



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

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

8am BCP Communion

10am Morning Worship

in the church building and streamed live on the website

www.stmichaelsledbury.org

then available later on video

5:30pm Holy Communion

**SUNDAY 21st APRIL
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8am BCP Communion

10am Parish Communion

5.30pm Choral Evensong

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Readings for 14th April 2024: Easter Three

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 3:14 – 20

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgements against you; He has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. ¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. ¹⁷ The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing. ¹⁸ I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. ¹⁹ Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰ At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24: 36b – 48

³⁶ Jesus Himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰ And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marvelling, He said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave Him a piece of broiled fish ⁴³ and He took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴ Then He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

New Testament Reading: Acts 3: 12 – 19

¹²When Peter saw [the people’s amazement at the lame beggar walking and leaping and praising God] he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a murderer to be granted to you ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And His name — by faith in His name — has made this man strong whom you see and know and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷“And now, brethren, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out.

COLLECT

Risen Christ, You filled Your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim Your risen life and fill us with Your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty Father, who in Your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of His presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by His risen life and serve You continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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:

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
Ted Lancett			

We have been asked to pray for Anita and her family as she and they mourn the sudden loss of two close family members.

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.

Post-Easter Sermon Series based on the catechism (an informative text used to instruct Christian disciples) and 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*”.

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

“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).

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

Dates for your Diary

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 Hall, 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>

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

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).

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.

Thursday 2 May 7pm in S. Katherine's Hall: Exploring Prayer: More information to come soon.