



## THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



### SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am BCP Communion with Hymn

10.00am Parish Communion

Services in the church building are streamed live on the website  
[www.stmichaelsledbury.org](http://www.stmichaelsledbury.org)  
then available later on video

### SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MAY FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER VE DAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

8am BCP Communion

10.00am Morning Worship

5.30pm Holy Communion

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Readings for 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025:

*Third Sunday of Easter*

#### First Reading:

#### Zephaniah 3: 14 – 20

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgements against you; He has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. <sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. <sup>17</sup>The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing. <sup>18</sup>I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. <sup>19</sup>Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. <sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the LORD.

#### Second Reading:

#### Acts 9: 1 – 19

<sup>1</sup>Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" <sup>5</sup>And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And He said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But rise and enter the city and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup>The men who were travelling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul rose from the ground and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>And for three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank. <sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup>And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup>For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup>So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptised; <sup>19</sup>and taking food, he was strengthened.

#### Gospel Reading:

#### John 21: 1 – 19

<sup>1</sup>Jesus revealed Himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias and He revealed Himself in this way: <sup>2</sup>Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee,

the sons of Zebedee and two others of his disciples were together. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup>Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered Him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." So they cast it and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work and threw himself into the sea. <sup>8</sup>The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. <sup>9</sup>When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?" They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and so with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after He was raised from the dead. <sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup>He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to Him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." <sup>19</sup>(This [Jesus] said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this He said to him, "Follow me."

#### COLLECT

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of Your Father's sheep: teach us to hear Your voice and to follow Your command, that all Your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen**

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father, You gave Your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in His love for us to lay down His life and rise again: keep us always under His protection and give us grace to follow in His steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

The next **Ladies SMAA breakfast 9-11am on Saturday 17 May 2025**. 10 Pound Meadow Ledbury HR8 2EU phone Number is 07816 09951 or [emailncwalters76@gmail.com](mailto:emailncwalters76@gmail.com) 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. Christine

**Thursday talks.** We have an interesting programme of Thursday talks, starting on **Thursday 22 May, 7.30pm** (in the Burgage Hall) when Steve Hollingsworth, the Diocesan Mission Enabler for the Environment will talk on Mission and the Environment. Flyers listing all the talks are at the back of the church.

**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](mailto:thkeyes28@hotmail.com), or on the church website.

**Prayer Chain.** Praying for each other is an important part of our life as a church and our care for others. As part of this our prayer chain is now live. If you would like to be part of the prayer chain or you would like to ask the prayer chain to pray for something, please email [prayer@stmichaelsledbury.org](mailto:prayer@stmichaelsledbury.org), speak to Keith or one of the wardens or leave a message on the churchwardens message number (01531 631531, option 1). There is a flyer at the back of the church explaining how the chain will operate.

**Easter Lily Sponsorship** - On behalf of Flower Guild members, I would like to express our grateful thanks for your donations towards the Easter lily arrangements in church this week. We raised in excess of £250 towards the cost of flowers. We hope you have enjoyed our efforts. Chris Lynch, Co-ordinator.

**We pray for:** Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S<sup>t</sup> Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S<sup>t</sup> 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  
Annee Kettle  
Elizabeth Watson  
Christabel Panter

Andrew Hicks  
Stacey Ross  
Vanessa Skelton

Gillian Hewin  
David Gates  
Sue Holland

Stephen Vicarage  
Terry Dold  
Barbara Price

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

Rodney Jarrett  
Elizabeth Crossley  
Jim Large  
Jim Loveridge  
Hilda Hawcutt

Margaret Westwood  
Gwen Kirkham  
Richard Tyrell  
Eileen Haynes

Richard Gladwin  
Judy Street  
Pam Robinson  
Martin Glover

Doreen Selwyn  
Hilary Sharpe John  
Sutton  
John Robinson

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](mailto:annielindon@gmail.com) and to (cc) [rector@stmichaelsledbury.org](mailto: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 held in church

**10am Sunday** morning services held in church

**Thursday 7am** and **midday** prayers in church

**Friday 10.30am** Holy Communion in S<sup>t</sup> 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](mailto:val.houghton1@btinternet.com)) know.

### **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 20<sup>th</sup> 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. VE 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.