

The United Benefice of Laughton, Ripe & Chalvington Churches
Church Services & Events – March 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 |
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| Sunday 4th March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i> | All Saints, Laughton <i>The Rev. Ronald Chatwin</i> | St Bartholomew, Chalvington Morning Prayer <i>Christo Corfield (Lay reader)</i> | |
| Thursday 8th March: 7.00 pm. St John the Baptist Church, Ripe: The Induction of the Rev. Geoffrey Smith as Rector of the United Benefice of Laughton, Ripe and Chalvington. The Rt. Rev. Richard Jackson, Bishop of Lewes, will conduct the Service. The Induction will be conducted by the Venerable Martin Lloyd-Williams, Archdeacon of Brighton and Lewes. All are welcome to attend this important occasion. | | | 10.30 am 8th March: Deanland Social Centre Holy Communion <i>The Rev. Jane Sherwin</i> |
| Sunday 11th March <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> MOTHERING SUNDAY¹ | St Bartholomew, Chalvington | 10.30 am St John the Baptist, Ripe <i>with Ripe Nursery School</i> <i>The Rev. Geoffrey Smith</i> | 10.30 am All Saints, Laughton <i>with Laughton Pre-School</i> <i>The Rev. Jane Sherwin</i> |
| Sunday 18th March <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i> | St Bartholomew, Chalvington | All Saints, Laughton Family Service <i>The Rev. Geoffrey Smith</i> | |
| Sunday 25th March <i>Palm Sunday²</i> | St John the Baptist, Ripe | All Saints, Laughton Holy Communion <i>The Rev. Geoffrey Smith</i> | |
| Thursday 29th March <i>Maundy Thursday³</i> | | | 7.00 pm All Saints, Laughton <i>The Rev. Geoffrey Smith</i> |
| Friday 30th March <i>Good Friday⁴</i> | | 10.45 am St John the Baptist, Ripe <i>The Rev. Geoffrey Smith</i> | |
| Sunday 1st April EASTER DAY⁵ | St Bartholomew, Chalvington | 10.30 am St John the Baptist Ripe Holy Communion (CW) <i>The Rev. Geoffrey Smith</i> | 10.30 am All Saints, Laughton Family Communion <i>The Rev. Jane Sherwin</i> |

¹ **Mothering Sunday** is the day when children express their love and gratitude to their mothers by the giving of gifts and flowers.

² **Palm Sunday** commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem when the crowds spread their cloaks and palm branches on the street and hailed Him as their long-awaited Messiah and King.

³ **Maundy Thursday** commemorates the Last Supper - the final meal - that Jesus shared with His disciples on the night before He was crucified.

⁴ **Good Friday** is the Friday before Easter Sunday. During special Good Friday services Christians remember Jesus' suffering and death on the cross, and what this means for their faith.

⁵ **Easter** is the most important festival in the Christian calendar. It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, three days after He was crucified. This is the heart of Christianity.

Other Dates in March

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| 1st Wednesday of the month | 10.00 am Celtic Morning Prayer at All Saints Church, Laughton |
| EVERY Thursday morning | 9.30 am Celtic Morning Prayer at St Bartholomew Church, Chalvington |
| Sunday 4th March | 7.00 pm Lectio Divina prayer at St Bartholomew Church, Chalvington. |
| Wednesday 21st March | 7.00 pm Laughton Annual Parochial Church Meeting at All Saints Church, Laughton: All welcome |
| Thursday 22nd March | 7.00 pm Ripe & Chalvington Annual Parochial Church Meeting in Hayton Baker Hall: All welcome |

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

28th February 2018 St John the Baptist Church, Ripe Funeral of Frederick Alfred George Kemp, aged 89