



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



SUNDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2024
Second Sunday Before Lent

8am BCP Communion *in church*

10am Parish Communion

in the church building and streamed live on the website

www.stmichaelsledbury.org

then available later on video

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8am BCP Communion *in church*

10am Morning Worship

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Readings for 4th February 2024:

Second Sunday before Lent

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs chapter 8: verse 1 & verses 22 to 31

¹Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? ²²“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His work, the first of His acts of old. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, ²⁶before He had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. ²⁷When He established the heavens, I was there; when He drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when He made firm the skies above, when He established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when He assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress His command, when He marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰then I was beside Him, like a master workman and I was daily His delight, rejoicing before Him always, ³¹rejoicing in His inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.

New Testament Reading: Colossians chapter 1: verses 15 to 23

¹⁵[Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷He is before all things and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be pre-eminent. ¹⁹For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell ²⁰and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross. ²¹And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²He has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Gospel Reading: John chapter 1: verses 1 to 14

¹In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In Him was life

and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognise Him. ¹¹He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. ¹²Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God – ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror Your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, by Your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise and the bread of life at the heart of Your Church: may we who have been nourished at Your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Easter Lilies The Flower Guild will be decorating the church at Easter with lilies. As in previous years to help meet the cost of flowers we invite you to sponsor a lily in memory of a loved one. The cost remains £3 per stem. Forms can be found on the table at the North door or electronically from the church website (weekly pewsheets page). Contact Chris Lynch Flower Guild Coordinator on 01531 670 037 or email Chris.lynch54@btinternet.com if you would like more information.

Please provide information for our weekly pewsheets by Wednesday each week to allow finalisation and printing to take place on Thursdays. Thank you. Please email your requests to Annie Lindon annielindon@gmail.com and to (cc) rector@stmichaelsledbury.org. Please begin your subject line with **Pewsheets**. Thank you

Lent Books. Lent is fast approaching; on the bookstall are a selection of books to take us through Lent. There are also some bargains in the Sale box of previous years Archbishop's Lent studies. Do have a look to find something to suit you."

Coffee Stop will not be going ahead this week. If anyone is interested in co-ordinating this please speak to Ann Gates.

Installation of the new **sound system** has been re-scheduled for **Monday 19 February**. So please be careful if in the nave or chancel over this period to avoid disturbing the contractors. It may be that parts of the church will have to be closed off to allow the contractors to complete their work.

Our Reader, Michael Llywelyn Jones will be delivering his course **Digging Deeper: Exploring the Bible**. If you would like to join it, or simply to hear more about it before making a commitment please email Michael direct on mikellywelynjones@hotmail.co.uk

Important contact change. Andrew Beech's former email address, beech100@virginmedia.com, is now defunct. If you wish to contact Andrew, please use andrewbeech1@icloud.com

Parking. On Sundays is for Blue Badge holders only. The town car parks are free on Sundays.

Services

Thursday 7am and midday prayers in church.

Friday 10.30am Holy Communion in S^t Katherine's Chapel.

'Real' Easter eggs, made from Fairtrade chocolate and including the Easter Story. These aren't available in shops, only online. There is a saving if ordered in bulk so please let me know if you would like me to buy for you. The full range (and costs) can be found at: <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/real-easter-egg> I need to order by **11th February**, please. Mary Anne Keyes (07962 323 454. makeyes25@hotmail.com)

Year of Faith 2024

Bishop Richard calls us in 2024 to **grow together in our faith**. This invitation is offered to everyone. There are events, teaching and study days to join in and opportunities to create your own too either as a school community, church or as part of a small group, or in the quiet of your home. Key events for the Year of Faith:

We continue to pray that across communities, villages and towns of our diocese, more lives will be transformed and that more people will come to know Christ.

Dates and events are in the 'Dates for your Diary'.

There will be a Bishop's Questions and a Bishop's Training event in Ledbury in April and July. More information later.

Future LEAF events. March is a busy time for the LEAF kids' team!

Saturday 9 March (2.30 – 4.30 at LBC) there will be a families' craft and fun afternoon. From **18 March – 2 April** SMAAA will host 'Experience Easter', the interactive trail telling the story of Holy Week.

Saturday 30 March we will run an egg hunt and quiz based on that trail. Volunteers to steward/help with any of these will be needed, as will offerings of cake for 9 March. Please let me know if you can help...and also please support us in prayer, and publicise these events to families who might be interested. Mary Anne Keyes maryannekeyes@leafledbury.com 07962323454

We pray for: Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S' Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S' John the Baptist Church, Likonde and Father Jackan.

We pray for those who are sick: we have amended the list below, but if you know of anyone who should still be included, please let the office know.

Pam Robinson	Thomas Heffner	Stacey Ross	Jenny Barber Iley
David Hicks	Peter Houghton	Elsbeth Barber Iley	Gillian Hewin
Dean Jackson	Terry Dold	Andrew Hicks	Adam Ross

We remember those who have died and pray for those who mourn their passing:

William Turberfield	Jane Harvey	Denis Watson	Ian Done
Angela Hooper	Kate Greenall	Colin Thorne	Ella Turner
Janet Epps	Frances Holloway	Pam Foskett	Sally Foxon
Diane Lindeck	David Harling	Julia Matthews	Joyce Jones

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 6 February at 7.00pm, in the hall behind the Catholic Church on New Street, there will be meeting to plan the Lent Groups for this year. Do come along to find out what we will be studying and to put your name down for a group' **'Sunshine and Showers: Prayer's beautiful Messiness'** We will look at 5 paradoxes about prayer. You will receive a free course booklet. Groups meet each week. Why not come along to find out what we will be studying and to put your name down for a group? All are welcome.

9th -11th February The Llangasty Retreat The weekend will be led by Revd.Nicky Seabright. To book a place please contact Cherry on 01531 660261 or by email cherryvabt@gmail.com

Saturday 10 February 11.00am – 1.00pm will be the next **LEAF event for children** a **Forest Fun session** with Becky Davis at Ledbury Primary School. This involves Forest 'School' activities with snacks provided. Becky will devise and lead the activities and all the children are accompanied by parents or carers, but we need some additional volunteers to help welcome and register and also to prepare and serve refreshments. Please publicise to any young families you know, and let me know if you can help. Mary Anne Keyes makeyes25@hotmail.com 07962 323454

Saturday 10 February Growing confidence in the word of God. Year. Year of Faith event. St. Laurence's Church, Ludlow. This is a Bishop's Teaching event. Registration is through Eventbrite:

[Bishop's Teaching Event - Growing confidence in the word of God @ Ludlow Tickets, Sat 10 Feb 2024 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Tuesday 13 February at 6:30pm, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party in S. Katherine's. Men, come equipped with frying pan and spatula! Everyone, come and have a good time. There will be a quiz and other fun activities.

Wednesday 14 February Ash Wednesday Midday Holy Communion (with ashing) 7pm Holy Communion (with ashing). The midday Holy Communion will be followed by a Soup Lunch

Friday 1 March 2.00pm . World Day of Prayer (Women Led, Global Ecumenical Movement). The service this year has been prepared by the Christian women in Palestine, and the theme is "I beg you, bear with one another in love". Our service will be held in Ledbury Baptist Church, The Homend. Do come and join us. Men, women and children are all welcome.

Mtwara Lent Lunches:

- Tuesday 20th February at the Methodist Church
- Thursday 29th February at the home of Ian and Jan James
- Friday 8th March in St Katherines Hall

All lunches will be 12 until 2 pm and we are raising money to support the Kindergarten at Mtwara in Tanzania.If you would like to host a lunch please contact Elaine Toyer or Hugh Wakeling (wakelinghugh@gmail.com).

Friday 8 and Saturday 9 March Hereford Passion Play. Year of Faith event. Hereford Cathedral: [Easter | Hereford Cathedral](#)

Saturday 9 March 10.00 – 12.00 St Peter's Church, Withington when we will welcome the Archdeacon, Derek Chedzey and Diocesan Mission Enabler, Mark Melluish. This will be an open meeting.

Sunday 10 March Mothering Sunday 10am Morning Worship.
5:30pm Confirmation with Bishop Richard