

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

<sup>1</sup> **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.

<sup>2</sup> **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

<b>EVERY Thursday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> Celtic Morning Prayer at St Bartholomew Church, Chalvington
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b> Lectio Divina contemplative prayer at St Bartholomew Church, Chalvington
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> Celtic Morning Prayer at All Saints Church, Laughton
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b> Lent Course – 'Living Christ' at Limekiln Farm, Chalvington, BN27 3TA for 5 weeks
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> Holy Communion, Deanland Social Centre
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b> Annual Church Meeting at Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b> 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