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The United Benefice of Laughton, Ripe & Chalvington Churches

# Church Services & Events – December 2018

Our Website: <http://www.lrcchurches.co.uk>

	8.30am Holy Communion	10.30am (unless otherwise stated) <i>Refreshments are served after these services.</i>	Other Services
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December <i>ADVENT SUNDAY</i> <sup>1</sup>	All Saints, Laughton	St Bartholomew, Chalvington <i>Morning Prayer</i>	
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> December <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	All Saints, Laughton	St John the Baptist, Ripe <i>Holy Communion (CW)</i>	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December			<u>10.30 am</u> Deanland Social Centre <i>Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> December <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	St Bartholomew, Chalvington	All Saints, Laughton <i>Holy Communion</i>	<u>6.30 pm</u> St John the Baptist, Ripe Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	St John the Baptist, Ripe		<u>6.30 pm</u> All Saints, Laughton Carols by Candlelight
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> December CHRISTMAS EVE		<u>5.30 pm</u> St John the Baptist, Ripe Gift Service	<u>11.30 pm</u> St John the Baptist, Ripe Holy Communion (CW)
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> <sup>2</sup>	St Bartholomew, Chalvington	All Saints, Laughton <i>Family Communion</i>	The Magic of <i>Christmas</i> is not in the presents but in <i>His</i>  presence
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> December <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas</i>			<u>10.30 am</u> Deanland Social Centre <i>Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 <i>Epiphany Sunday</i>	All Saints, Laughton	St Bartholomew, Chalvington <i>Morning Prayer</i>	

<sup>1</sup> **Advent** marks the start of the Christian year. This is the Church's New Year's Day.

<sup>2</sup> The true meaning of **Christmas** is to remind us, amid all the joyful customs and celebrations of Christmas, of this central truth of the Word made flesh for our salvation. **Without Christ, there would be no Christmas.**

## Other Dates in December

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	7.00 pm Lectio Divina contemplative prayer at Chalvington Church
1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month	10.00 am Celtic Morning Prayer at All Saints Church, Laughton
EVERY Thursday	9.30 am Celtic Morning Prayer at St Bartholomew Church, Chalvington
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 am Ripe Nursery School Nativity at Ripe Church
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Handel's Messiah: St John the Baptist, Ripe 10.00 am Workshop 6.00 pm Performance
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00 pm Laughton School Christmas service at Laughton Church

## Regular Events

Weekly House Groups: 10.30 am at Laughton and 7.30 pm on Wednesday evenings at Ripe.  
House groups also take place at Deanland Wood Park and at Chalvington.  
Please contact Maggie for further details.