

**Services:** The usual pattern of Sunday services:

Sundays	8.30am BCP Holy Communion	10.30am
First	Laughton	Chalvington – Morning Prayer (BCP)
Second	Laughton	Ripe – Holy Communion (CW or BCP)
Third	Chalvington	Laughton - Family Service
Fourth	Ripe	Laughton – Holy Communion
Fifth	Laughton	Deanland – Holy Communion or Praise

At Ripe, the 10.30 Holy Communion alternates between BCP and Common Worship.

Where there is a fifth Sunday, there is a 10.30 service at Deanland, alternating between Praise and Holy Communion.

Healing services are held throughout the year in all churches—either at 6pm or during the 10.30 service

Special services are held for Mothering Sunday, Christian Aid, Harvest, Patronal Festivals and Remembrance, as well as for the feasts of Christmas and Easter.

#### **House groups and prayer groups**

Our house groups provide opportunities to meet together, develop friendships, study the Bible or related literature in greater depth, pray for our communities and support one another.

Laughton	Weekly on Tuesday mornings
Ripe	Weekly on Wednesday evening
Deanland	Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons
Deanland	Monthly Prayer group
Chalvington	Weekly Celtic Prayer—Thursday am
Chalvington	Monthly Lectio Divina Prayer—Sun pm
Benefice	Five times a year: Coffee and prayer

**Please contact Churchwardens for further information.**

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

## **Benefice of Laughton, Ripe & Chalvington**



***Living the love of Jesus in community***

**2017—Celebrating the Year of the Bible**  
**May the Lord keep us in the joy, simplicity and the**  
**compassion of the Holy Gospel.**



### **PRAYER**

Encouraging personal and corporate prayer, the bedrock of our faith and dependence on God.

Jesus went away to a quiet place to pray, to listen to His Father.

### **WORSHIP**

To worship God through an understanding of the life and mission of his Son Jesus Christ, encouraging spiritual growth and faithful service. Continuing to offer and create a variety of worship, through words and music, both traditional and modern.

### **WITNESS & SERVICE**

Recognising and acknowledging everyone's gifts providing pastoral care, involvement in village life, concern for children and young people and befriending the elderly, lonely, bereaved and housebound. Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and supporting mission in the wider world. Support and encourage our clergy, churchwardens and PCC members.

### **LEARNING**

Personal devotions, Bible study and reading, Benefice courses & training days, Diocesan study events eg at Church House. Quiet days or teaching days at local retreat houses eg Ashburnham, Crowhurst, Penhurst.

### **FELLOWSHIP**

Sharing together our journeys in friendship, through prayer groups, Bible Study and house groups and the fun and enjoyment of social events.