



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 9th MARCH
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

8am 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 MARCH
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**8am BCP Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
5:30pm Choral Evensong**

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our website is: www.stmichaelsledbury.org

Facebook – The church's facebook page: fb.me/stmichaelsledbury –
Do have a look, like, follow and participate.

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Readings for 9th March 2025:

Lent 1

Old Testament Reading:

Deuteronomy 26: 1 – 11

¹“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you and you shall put it in a basket and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make His name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

⁵“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labour. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And He brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’

And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you and the Levite and the sojourner who is among you.

New Testament Reading:

Romans 10: 8 – 15

⁸“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

Gospel Reading:

Luke 4: 1 – 13

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days. When they were over, He was hungry. ³The devil said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’”

⁵And the devil took Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time ⁶and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If You, then, will worship me, it will all be Yours."

⁸And Jesus answered him, "It is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve."

⁹And he took Him to Jerusalem and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,

¹⁰for it is written, "'He will command His angels concerning You, to guard You',

¹¹and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

¹²And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to Your Spirit; and, as You know our weakness, so may we know Your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, You have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it You nourish our faith, increase our hope and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for Him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of Your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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	Andrew Hicks	Gillian Hewin	Stephen Vicarage
Annee Kettle	Stacey Ross	David Gates	Terry Dold
Elizabeth Watson	Vanessa Skelton	Sue Holland	Barbara Price

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

Geoffrey Douglas	David Kirkham	James Smith	Tony Wargent
Philip Gray	John Tyler	John Holland	Sheila Jones
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		

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.

LEAF Forest Fun at Ledbury Primary School, Saturday 15 March 11am – 1pm

Volunteers needed setting up, help with crats, making cakes, clearing away. If you are able to help, or want to know more, please contact Mary Anne Keyes on makeyes25@hotmail.com or phone 07962323454. Thank you.

Saturday March 15 at 7.30 in Saint Michael and All Angels, **Ledbury Choral Society will perform Parry *Blest Pair of Sirens* and Brahms *German Requiem*.**

The works will be accompanied by professional soloists and piano duet. Tickets: £16 from Ledbury Books & Maps and on the door. Under 18s free. There will be a pre-concert bar with wine and soft drinks. No interval.

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**. This will be 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.

LEAF Mum's the Word at Ledbury Baptist Church Saturday **29 March, 2.30pm – 4.30pm**. Activities and crafts preparing for Mothering Sunday, tea provided. If you are able to help, or want to know more, please contact Mary Anne Keyes on makeyes25@hotmail.com or phone 07962323454. Thank you.

Lent books and Easter cards

There is a selection of books on the bookstall for study throughout Lent, including "Jesus, a serious beginners guide"
There are also a selection of Easter cards.
Do have a look.

The Flower Guild is once again offering to purchase lilies and palms for loved ones at Easter and place a name scroll on the Memorial table in St Anne's. Request forms will be available on the table at the North Door entrance from Ash Wednesday 7th March. **The closing date for requests is 10th April**. If you have any queries please contact Chris Lynch on 01531 670 037 or email chris.lynch54@btinternet.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, thkeys28@hotmail.com, or on the church website.

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 S' 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.