



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 7th April 2024
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8am BCP Communion

10am Parish Communion

in the church building and streamed live on the website

www.stmichaelsledbury.org

then available later on video

**SUNDAY 14th APRIL
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8am BCP Communion

10am Morning Worship

5.30pm Holy Communion

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Readings for 7th April 2024:

Second Sunday of Easter

Old Testament Reading:

Psalm 119: 103 - 109

¹⁰³ How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴ Through Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

¹⁰⁶ I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to keep Your righteous rules.

¹⁰⁷ I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to Your word!

¹⁰⁸ Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me Your rules.

¹⁰⁹ I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget Your law.

New Testament Reading:

2 Timothy 3: 14 – 16

¹⁴ continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 24: 13 – 27

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them.

¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognising Him. ¹⁷ And He said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered Him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

¹⁹ And He said to them, “What things?” And they said to Him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered Him up to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. ²¹ But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel. Yes and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen

a vision of angels, who said that He was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see.” ²⁵ And He said to them, “O foolish ones and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

COLLECT

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ You have assured Your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with Him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in Your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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
Done Rule	Catherine Dobel	Jo Anslow	Janet Hughes

Saturday 13 April from 10am: Church Spring Clean with bacon butties to follow.

Please come and bring your dusters, polish, vacuum cleaners etc. and help freshen the church for ourselves and our visitors

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.

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

Parish Walk. Tuesday 9 April Meet 10am at the church. The April Parish walk will be a circular walk from Bosbury and possibly having lunch afterwards. For more information please contact Ann & Peter Tattershall on 01531 632021.

Sunday 17 April is our **Second Sunday Morning Worship**, our readings will be Acts Chapter 3 verses 1- 19 and 2 Kings Chapter 4 verses 1- 7.

“They have left a name behind them...”, Wed 17 April, 2.30pm in church. Do come to the next of our Friends talks. Celia Kellett will help us to interpret what the church tells us about the lives and deeds of some of Ledbury’s more prosperous citizens. Tickets: £4.00 / £3.00 for members. Tea and biscuits will be served after the event. Contact Tim Keyes (thkeyes28@hotmail.com).

The Flower Guild would like to thank everyone who sponsored memorial **lilies for Easter**. We hope you enjoy the arrangements, all of which were funded by your generous donations. If you would like to join us to help decorate the church for festivals and other events, please contact Chris Lynch on 01531 670037 (No previous experience necessary).

I am exploring the possibility of **Tea Time Praise** at St Katherine's Hall, 4th Sunday of the month. We are looking for people who would be interested in a service called TeaTime Praise on the 4th 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.

If you want to know more please speak to me after the service. Christine Walters ncwalters76@gmail.com or phone 07816 099951

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

Join us for an enlightening evening of deep conversations and soul-searching! At **Spiritual Question Time**, we'll explore life's big mysteries and discuss various spiritual topics. This in-person event at **St Katherines, High Street, Ledbury on Thursday 25 April 7pm – 9pm**. It's a great opportunity to bring your burning questions and an open mind to hear Bishop Richard and Dean Sarah answer your questions on the hot topics of faith affecting Christians today. Prepare to be inspired and challenged, and leave with a renewed sense of wonder about life and our place within creation. Don't miss out on this thought-provoking event! Refreshments will be served. Booking through <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/spiritual-question-timeledbury-tickets-777963659247>

Prior notice, request for helpers - Open Gardens (organised by The Friends of the Church), Sat 15 June. We ran an event like this very successfully two years ago but it does need a lot of helpers to be a success. To be precise, we need 22 volunteers: to be welcomers at gardens, to help set up and serve tea and to make cakes and scones. Please help us if you can in one of these roles. Contact Tim Keyes (thkeyes28@hotmail.com).

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 9 April, 10am. Parish Walk, See information box.

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

Saturday 13 April 10am Church Spiring Clean

Wednesday 17 April, 2.30pm. Friends Talk. See information box.

Saturday 20 April 10.30am for 11am. Coffee Concert. See information box.

Thursday 25 April 7pm – 9pm. Spiritual Question Time. See information box.