



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



SUNDAY 20th APRIL EASTER SUNDAY

8.00am BCP Communion with Hymn

10.00am Easter Communion

Services in the church building are streamed live on the website
www.stmichaelsledbury.org
then available later on video

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10.00am Parish Communion

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Readings for 20th April 2025:

Easter Sunday.

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 65: 17 – 25

¹⁷“Behold! I create new heavens and a new earth and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy and her people to be a gladness. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labour in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD and their descendants with them. ²⁴Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 24: 1 – 12

¹on the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” ⁸And they remembered His words ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marvelling at what had happened.

New Testament Reading:

Acts 10: 1 & 33 – 43

¹At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, ²a devout man who feared God with all his household ³³[who said to Peter]: We are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.” ³⁴So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. ³⁶As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised Him on the third day and caused Him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. ⁴²And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is The One appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.”

COLLECT

God of glory, by the raising of Your Son You have broken the chains of death and hell: fill Your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of Life, who for our redemption gave Jesus, Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

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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.

Easter Trail. Experience Easter Train at St Michael & All Angels, a LEAF event. Interactive trail telling the Easter Story, available when the church is open from **7 – 21 April 2025**

Sunday 20 April Easter Day 10am Celebration Communion.

Wednesday 23 April at 11am Memorial service for **John Sutton** in church.

Coffee Stop Friday 2 May 10am - 12 noon. Coffee stop - an informal time for coffee, cakes, chat & company. All welcome! Invite someone new to share with them our beautiful church. For more information Contact Sonia Bowen on 07878 173 919.

Saturday 3 May at 11am. We will meet at the Recreation Car Park and pray together and collect litter in the recreation grounds. At 12.30 pm we will go to The New Market Café for warmth and refreshments, anyone who would like to join us for coffee and chat are welcome. We will each pay for our own refreshments

Wednesday 7 May 2025 2.30pm. The Everlasting Mercy (John Masefield). David Wood-Robinson will introduce us to this extraordinary redemptive narrative poem which helped to establish Masefield as a poet of national importance in the early 20th century. This is the first of two Masefield-themed events following the launch of *Masefield Matters*, a Ledbury project backed by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. St Michael's Church. Tickets £5 (£4 for members) Tea and biscuits provided.

Thursday 8 May, 9.00pm. VJ day service at the War Memorial, accompanied by Ledbury Brass Band followed by ceremonial lighting of the Church Tower.

Sunday 11 May, 10.00am service to commemorate VE Day.

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.

Prayer Chain We are trying to find out whether a prayer chain, which could be used to send out specific and urgent prayer request would help us in praying and caring for each other. There is a sheet at the back of the church explaining how a prayer chain would work - please pick up a copy and let the wardens or Keith know if you think it would be a good idea.

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.

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:

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	John Robinson
Hilda Hawcutt			

