



## THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



### SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am BCP Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

5.30pm Choral Evensong

Services in the church building are streamed live on the website  
[www.stmichaelsledbury.org](http://www.stmichaelsledbury.org)  
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### SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MAY SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8am BCP Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

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Readings for 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025:

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

#### Old Testament Reading:

#### Genesis 22: 1 – 18

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>2</sup>[God] said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. <sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." <sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

#### New Testament Reading:

#### Acts 11: 1 – 18

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, <sup>3</sup>"You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." <sup>4</sup>But Peter began and explained it to them in order: <sup>5</sup>"I was in the city of Joppa praying and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners and it came down to

me. <sup>6</sup>Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times and all was drawn up again into heaven. <sup>11</sup>And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' <sup>15</sup>As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>If then God gave the same gift to them as He gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" <sup>18</sup>When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

### Gospel Reading:

**John 13: 31 – 35**

<sup>31</sup>When [Judas] had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in Him. <sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself and glorify Him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

### COLLECT

Risen Christ, by the lakeside You renewed Your call to Your disciples: help Your Church to obey Your command and draw the nations to the fire of Your love, to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for You, the spring of life and source of goodness, through Him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**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](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.

### LEDDBURY

#### 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 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](mailto:val.houghton1@btinternet.com)) know.

**Thursday talks.** **Thursday 22 May 7:30** in the Burgage Hall - the first of this seasons Thursday talks be Stephen Hollingsworth, Diocesan Environmental Mission Enabler for the Environment. Do come and invite your friends.

A thanksgiving service for **David Gates** will be held at **2.30pm on Friday 6 June** in St Michael's.

**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.** Please let Keith, Val or one of the wardens or know if you would like to receive prayer chain messages or email [prayer@stmichaelsledbury.org](mailto:prayer@stmichaelsledbury.org). If you have a request for prayer please use the same contacted.

**Reminder** – This **Thursday 22 May 7pm** is the first of our talks, when Stephen Hollingsworth will be talking about Mission and the environment. Do come and bring your friends. We would like to record the talk for those who can't attend but we need a volunteer to make the recording. Can anyone help? Please contact Catherine Beech for more information. [cathbeech@me.com](mailto:cathbeech@me.com)

**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	Andrew Hicks	Gillian Hewin	Stephen Vicarage
Annee Kettle	Stacey Ross	Sue Holland	Terry Dold
Elizabeth Watson	Christabel Panter		

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

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	David Gates		