



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 17th MARCH 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER LENT**

8am BCP Communion

10am Parish Communion

in the church building and streamed live on the website

www.stmichaelsledbury.org

then available later on video

5.30pm Choral Evensong

**SUNDAY 24th MARCH 2024
PALM SUNDAY**

8am BCP Communion

10am Parish Communion

2.30pm - 5.30pm Come and Sing Passiontide and Easter anthems
with a short performance at 5pm

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Do have a look, like, follow and participate.

X (Twitter) – Do sign-up to S. Michael's twitter account: [@LedburyParish](https://twitter.com/LedburyParish)

Readings for 17th March 2024:

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Old Testament Reading:

Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34

³¹ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbour and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity and I will remember their sin no more.”

New Testament Reading:

Hebrews 5: 5 – 14

⁵ So also Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by Him who said to Him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; ⁶ as He says also in another place, “You are a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸ Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. ⁹ And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, ¹⁰ being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek. ¹¹ About this we have much to say and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. ¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, ¹³ for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

Gospel Reading:

John 12: 20 – 33

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honour him. ²⁷ “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it and I will glorify it again.”

²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to Him.” ³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹ Now is the judgement of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to show by what kind of death He was going to die.

COLLECT

Gracious Father, You gave up Your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of His passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour’s blood, 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	Janet Hughes

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 and to (cc) 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’ 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 07962 323 454

If anyone is able to help with refreshments at the **Saturday morning series of coffee concerts 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.

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.

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.

Lent Lunches to raise money for Classrooms at Mtwara in Tanzania:

Thank you to everyone who donated money, attended, and/or who helped to provide the Lent Lunches. We managed to raise £842 which will go towards building new classrooms for the kindergarten children. Thank you, Blessings, Hugh.

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 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

Saturday 23rd March 10.30am Coffee Concert St Michael's Ledbury Coffee, The Malvern Piano Triom, coffee and cake served from 10.30am.

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

Saturday 6 April, 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.

Wednesday 10 April, 7pm in church, Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).