



**THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



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

**8am BCP Communion**

**10am Morning Worship for Mothering Sunday  
'Mary did you know'**

in the church building and streamed live on the website  
[www.stmichaelsledbury.org](http://www.stmichaelsledbury.org)  
then available later on video

**5.30pm Confirmation with Holy Communion**

**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER LENT**

8am BCP Communion  
10am Parish Communion  
5.30pm Choral Evensong

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Do have a look, like, follow and participate.  
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**Readings for 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024:**

*Mothering Sunday*

**Old Testament Reading:**

**Exodus 2: 1 – 10**

<sup>1</sup>Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, <sup>2</sup> she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. <sup>3</sup>But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. <sup>4</sup>His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. <sup>5</sup>Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. <sup>6</sup>She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said. <sup>7</sup>Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" <sup>8</sup>"Yes, go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. <sup>9</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. <sup>10</sup>When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

**New Testament Reading:**

**Colossians 3: 12 – 17**

<sup>12</sup>As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup>And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. <sup>15</sup>Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

**Gospel Reading:**

**Luke 2: 33 – 38**

<sup>33</sup> [Jesus'] father and mother marvelled at what was said about Him. <sup>34</sup>Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many

hearts may be revealed.”<sup>36</sup> And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin<sup>37</sup> and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day.<sup>38</sup> And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

#### COLLECT

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast You feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted Your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**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
Don Rule	Catherine Dobel	Jo Anslow	

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 S<sup>t</sup> 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! 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

If anyone is able to help with refreshments at the **Saturday morning series of coffee concerts 9 March, 23 March and 20 April**, serving from **10.30am**? Each event needs two people to prepare and serve tea and coffee as well as about three people to provide a cake or similar. It's generally jolly. Please get in touch with Kate Cheetham [cheethamkj@gmail.com](mailto:cheethamkj@gmail.com).

**Praying Litter Pickers** is returning from the Winter break. **April 6th, 11am** on the recreation ground in the car park then 12.30pm at St. Michael's church for bacon butties and coffee or tea. Please speak to Georgina Hicks for more information.

## **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

## **Dates for your Diary**

**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 5 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)

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