



## THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



### SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MAY SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8am BCP Communion

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

### THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MAY ASCENSION DAY

7pm Holy Communion

### SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> June SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8am BCP Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

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Readings for 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025:

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

#### Old Testament Reading:

#### Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me and He brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And He led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know."

<sup>4</sup>Then He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you and you shall live and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound and behold, a rattling and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked and behold, there were sinews on them and flesh had come upon them and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup>Then He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath and breathe on these slain, that they may live."

<sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as He commanded me and the breath came into them and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup>Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.'

<sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you and you shall live and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken and I will do it, declares the LORD."

#### New Testament Reading:

#### Acts 16: 9 – 15

<sup>9</sup>And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

<sup>11</sup>So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace and the following day to Neapolis. <sup>12</sup>And from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. <sup>13</sup>And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. <sup>14</sup>One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshipper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.

<sup>15</sup>And after she was baptised and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

## Gospel Reading: John 14: 23 – 29

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot)], “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word and my Father will love him and we will come to him and make our home with him.

<sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you.

<sup>26</sup>But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

<sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.

### COLLECT

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at Your triumph, fill Your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know Your peace, 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.**

**We pray for:** Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & St Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and St 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.

Annee Kettle  
Elizabeth Watson

Andrew Hicks  
Stacey Ross  
Christabel Panter

Gillian Hewin  
Sue Holland

Stephen Vicarage  
Terry Dold

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

Elizabeth Crossley  
Jim Large  
Jim Loveridge  
Hilda Hawcutt  
Lucy Orchard

Gwen Kirkham  
Richard Tyrell  
Eileen Haynes  
David Gates

Judy Street  
Pam Robinson  
Martin Glover  
Ann Williamson

Hilary Sharpe  
John Sutton  
John Robinson  
Alex Desir

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 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.

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.

**From LEAF:** Dear Friends, We are delighted to invite you to a special gathering as we celebrate 10 years of continuous 7-12-7 Thursday prayer.

**Thursday, 5th June at 7:00pm at St Katherine's Hall.** Since its inception, this prayer tradition has been built on the ecumenical links that strengthen the relationships between churches in Ledbury. It has remained central to the establishment and running of the LEAF charity, helping to guide its mission and outreach. As we give thanks for the past 10 years, we also seek God's grace and guidance for the next decade of prayer, unity, and service. We would be honoured if you could join us in this moment of reflection and celebration.

**Coffee Stop Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 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

**Praying Litter Pickers 7<sup>th</sup> June,** We will meet at **11 am** 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 refreshments, anyone who would like to join us for coffee and chat are welcome. We will each pay for our own refreshments.

**Friends of Ledbury Parish Church Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 1.00 pm in St Michael's Church: Friends Lunch and entertainment.** Come and join us for a get-together over a Ploughman's lunch served with soft drinks with the added ingredient of the poems of John Masefield. To book your tickets please contact Christine Walters on [ncwalters76@gmail.com](mailto:ncwalters76@gmail.com) or phone 07816 099 951. Tickets £10.00

# Coffee Concerts at St Michaels

*21st June: Marion Tunwell organ recital*

*12th July: Octavo vocal octet recital*

*2nd August: John Swindells organ recital*

*30th August: Jill Crossland piano recital*

*27th September: Peter Johnson organ recital*

*4th October: Iain Simcock organ recital*

*25th October: Richard Walker and Gill Styles  
piano duets*

*All concerts start at 11.00 am  
with coffee and cake from 10.30 am  
St Michael and All Angels Ledbury*