



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 5th MAY
SIXTH 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 12th MAY
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8am BCP Communion

10am Morning Worship

5.30pm Holy Communion

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Readings for 5th May 2024:

Easter Six

Old Testament Reading:

Deuteronomy 6: 1 – 8

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear Him. ²⁶ The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD!

May your hearts live for ever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. ²⁸ For kingship belongs to the LORD and He rules over the nations. ²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. ³⁰ Posterity shall serve Him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; ³¹ they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that He has done it.

New Testament Reading:

1 Corinthians 8: 5 – 7a & 15: 1 – 8

⁵ For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords” — ⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. ⁷ However, not all possess this knowledge... Now I would remind you, brethren, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures ⁵ and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me.

Gospel Reading:

Mark 2: 1 – 12

¹ When [Jesus] returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that He was at home. ² And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And He was preaching the word to them. ³ And they came, bringing to Him a paralytic carried by four men. ⁴ And when they could not get near Him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ And when Jesus saw their faith,

He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸ And immediately Jesus, perceiving in His spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven’, or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” — He said to the paralytic — ¹¹ “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.” ¹² And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

COLLECT

Risen Christ, by the lakeside
 You renewed Your call to Your disciples:
 help Your Church to obey Your command and draw the nations to the fire of Your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for You, the spring of life and source of goodness, through Him who is alive and reigns, 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	Terry Dold	Elsbeth Barber	Gillian Hewin Iley
Dean Jackson	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	Peter Houghton	Derek Williams	

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.

From the Church Wardens. If you are going to use the handwash basin in the disabled toilet, could you please take great care. A washer is missing and water is just as likely to end up on the floor or all over you as in the basin. A replacement part is due 23 May.

Services

Thursday 7am and midday prayers in church.

Friday 10.30am Holy Communion in S^t Katherine’s Chapel.

Thursday 9 May 7pm Ascension Day Service, in the Chancel at St Michael’s Church.

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*”.

05 May	Foundational beliefs	
19 May	Empowered Christian Living	– Pentecost
26 May	The God we believe in and worship	– Trinity Sunday

Mothers’ Union is a world-wide Anglican organisation which promotes working with people of all faiths and none to develop communities, strengthen families and advocate for change. St Michael’s and All Angels branch meet on the first Thursday of the month at the Market Theatre, 2.15pm. If you wish to know more, please contact Lois Pratt (lois_pratt@hotmail.com), Janet Gallagher or the Rector.

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).

LEAF Family Days: 20 July & 17 August

This summer **LEAF** will again be providing activity days on the Recreation Ground. These are free of charge and include food, crafts, games and sports for families and children in Ledbury. We rely entirely on volunteers: in advance for cake making and craft preparation, on the day for helping with activities and stewarding, and throughout for prayer support. If you are able to offer any of these I would be delighted to hear from you: it's really important that we know as early as possible who will be available. Please contact Mary Anne Keyes on maryannekeyes@leafledbury.com or phone 07962323454.