



**THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



**SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**8am BCP Communion *in church***

**10am Parish Communion**

in the church building and streamed live on the website

[www.stmichaelsledbury.org](http://www.stmichaelsledbury.org)

then available later on video

**5.30pm Choral Evensong**

**SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**8am BCP Communion *in church***

**10am Parish Communion**

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**Readings for 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024:**

***First Sunday of Lent***

**Old Testament Reading:**

**Genesis 9: (1-7&) 8 – 17**

<sup>1</sup>God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. <sup>2</sup>The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. <sup>3</sup>Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. <sup>4</sup>But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. <sup>5</sup>And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. <sup>6</sup>“Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.<sup>7</sup> And you, be fruitful and multiply, teem on the earth and multiply in it.” <sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the cloud and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

**New Testament Reading:**

**1 Peter 3: 18 – 22**

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which He went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight

persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup> Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities and powers having been subjected to Him.

### Gospel Reading:

### Mark 1: 9 – 15

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And when He came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.” <sup>12</sup> The Spirit immediately drove Him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> And He was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And He was with the wild animals and the angels were ministering to Him. <sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

### COLLECT

Heavenly Father, Your Son battled with the powers of darkness and grew closer to You in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to Your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to Your Spirit; and, as You know our weakness, so may we know Your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Please provide information for our weekly pewsheet 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](mailto:annielindon@gmail.com) and to (cc) [rector@stmichaelsledbury.org](mailto:rector@stmichaelsledbury.org). Please begin your subject line with **Pewsheet**. Thank you

Installation of the new **sound system** will begin on **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.

**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<sup>t</sup> Katherine's Chapel.**

### 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.

**Charitable Causes.** Every year the church gives a percentage of its income to charitable causes. The recipients of 30% of the giving are nominated by the congregation and you are invited to let Ian James, Cath Beech or Christabel Panter have any suggestions by the end of this month. Please bear in mind that as a charity, we are only allowed to give money to charities whose objects are similar to our own.

**Lent Lunches.** An update on the lunches. Two day-time groups, one at Pound Meadow and one in Bridge Street are already full. The groups still able to take on new comers are:

- ) Monday evenings at 7.30 pm at the Methodist Church, and
- ) Saturday mornings 10 am at the Catholic Church Room

For further information, do contact the co-ordinator Joan Wakeling, ([wakelinghugh@gmail.com](mailto:wakelinghugh@gmail.com)).

### 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.lynych54@btinternet.com](mailto:Chris.lynych54@btinternet.com) for more information.

**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](mailto:maryannekeyes@leafledbury.com) 07962323454

**Palm Sunday.** Sunday 24 March, 2.30pm - 5.30pm Come and Sing Passiontide and Easter anthems with a short performance at 5pm. Refreshments and music provided. £5 to sing, free to listen. Contact Kate Cheetham on [cheethamkj@gmail.com](mailto:cheethamkj@gmail.com) to take part or for more information

**Maundy Thursday 28 March.** Our Maundy Service will be at **7pm** in the chancel at Ledbury Parish Church.

**Good Friday 29 March: 10am** walk of witness from the Baptist Church.  
**2pm** Hour At The Cross in church

**Easter Sunday 31 March: Remember! The clocks go forward an hour** - so you can celebrate Christ's resurrection an hour sooner!

**8am** BCP Communion with Easter Hymn at the end

**10am** Easter Celebration Communion

## Dates for your Diary

**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.

**Saturday 2 March 7.30pm Ledbury Choral Society** will be singing Vivaldi's *Gloria* and Puccini's *Messa di Gloria*, with professional orchestra and soloists, in St. Michael and All Angels. Tickets £16, available from Ledbury Books and Maps and on the door. Under 18s free.

**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 Deanery Synod** St Peter's Church, Withington when we will welcome the Archdeacon, Derek Chedzey and Diocesan Mission Enabler, Mark Melliush. This will be an open meeting.

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

**We pray for:** Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & St Michael and All Angels, Mtwarra and St 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