



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

SUNDAY 23rd 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

SUNDAY 2nd March SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

8am BCP Communion
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Readings for 23rd February 2025:

2nd Sunday Before Lent.

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 2: 4 – 25

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens. ⁵When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up — for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land and there was no man to work the ground ⁶and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground — ⁷then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and the man became a living creature. ⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east and there He put the man whom He had formed. ⁹And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ¹⁰A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹²And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. ¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” ¹⁸Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” ¹⁹Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature; that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man He made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” ²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 8: 22 – 25

²²One day [Jesus] got into a boat with His disciples and He said to them, “Let us go across to the other side of the lake.” So they set out ²³and as they sailed He fell asleep. A windstorm came down on the lake and they were filling with water and were in danger. ²⁴And they went and woke Him, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And He awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves and they ceased and there was a calm. ²⁵He said to them, “Where is your faith?” And they were afraid, and they marvelled, saying to one another, “Who then is this, that He commands even winds and water and they obey Him?”

New Testament Reading:

Revelation 4: 1 – 11

¹After this I looked and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here and I will show you what must take place after this." ²At once I was in the Spirit and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. ³And He who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian and round the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. ⁴Round the throne were twenty-four thrones and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵From the throne came flashes of lightning and rumblings and peals of thunder and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God ⁶and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And round the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. ⁸And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all round and within and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" ⁹Whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to Him who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who is seated on the throne and worship Him who lives for ever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, ¹¹"Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for You created all things and by Your will they existed and were created."

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror Your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, by Your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of Your Church: may we who have been nourished at Your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; 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.

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

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.

Shrove Tuesday 6:30pm 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.*

ASH WEDNESDAY. After the Ash Wednesday service at noon on **Wednesday 5 March** there will be a soup lunch. All are welcome to join us after the service.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 7 March 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

Man Chat at the **Market House Café, Thursday 20 March, 7pm – 9pm.** An informal time, eating a meal and talking together about things we enjoy doing as well as things that concern us. Please feel free to invite a friend. As an indicator the meal costs around £10 per head and donations on the evening will be welcome. Please feel free to bring your own bottle of refreshment. RSVP to Davidhoughton955@btinternet.com or 01531 890696.

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

We pray for: Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S^t Michael and All Angels, Mtwaru 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	Andrew Hicks	Gillian Hewin	Stephen Vicarage
Annee Kettle	Stacey Ross	David Gates	Terry Dold
Elizabeth Watson	Vanessa Skelton		

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

Rodney Jarrett	Margaret Westwood	Richard Gladwin	Doreen Selwyn
Elizabeth Crossley	Gwen Kirkham	Judy Street	Hilary Sharpe
Jim Large	Richard Tyrell	Pam Robinson	John Sutton
Jim Loveridge	Eileen Haynes		

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.

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.

Ledbury Lent

Come and join us preparing for Easter

EVERYONE WELCOME

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