



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 9th February
FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

8.00am BCP Communion

10.00am Morning Worship

Services in the church building are streamed live on the website
www.stmichaelsledbury.org
then available later on video

**SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY
THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

8am BCP Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

5:30pm Choral Evensong

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Readings for 9th February 2025:

4th Sunday Before Lent.

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 6: 1 - 13

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. ²Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face and with two he covered his feet and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" ⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of Him who called and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." ⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." ⁹And He said, "Go, and say to this people: "Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' ¹⁰Make the heart of this people dull and their ears heavy and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and turn and be healed." ¹¹Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And He said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant and houses without people and the land is a desolate waste ¹²and the LORD removes people far away and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. ¹³And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

New Testament Reading:

1 Corinthians 15: 1–1

¹Now I would remind you, brethren, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures ⁵and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me.

⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am and His grace towards me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed

Gospel Reading:

Luke 5: 1 – 11

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret ²and He saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, He asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

COLLECT

Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without You we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with Your most gracious favour and guide us with Your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in You, we may glorify Your holy name and finally by Your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please provide information for our weekly pewsheets 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 Pewsheets. Thank You

Parking. On Sundays is for Blue Badge holders only. The town car parks are free on Sundays.

LEDBURY

Services

8am Sunday BCP Communion in St Katherine's Chapel

10am Sunday morning services held in church

Thursday 7am and midday prayers in church.

Friday 10.30am Holy Communion in St Katherine's Chapel.

EASTNOR

Services on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11.15am.

Please note: Queries and suggestions about repairs and maintenance should be directed to Andrew Beech. Thanks

Lent Lunch in St Catherines Hall in aid of Christian Aid **Friday 4 April 2025:** If anyone could help us on the day please contact Elaine Toyer or Hugh Wakeling on wakelinghugh@gmail.com

Can You Help? Sonia Bowen's Ukrainian friend Alla has emailed with a request for a mother with 3 boys (ages 14, 14 and 10) - back in Ukraine - who is urgently looking for a host/sponsor who can provide a safe place for them in Herefordshire. The host/sponsor must be UK resident and be able to provide room for the mother and children for 6 months. This may suit someone who has a vacant holiday home, for example, or a large home with spare rooms. Alla has explained that there is good support locally for the administration and logistics of such a sponsorship. Please contact Sonia on 07878 173 919 in the first instance if you think you may be able to help. Thank you.

Home and Sick Communion – If you are sick or housebound and would like to receive home communion, please let either Keith (07796 585 407) or Val Houghton (val.houghton1@btinternet.com) know.

LEAF EVENTS 2025. LEAF has a lot of activities for children coming up throughout the coming year, for all of which we need volunteers. Please think about whether you have an hour or so which you could offer to help with one or more events: we need people to help with crafts and games but also with making cakes and serving refreshments, setting up and clearing away, and often in advance preparation of craft activities. Here are the dates:

-) **15th March, 11am – 1 pm:** Forest Fun at Ledbury Primary School.
-) **29th March, 2.30PM – 4.30pm:** Mum's the Word at Ledbury Baptist Church. Activities and crafts preparing for Mothering Sunday, tea provided.
-) **7th April – 21st April:** Experience Easter Trail at St Michael & All Angels (The Parish Church). Interactive trail telling the Easter story, available when the church is open.
-) **19th April 10am-4pm:** Easter 'hunt' (with chocolate eggs included!) at St Michael's. Tea & biscuits provided.
-) **19th July:** Family Fun Day on the Recreation Ground (St Michael's if wet). Fun, games and activities for all the family with BBQ, cakes and drinks provided
-) **31st July 10.30am – 12.00noon:** Stay and Play session in St Michael's church. A friendly welcome for pre-school children & their carers, with refreshments.
-) **16th August:** Family Fun Day on the Recreation Ground (St Michael's if wet). Fun, games and activities for all the family with BBQ, cakes and drinks provided
-) **28th August 10.30am – 12.00noon:** Stay and Play session in St Michael's church. A friendly welcome for pre-school children & their carers, with refreshments.
-) **1st November 3.00pm – 5.00pm** at St Michael's Church: Light Party, family-friendly alternative for Halloween with crafts, games and refreshments
-) **30th November 2.30pm – 5.00pm** at the Community Hall: Community Advent Party, family-friendly crafts and games preparing for Christmas, with puppet show, carols and tea provided.
-) **23rd December 10.30am – 11.30am** at St Katherine's Hall: Christingle making for all the family. Refreshments provided.

If you are able to help, or want to know more, please contact Mary Anne Keyes on makeyes25@hotmail.com or phone 07962323454. And please PRAY! Thank you.

Monday 10 February at 3:15pm in Hereford Crematorium John Sutton's funeral will take place. There will be a memorial service in church on Wednesday 23 April, at a time to be confirmed.

Parish walk will be on **Tuesday 11 February** 4½ miles walk in Newent Please email Anne Tattershall on the_tattersalls@yahoo.co.uk if you are coming by Saturday 8th February so that lifts can be organised. We will meet at Church at 10 am or about 10.30am in the Newent car park.

Ledbury Lent. Come and join us preparing for Easter **EVERYONE WELCOME Sign up by 21 February.** Lent groups begin in the week beginning **Thursday 6 March** and continue weekly through Lent.

Group Options:

-) **Thursday** 14:30 28 Pound Meadow, Hugh Wakeling
-) **Saturday** 10:30 Most Holy Trinity Hall, Mary Rossiter and Susi James
-) **Monday**, 19:30 Lavender Cott, Bridge St, Peter and Diana Veasey
-) **Tuesday** 14:30 Methodist Church, Gillian Chowns
-) **Wednesday** 19:30 28 Pound Meadow, Joan Wakeling

To book a place on the series of meetings for Ledbury Lent, select your options and whether these are your first or second choice, then contact Joan by email, revdjwakeling@gmail.com or phone 01531 6331883. Leave your own contact email and phone number, state your first and second choice of group, keep a note for yourself of your choices and when groups are finalised your group leader will contact you to confirm your place and any other details.

Shrove Tuesday 4 March Pancake Party in The Burgage Hall.

Please put the evening in your diaries and – in preparation – please begin saving milk cartons for the batter. Gentlemen – get your frying pans and spatulas ready for action!

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

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 us know.

Lucy Orchard
Annee Kettle
Elizabeth Watson

Andrew Hicks
Stacey Ross

Gillian Hewin
David Gates

Stephen Vicarage
Terry Dold

We remember those who have died and pray for those who mourn their passing:

Geoffrey Douglas
Philip Gray
Rodney Jarrett
Elizabeth Crossley
Jim Large
Jim Loveridge

David Kirkham
John Tyler
Margaret Westwood
Gwen Kirkham
Richard Tyrell
Elizabeth Haynes

James Smith
John Holland
Richard Gladwin
Judy Street
Pam Robinson

Tony Wargent
Sheila Jones
Doreen Selwyn
Hilary Sharpe
John Sutton

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Sign up by 21.02.25



A Passion For Christ

Michael Baughen

Join a group: study / discuss / worship

Various times and venues on offer. For details - see back.

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To book a place on the series of meetings for Ledbury Lent:-

- 1 Select your first two choices from the list below.
- 2 Contact Joan by email: revdjwakeling@gmail.com or phone: 01531 633188
- 3 Leave your own contact email and phone number
- 4 State your first and second choice of group
- 5 Keep a note for yourself of your choices.
- 6 When groups are finalised your group leader will contact you to confirm your place and any other details.

GROUP OPTIONS		Please circle first and second choice		
DAY	TIME	VENUE	LEADER	CHOICE
Mon	19:30	Lavender Cott,Bridge St.	Peter + Diana Veasey	1 / 2
Tues	14:30	Methodist Church	Gillian Chowns	1 / 2
Weds	19:30	28 Pound Meadow	Joan Wakeling	1 / 2
Thurs	14:30	28 Pound Meadow	Hugh Wakeling	1 / 2
Sat	10:30	Most Holy Trinity Hall	Mary Rossiter + Susi James	1 / 2