



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 24th MARCH 2024
PALM SUNDAY**

8am BCP Communion

10am Parish Communion

in the church building and streamed live on the website

www.stmichaelsledbury.org

then available later on video

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

**SUNDAY 31st MARCH 2024
EASTER DAY**

8am BCP Communion

10am Easter Celebration Communion

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Readings for 24th March 2024:

Palm Sunday

Old Testament Reading:

Psalm 118: 1 – 2 & 19 – 29

¹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His steadfast love endures for ever! ²Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures for ever.” ¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation. ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. ²³This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it! ²⁵Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! ²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.²⁷The LORD is God and He has made His light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar! ²⁸You are my God and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You.²⁹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His steadfast love endures for ever!

New Testament Reading:

Mark 11: 1 – 6

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied; on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said and they let them go.

Gospel Reading:

John 12: 12 – 18

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus

out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness.

¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign.

COLLECT

God our Father, Your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end and drank the cup prepared for Him: may we who share His table watch with him through the night of suffering and be faithful.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, You humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow You and to proclaim You as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Dates for your Diary

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).

We pray for: Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S^t Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S^t 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

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.

24hour Prayer Vigil 7am on Maundy Thursday to 8am on Good Friday. We will once again be holding a 24 hour prayer vigil. 7am to 7pm on Maundy Thursday; the Choir Vestry at St Michael's will be available for people to come and pray. From 7pm we are asking people to pray in their own homes. We are hoping that individuals/couples/groups will book an hour's prayer slot to come and pray for God's work amongst us as we seek to deepen our relationship with him and seek his will. Sign up for a slot online using <https://teamup.com/.kse38084b1f5062b61>

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

Spiritual Question Time with Mark Melliush. Questions of faith in Jesus (with hospitality). Bring a non-church friend. **25 April 7pm – 9pm** at St Kathryn's. Open up conversations about God and faith (in Him). Refreshments will be served. Booking through <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/spiritual-question-timeledbury-tickets-777963659247>

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

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.

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 concert 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.