



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

SUNDAY 23rd MARCH THIRD 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

SUNDAY 30th MARCH MOTHERING SUNDAY

CLOCKS GO FORWARD AN HOUR AT 2am

**From this Sunday
all services are again being held in the main body of the church**

8am BCP Communion
10.00am Morning Worship

Church office: phone number: 01531 631 531.

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our website is: www.stmichaelsledbury.org

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Readings for 23rd March 2025:

Lent 3

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 55: 1 – 9

¹"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for He has glorified you.

⁶"Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

New Testament Reading:

1 Corinthians 10: 1 – 13

¹For I want you to know, brethren that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them; and the Rock was Christ.

⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 13: 1 – 9

¹There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

²And He answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell

and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

⁶And [Jesus] told this parable:

“A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vine dresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ ⁸And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig round it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first He suffered pain and entered not into glory before He was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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

Merciful Lord, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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	Martin Glover	

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.

Ladies SMAA breakfast will be **9-11am on Saturday 29th March 2025** at 10 Pound Meadow Ledbury HR8 2EU. Please let me know if you are coming to the breakfast, it is just to get an idea of numbers. Feel free to come anytime between 9am -11am and leave when it suits you.
email Christine at ncwalters76@gmail.com or phone 07816 09951

Saturday 29 March, 2.30pm – 4.30pm LEAF Mum's the Word at Ledbury Baptist Church. 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

Thursday 10 April at 7pm in church: we will be holding our 2025 APCM

Palm Sunday 13 April at 6pm in church: A Come and Sing service based on Fauré's Requiem.

There will be a memorial service for **John Sutton** in church on **Wednesday 23 April at 11am.**

Friday 25th April 2025, 7.00 pm Quiz Night and supper. St Katherine's Hall. Teams of 6 (max). We can allocate you to a team on arrival if you have not made any other arrangements. *Bring your own drink. Tickets £12.00 must be purchased in advance.* (thkeyes28@hotmail.com / 07577 720 154)

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.