



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 16th MARCH
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

8am 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

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Readings for 16th March 2025:

Lent 2

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 15: 1 – 18

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will You give me, for I continue childless and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵And He brought him outside and said, “Look towards heaven and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then He said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD and He counted it to him as righteousness.

⁷And He said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.” ⁸But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” ⁹He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰And he brought him all these, cut them in half and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. ¹³Then the LORD said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. ¹⁴But I will bring judgement on the nation that they serve and afterwards they shall come out with great possessions. ¹⁵As for yourself, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

New Testament Reading:

Philippians 3:7 – 4:1

⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — ¹⁰that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own.

¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵Let those of us who are mature think this way and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.

⁴¹Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Gospel Reading: Luke 13: 31 – 35

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill You.” ³²And He said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow and the third day I finish my course. ³³Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ ³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings and you would not! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

COLLECT

Almighty God, You show to those who are in error the light of Your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of faith in Christ, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, You see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.

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| 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:

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| 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 | | |

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^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.

Lent lunches for Christian Aid. The first lunch will be from **12 noon to 2pm on Tuesday 18th March** at the Ledbury Methodist Church in Bye Street.

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.

Prayer Day Saturday 22 March based at S. **Katherine's Hall and chapel from 9:30am to 12:30pm**. Meeting at 9:30 for tea and coffee and we will start our activities at 10am.

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.

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, thkeyes28@hotmail.com, or on the church website.



Saint Michael and All Angels Church Ledbury

Prayer
Day 2025

WELCOME



Tea
Coffee
Refreshments
Prayer Space
Pray & Stay