



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

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

8am BCP Communion

10am Morning Worship

5.30pm Holy Communion

in the church building and streamed live on the website

www.stmichaelsledbury.org

then available later on video

**SUNDAY 19th MAY
PENTECOST – WHIT SUNDAY**

8am BCP Communion

10am Parish Communion

5.30pm Choral Evensong

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Readings for 12th May 2024:

Easter Seven

Old Testament Reading:

Ezekiel 36: 22 – 28

²²“Therefore [Ezekiel] say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶And I will give you a new heart and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers and you shall be my people and I will be your God.

New Testament Reading:

Acts 1: 15 – 26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,“ ‘May his camp become desolate and let there be no one to dwell in it; and “‘Let another take his office.’ ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when He was taken up from us — one of these men must become with us a witness to His resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two You have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Gospel Reading:

John 17: 6 – 19

[Jesus prayed] ⁶“I have manifested Your name to the people whom You gave me out of the world. Yours they were and You gave them to me and they have kept Your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that You have given me is from You.

⁸For I have given them the words that You gave me and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom You have given me, for they are Yours. ¹⁰All mine are Yours and Yours are mine and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in Your name, which You have given me. I have guarded them and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to You and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them Your word and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

COLLECT

O God the King of glory, You have exalted Your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to Your kingdom in heaven: we implore You, leave us not comfortless, but send Your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of love and power, Your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of His kingdom: confirm us in this mission and help us to live the good news we proclaim; 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.

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.

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*".

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).

The **May Parish Walk** will be on **Tuesday 14th May**. This month's Parish walk on will start at the Haugh Wood car park but follow a different route to the ones we have done before. Meet at Church at 10am or at Haugh Wood car park at 10.30. Please let me know if you plan to come and if you would like a lift. We will have lunch at Walwyn Arms, Much Marcle. Let's hope for good weather! Anne Tattersall 01531 632021.

Friends of Ledbury Parish Church events:

Wed 15 May 2024, 2.30 pm

How to read a church

Looking at our church with new eyes, Mary Anne draws on ideas in the book 'How to read a church' and shares her personal thoughts on how some features of our beloved church might speak to a visitor. *Tickets £4.00 / £3.00 for members. Tea and biscuits will be served after the event. Venue: St Michael's.*

Wed 5th June 2024, 6.00 pm

Friends Summer Social (Members only)

This is our chance to say "thank you" to all of you for your support. We will have drinks and nibbles at the church (outside, weather permitting) and simply enjoy each other's company. *Venue: St Michael's. No charge.*

Thursday 23 May 7:30 in **St Katherines Hall** - Dean Sarah will be speaking on 'Biblical Faith'. This is the first of a series of talks on faith linked to the Bishops Year of Faith. Those who heard Dean Sarah at the Bishops Question and Answer session will know she is an engaging speaker and this promises to be an interesting evening.

D Day 80

The **10.00am** service on **SUNDAY 2 JUNE** will be a Service of Commemoration of D Day 80 with Ledbury Brass Band. Do come and join us as we mark 80 years since the largest seaborne invasion the world has ever seen and to remember the bravery and sacrifice of all those who took part in liberating Europe.

On **Thursday 6th June at 6.30pm** there will be an Act of Remembrance at the **Town War Memorial**.

LEAF Family Days: 20 July & 17 August

This summer **LEAF** will again be providing activity days on the Recreation Ground 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 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.

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	