



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

SUNDAY 16th February THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

8.00am BCP Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

Services in the church building are streamed live on the website

www.stmichaelsledbury.org

then available later on video

5:30pm Choral Evensong

SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

8am BCP Communion
10.00am Parish Communion

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Readings for 16th February 2025:

3rd Sunday Before Lent.

Old Testament Reading:

Psalm 1

¹ Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ² but his delight is in the law of the LORD and on His law he meditates day and night. ³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. ⁴ The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶ for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

New Testament Reading:

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 6: 17 – 26

¹⁷ [Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who came to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch Him, for power came out from Him and healed them all. ²⁰ And He lifted up His eyes on His disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. ²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!

²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. ²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. “Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. ²⁶ “Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

COLLECT

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with His touch: help us to show His love, in Your Church as we gather together and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should ever hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he 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

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
Eileen Haynes

James Smith
John Holland
Richard Gladwin
Judy Street
Pam Robinson

Tony Wargent
Sheila Jones
Doreen Selwyn
Hilary Sharpe
John Sutton

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 S^t 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

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.

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!

Friends of Ledbury Parish Church - Tour of the bell tower. Wednesday 5 March, 2.30pm. Tim Keyes, Tower Captain, will conduct a 75 minute tour of the bell tower in which major work has been done to the bells and all the main spaces over the last two years. You will learn about the history of the tower, about craftsmanship old and new and about the art of bell ringing. *Maximum number 20. Places must be booked in advance.* (thkeyes28@hotmail.com / 07577 720154). *Tickets £5.00 / £4.00 for members.*

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday March 7 at 2.00 pm. We are hosting the service this year in St Michael's. The service has been prepared by the Christian Women in the Cook Islands. All are welcome to join us that afternoon.

At **Morning Worship** on **Sunday 9 March** we will be welcoming a young man called Matty who works with Green Pastures helping homeless people. Several members of the congregation support this innovative work to house, to offer training and to watch change in people's lives.

There will be three **Lent lunches** to raise money for Christian Aid on **18 March, 27 March and 4 April**. Do pick up a leaflet, with further details, at the back of the Church. **If anyone could help on the day 4 April event** please contact Elaine Toyer or Hugh Wakeling on wakelinghugh@gmail.com

There will be a memorial service for **John Sutton** in church on **Wednesday 23 April**, at a time to be confirmed.

A full programme of events has been planned by the **Friends of Ledbury Parish Church**. Events are open to members and non-members except the Summer Social. Full details are available at the back of the church, by email, thkeyes28@hotmail.com, or on the church website.

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.

Ledbury Lent

Come and join us preparing for Easter

EVERYONE WELCOME

Sign up by 21.02.25



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Michael Baughen

Join a group: study / discuss / worship

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

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- 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