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The United Benefice of Laughton, Ripe & Chalvington Churches

# Church Services & Events – May 2018

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

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

	8.30am Holy Communion	10.30am (unless otherwise stated) <i>Refreshments are served after these services.</i>	Other Services
<b>Sunday</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>6th Sunday after Easter</i>	All Saints, Laughton	St Bartholomew, Chalvington <i>Morning Prayer</i>	
<b>Thursday</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>ASCENSION DAY</b> <sup>1</sup>		<b>11.00 AM</b> St Bartholomew, Chalvington	
<b>Sunday</b> <b>13<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Sunday after Ascension Day</i>	All Saints, Laughton	St John the Baptist, Ripe <i>Holy Communion (BCP)</i>	<b>6.00 pm</b> St John the Baptist, Ripe <i>Healing</i>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>PENTECOST</b> <sup>2</sup> & <b>CHRISTIAN AID</b> <sup>3</sup>	St Bartholomew, Chalvington	All Saints, Laughton <i>Family Service</i>	
<b>Sunday</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b> <sup>4</sup>	St John the Baptist, Ripe	All Saints, Laughton <i>Holy Communion</i>	
<b>Sunday</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> June</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	All Saints, Laughton	St Bartholomew, Chalvington <i>Morning Prayer</i>	

<sup>1</sup> **Ascension Day** celebrates the Ascension of Jesus to Heaven after His resurrection on Easter Day.

<sup>2</sup> **Pentecost** commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles following the Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ - and it marks the beginning of the Church's mission in the world.

<sup>3</sup> **Christian Aid Poverty** is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of dignity, freedom, hope, and of power over their own lives. Christian Aid is an agency of our churches in Britain and Ireland and this year's Christian Aid Week focuses on the millions of people across the world for whom the horror of war is part of daily life.

<sup>4</sup> **Trinity**, which is at the heart of the Christian faith, is one of the most difficult ideas in Christianity but it is fundamental to Christians who believe in one God - as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The doctrine of the Trinity reveals that God can be seen only as a spiritual experience whose mystery inspires awe and cannot be understood logically.

## Other Dates in May

<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 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>7.00 pm Lectio Divina</b> contemplative prayer at Chalvington Church
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>2.00 pm House Group Leaders Meeting</b>

## 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

22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018	Funeral	Eastbourne Crematorium	Neville Hollands RIP aged 86 yrs.
25 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Holy Baptism	St Bartholomew's Church, Chalvington	Oliver Bryan Carnaghan Holt