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*The United Benefice of Laughton, Ripe & Chalvington Churches*

# Church Services & Events – January 2019

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

*The Bible readings may be found on the "Readings & Hymn List" on our website*

	<b>8.30am Holy Communion</b>	<b>10.30am</b> (unless otherwise stated) <i>Refreshments are served after these services.</i>	<b>Other Services</b>
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>The Epiphany</i> <sup>1</sup>	<b>All Saints, Laughton</b>	<b>St Bartholomew, Chalvington</b> <i>Morning Prayer</i>	
<b>Thursday 10th January</b>			<b>Deanland Social Centre</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<b>All Saints, Laughton</b>	<b>11.00 am at CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL</b> <i>Sung Eucharist with the commissioning of Authorised Lay Ministers. (Including Maggie Teager as a Lay Minister of our Benefice)</i>	
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<b>St Bartholomew, Chalvington</b> The Rev. Colin Pritchard	<b>All Saints, Laughton</b> <i>Family Service</i> The Rev. Jane Sherwin	
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>3rd Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<b>St John the Baptist, Ripe</b>	<b>All Saints, Laughton</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	

<sup>1</sup>The Epiphany is a Christian feast day, also known as the 12th day of Christmas, and marks the official end to the festive season.

The ancient celebration marks the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist, as well as the visit from the three Wise Men. The word Epiphany comes from Greek and means "manifestation".

It has been celebrated in Europe since the 4th century, associated with the Magi or the three Wise Men.

The Gospel of Matthew says the three kings followed a star across the desert to Bethlehem, bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold represented his royal standing, frankincense his divine birth and myrrh his mortality.

## Other Dates January

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month</b>	<b>10.00 am Celtic Morning Prayer</b> at All Saints Church, Laughton
<b>EVERY Thursday</b>	<b>9.30 am Celtic Morning Prayer</b> at St Bartholomew Church, Chalvington
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>7.00 pm Lectio Divina</b> contemplative prayer at Chalvington 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.

## From the Registers of Our Churches

This information is on the Rector's page