



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 31st MARCH 2024
EASTER SUNDAY**

8am BCP Communion

10am Easter Celebration Communion

in the church building and streamed live on the website

www.stmichaelsledbury.org

then available later on video

**SUNDAY 7th APRIL
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8am BCP Communion

10am parish Communion

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Readings for 31st March 2024:

Easter Sunday

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 25: 6 – 9

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷ And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death for ever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

Gospel Reading:

John 20: 1 – 18

¹ Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord and I do not know where they have laid Him.” ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to Him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that He had said these things to her.

New Testament Reading:

Acts 10: 1 & 33 – 43

¹At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, ²a devout man who feared God with all his household ³³[who said to Peter]: We are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.” ³⁴So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. ³⁶As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised Him on the third day and caused Him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. ⁴²And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is The One appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.”

COLLECT

God of glory, by the raising of Your Son You have broken the chains of death and hell: fill Your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of Life, who for our redemption gave Jesus, Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 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^t Katherine's Chapel.

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.

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.

A Post-Easter Sermon Series which comes out of the awayday wish for teaching about the faith and picks up on the diocesan year of faith and the diocesan strategy outline statement that “*we want worshipping communities... to be taught to know clearly what they believe and to feel able to share their everyday flesh with others*”. It is based on the catechism

07 Apr	Foundations of our Faith	
21 Apr	Living a faithful life	
28 Apr	The sacraments	
05 May	Foundational beliefs	
19 May	Empowered Christian Living	– Pentecost
26 May	The God we believe in and worship	– Trinity Sunday

Dates for your Diary

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>

17th April 2024 12 -2pm Meeting for Tea Time Praise Come and join us for Soup with a Roll and Cake. I am holding a meeting for exploring the possibility of Tea Time Praise at St Katherine's Hall, fourth Sunday of the month. We are looking for people who would be interested in a service called Tea Time Praise on the fourth Sunday of the month at 4pm at St Katherine's Hall followed by sandwiches and cakes .

The aim of the service is to provide an Anglican type worship for all ages including children, serving a light meal after the service. In the worship time there is space for a short liturgy, for praise, a short talk with an activity related to the talk and prayer.

We need the following

- People experienced in Leading worship and able to give a brief talk
- People who can lead the music
- People who are willing to serve food and chat.
- People who would like that type of service.

This meeting is for anyone interested in this type of service. Please let me know if you are interested in coming to the meeting. Christine Walters ncwalters76@gmail.com or 07816 099951

Saturday 20th April: Coffee Concert at St Michael's, Ledbury. Iain Simcock organ recital commencing at 11am with refreshments from 10.30am.

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
Done Rule	Catherine Dobel	Jo Anslow	Janet Hughes

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

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