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LAUGHTON, RIPE & CHALVINGTON

Three Churches in the Heart of Rural East Sussex

Weekly Sheet

Sunday 1st November

Please take this sheet with you when you leave.

This Sunday - Trinity 22
All Saints' Day and Laughton Patronal Festival

08:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 am Holy Communion
Both services at Laughton led by Revd Steve Osei-Mensah.

Bible Readings

New Testament Revelation 7:9-17

The Great Multitude In White Robes

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

'Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.'

All the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying:

'Amen!
Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honour
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!'

Then one of the elders asked me, 'These in white robes – who are they, and where did they come from?'

I answered, 'Sir, you know.'

And he said, 'These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
Therefore, they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.'

"Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.
The sun will not beat down on them,
nor any scorching heat."

"For the Lamb at the centre of the throne
will be their shepherd;
he will lead them to springs of living water.
And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Beatitudes

He said:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Next Week

Remembrance Sunday 8th November

10:45 am at Ripe War Memorial
followed by Service of Remembrance in the church

6.00 pm Service of Remembrance at Laughton

Both services led by Revd Steve Osei-Mensah.

Rector's Report

This Sunday we celebrate "All Saints" and appropriately at All Saints Laughton for both our 8:30 and 10:30 am services.

The passage we will be looking at is Jesus' amazing teaching: "The Sermon on the Mount". In it he reversed much of the thinking of the day and revealed to his disciples and the crowds who followed him what the Kingdom of God is really like. It is a challenge to the way we both live our lives and think about what is most important. Jesus pronounced blessings on a number of situations that cause us to think carefully about what it really means to be one of his followers.

As the nights start to draw in thoughts will inevitably be turning to Advent. Details will follow shortly, but we are planning a short Advent study series and will be basing it on a book published a couple of years ago by Alastair Begg: "Let Earth Receive her King". It gives a 24-chapter journey (so ultimately a day a week in December till Christmas) to help us reflect on what Christmas is all about. We will confirm the dates and times of this series soon.

Steve

Churchwardens' Report

As many will already know, Church Farm Lane - the road down to the church in Chalvington - is in a terrible state of disrepair. Unfortunately, the repair works due last week were postponed due to a vehicle breakdown. They have now been rescheduled for Tuesday 17th November. So hopefully, getting to our services together will become a bit smoother.

Prayer

If you can, please join Maggie for a short time in prayer at 10.10 am before the 10.30 am service to pray for:
Those leading the service and undertaking duties of welcoming, reading, leading intercessions, and providing refreshments.
The congregation - newcomers as well as regular church family - that our worship, friendship and fellowship together will be blessed.

We continue to pray for Jo, Laura and the many friends and family members, of Nick Clutton, whose funeral took place at Ripe on Friday 30th October.

Forthcoming Events

Mozart Missa Solemnis
and music by Faure, Saint Saëns and Vaughan Williams
4.00 pm Saturday 21st November at Holy Cross, Uckfield
with Laughton Village Choir and The Clockhouse Singers.
Tickets (including drinks reception) £20 online at www.lvchoir.org.uk or cash on the door. Under 16s free.

Visiting Us for the First Time?

Welcome – it is good that you have been able to join with us today. If you would like more information about our parish, please visit www.lrcchurches.co.uk.

Feedback

We hope that you find the 'Weekly Sheet' helpful. It is collated by Maggie Teager and Martin Chilvers.

If you have any feedback, please speak to Steve or the churchwardens or direct to us at LRC-WeeklySheet@outlook.com. Many thanks.

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