

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
Sunday 3rd March <i>Sunday before Lent¹</i>	All Saints, Laughton	St Bartholomew, Chalvington <i>Morning Prayer</i>	
Sunday Wednesday 6th March <i>Ash Wednesday¹</i>		6.30 pm All Saints, Laughton	
Sunday 10th March <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	St John the Baptist, Ripe	All Saints, Laughton <i>Holy Communion</i>	
Sunday 17th March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	St Bartholomew, Chalvington	All Saints, Laughton <i>Family Service</i>	
Sunday 24th March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	All Saints, Laughton		Deanland Social Centre 10.30 am Morning Praise
Sunday 31st March <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>	All Saints, Laughton	St John the Baptist, Ripe <i>Mothering Sunday²</i> with Ripe Nursery School	
Sunday 7th April <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	All Saints, Laughton	St Bartholomew, Chalvington <i>Morning Prayer</i>	

¹ **Ash Wednesday and Lent** Lent is the period of 40 days before Easter. (Sundays are not counted in Lent). It starts on **Ash Wednesday** and ends the day before Easter Sunday. For Christians, it is the time to think about their relationship with God. It represents the 40 days when Jesus went into the desert to fast and to pray before beginning His earthly ministry. Here He was tempted several times by Satan but He resisted.

² **Mothering Sunday** is the day when children express their love and gratitude to their mothers by the giving of gifts and flowers. Mothering Sunday is a day in Lent when the fasting rules were relaxed, in honour of the 'Feeding of the Five Thousand'.

Other Dates in March

EVERY Thursday	9.30 am Celtic Morning Prayer at St Bartholomew Church, Chalvington
Sunday 3rd March	7.00 pm Lectio Divina contemplative prayer at St Bartholomew Church, Chalvington
1st Wednesday of the month	10.00 am Celtic Morning Prayer at All Saints Church, Laughton
Wednesday 13th March	7.30 pm Lent Course – 'Living Christ' Venue: Please contact Rector or see website
Thursday 14th March	10.30 am Holy Communion, Deanland Social Centre
Thursday 21st March	7.00 pm Annual Church Meeting at Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe
Tuesday 2nd April	7.00 pm Annual Church Meeting at All Saints Church, Laughton

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 (Pastoral Letter) on our website