



**THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2024  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**8am BCP Communion**

**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

**SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024  
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

8am BCP Communion  
10am Morning Worship for Mothering Sunday  
'Mary did you know'

5.30 Confirmation with Holy Communion

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**Readings for 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024:**

*Third Sunday of Lent*

**Old Testament Reading:**

**Exodus 20: 1 – 17**

<sup>1</sup> And God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup> "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>3</sup> "You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup> "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup> "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain. <sup>8</sup> "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labour and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. <sup>12</sup> "Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup> "You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup> "You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup> "You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup> "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. <sup>17</sup> "You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbour's."

**New Testament Reading:**

**1 Corinthians 1: 18 – 25**

<sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than men and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

## Gospel Reading:

## John 2: 13 – 22

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was at hand and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple He found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup> And making a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And He poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> And He told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup> So the Jews said to Him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple and will You raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But He was speaking about the temple of His body. <sup>22</sup> When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

### COLLECT

Eternal God, give us insight to discern Your will for us, to give up what harms us and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first He suffered pain and entered not into glory before He was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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

**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 St Katherine's Chapel.**

**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.

**Future LEAF events.** March is a busy time for the LEAF kids' team!  
**Saturday 9 March (2.30pm – 4.30pm at LBC)** there will be a families' craft and fun afternoon. From **18 March – 2 April** S. Michael's 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) 07962 323 454

### Lent Lunches:

One Lent Lunch remaining, **Friday 8 March** in St Katherines Hall – contact Mrs Elaine Toyer 01531 634354 **12noon until 2pm**, raising money to support the Kindergarten at Mtwara in Tanzania.

## Dates for your Diary

### 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.

### 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](mailto:Chris.lynch54@btinternet.com) for more information.

**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.

**Holy Week. Midday for 30 minutes**, in S. Anne's Chapel. **Psalm 127:** Reading, Reflecting and Responding. Each day we will read and reflect on psalm 127 with time to respond in prayer. The themes will be:

**Monday:** Walking in the safety of God's light,

**Tuesday:** Staying in the beauty of God's presence,

**Wednesday:** Trusting in God's care

**Thursday:** Following in the goodness of God's way.

**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

**Don Rule's funeral** will be held on **Wednesday 6 March, 2pm**, at St Michael's and afterwards at the British Legion.

**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.

**Saturday 9 March 10am – 12noon.** Open meeting for all re '**Engaging effectively in Mission**' at St Peter's Church Withington with Archdeacon Derek Chedzey and Diocesan Missioner Mark Melliush – ALL WELCOME

### **Sunday 10 March Mothering Sunday**

**10am** Morning Worship for Mothering Sunday entitled 'Mary did you know.'. **5:30pm** Confirmation with Bishop Richard.

**Tuesday 12 March** – This month's **Parish Walk** will be along part of a Dymock Poet's path to view the daffodils. For details telephone Anne Tattersall on 01531 632021 by Friday 8th so lifts can be arranged.

**Thursday 14 March 9.30am – 3pm. Bishop's Study Day 1** @ Craven Arms Community Centre, Free and open to all . <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bishops-study-day-1-year-of-faith-tickets-773083422327>

**Saturday 16 March 2pm 'Artificial Intelligence'** Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust lecture by John Handby to be held at St Bartholomew's Church Much Marcle. ALL WELCOME / Retiring collection.

**Friday 6 April 10am Coffee Stop** An informal time for coffee, cakes, chat & company. For more information Contact Sonia Bowen either by phone 07878 173 919 or email [sonia.a.bowen@gmail.com](mailto:sonia.a.bowen@gmail.com)

**We pray for:** Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S' Michael and All Angels, Mtwarra 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
Don Rule	Catherine Dobel		