Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you there for a bowl of warm soup and a very warm welcome!

Thursday 16th November from 10am – 7.30pm “Spirit of the Vale Christmas Fair” at Eastmanton House Sparsholt. We look forward to seeing you there and the proceeds will be in aid of the Church of the Holy Rood Restoration Fund and Mencap.

Saturday 18th November The Big Tearfund Quiz in aid of Tearfund is back again!! 7pm for 7.30pm Childrey Village Hall – tickets £10 each and will include a light supper. Teams of not more than six at a table! To book tickets please contact Sue Worth 07951 065141 or email: jshkworth@gmail.com Licensed bar available! Do come and support the work of Tearfund which helps those less fortunate.

Sunday 19th Nov 2 - 4pm Spruce Up - Come and help us spruce up with our Big Churchyard and Church Clean for Christmas with hot chocolate and cake! Look out for more information on posters and our social media.

Saturday, 25th November between 10:00am – 12 noon: As in past years, assistance would be very much appreciated at St. Andrew's Churchyard, Letcombe Regis for the Autumn clear-up. Anyone who is available to help for an hour or so with this task would be most welcome! Please bring gardening gloves and any suitable tools such as a wheelbarrow, garden broom (preferable to a rake), trowel, secateurs and/or hand shears. Refreshments will be available in the church.

Saturday 25th November Benefice Gift Day – please do read the attached letter for all details!

ON INTO DECEMBER....!

Advent Courses in December – There will be one at the Rectory on Mondays 4th, 11th and 18th at 7.30pm (please let the Rector know if you'd like to attend) or one in St John the Baptist Kingston Lisle on Tuesdays at 2.30pm – 5th, 12th and 19th December (just turn up). Both courses follow the same material using the book 'Bethlehem Bound' by Andrew Nunn. If you purchase your book from the Cornerstone bookshop, they're kindly offering us the book for a discounted price of £11.69. If you genuinely need financial help in purchasing the book, please contact the Rector.

Childrey Christmas Festival Weekend!

Friday 8th December: Ridgeway School and Little Ducks decorate the Village Christmas Tree.

Saturday 9th December 2.30 - 6pm. Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary's.

Sunday 10th December 10.30 Carols round the Tree and at **4pm** a Benefice wide **Christingle** service in St Mary's.

Ridgeway Church Services for November 2023

	5th November <i>All Saints</i>	12th November <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	19th November <i>Safeguarding Sunday</i>	26th November <i>Christ the King</i>	3rd December <i>Advent Sunday</i>
West Challow		4:00pm Benefice Holy Communion		10:15am Worship and 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		10:45 Benefice Service		10:15am Holy Communion	6:00pm Advent Carol Service
Letcombe Regis				10:15am Worship and Prayer	
Letcombe Bassett	10:15am Worship and Prayer		08:30am Holy Communion		10:15am Worship and Prayer

Morning Prayer for November *(All start at 9.15am unless otherwise stated)*

Kingston Lisle	Childrey 10am	Sparsholt 10am	Letcombe Bassett	Letcombe Regis	West Challow
14 th	1 st	8 th	9 th	2 nd	7 th
28 th	15 th	22 nd	23 rd	16 th	21 st
	29 th			30 th	

**A midweek Benefice service of Holy Communion is starting in St Andrew's Letcombe Regis every Wednesday from 1st November (All Saints Day) at 11am.
Everyone welcome**

**On a Monday Letcombe Regis also has Prayers at 10.30am and
said Evensong at 3:00pm**

**Wednesday 15th November 2023 - 7:30pm – 8.15pm Taizé Service
St Laurence Church West Challow**

Carol Services

Saturday 16th December	4pm	St Laurence West Challow
“	6pm	St John the Baptist Kingston Lisle
Sunday 17th December	3pm	Joint service with Childrey Methodists in St Marys Childrey
“	6pm	St Andrews Letcombe Regis

Our churches in the Ridgeway Benefice are currently engaging in eco awareness: Please email the Rector rector.ridgeway@outlook.com your postal address (so we know to remove you from that list) if you'd be happy to receive an electronic copy of Signpost. Thank you.

Please send any items for Signpost by the 15th of each month to Chic Cook at
elizabeth@lesters.org.uk or ring 01235 751078