



**THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026  
SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT**

**8am BCP Communion  
Led by Rev'd Joan Wakeling**

**10:00am Parish Communion  
Led by the Ven Derek Chedzey**

**5.30pm Choral Evensong  
Led by The Very Rev'd Nick Bury**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Ash Wednesday**

**12 noon Holy Communion with Ashing  
(there will be a soup lunch after the service)  
7.00pm Holy Communion with Ashing.  
Both services led by Rev'd Michael Gallagher**

**SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2026  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**8am BCP Communion  
Led by Rev'd Michael Gallagher**

**10:00am Parish Communion  
Led by the Rev'd Michael Gallagher**

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**Facebook – The church's facebook page: [fb.me/stmichaelsledbury](https://fb.me/stmichaelsledbury) –**

Do have a look, like, follow and participate.

**X (Twitter) – Do sign-up to S. Michael's twitter account: 'St Michael's Ledbury' @LedburyParish**

Readings for 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026:

*Sunday Before Lent*

**Old Testament Reading:**

**Exodus 24: 12 – 18**

<sup>12</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup> So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them." <sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai and the cloud covered it for six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

**New Testament Reading:**

**2 Peter 1: 16 – 21**

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. <sup>17</sup> For when He received honour and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased", <sup>18</sup> we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup> For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**Gospel Reading:**

**Matthew 17: 1 – 9**

<sup>1</sup> After six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And He was transfigured before them and His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup> And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. <sup>4</sup> And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise and have no fear." <sup>8</sup> And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. <sup>9</sup> And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

## COLLECT

Holy God, You know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts and bend our wills to love Your goodness and Your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, we see Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at His table reflect His life in word and deed, that all the world may know His power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## 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.

Elizabeth Watson Andrew Broughton Stephen Vicarage Terry Dodd  
Peter Tattersall Christabel Panter David Hicks

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

Jean Gabb Olive Bramley Jean Hosegood Val Hale Glenda Dixon  
Sandra Thomas Ann Roberts Louis Lock Bryan Turner Richard Green  
Barbara Price Ann Blandford Barbara Meikle Alison Williams  
Colin MacKenzie

## SERVICES

### LEDBURY Services

**8am Sunday BCP Communion.**

**10am Sunday Parish Communion (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Morning Worship).**

**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 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) [churchwardens@stmichaelsledbury.org](mailto:churchwardens@stmichaelsledbury.org)

**Please begin your subject line with Pewsheets.**

**Sunday parking** is for Blue Badge holders only. Town car parks free on Sundays.

**Pastoral Care.** The Pastoral Team consists of: Sue Cooper, Sue Simpson, Richard Nightingale and Val Houghton. If you have any Pastoral issues, or help is needed then please contact Val Houghton. ([val.houghton1@btinternet.com](mailto:val.houghton1@btinternet.com)).

**Prayer Chain.** Please let Val or one of the wardens or know if you would like to receive prayer chain messages. If you have a request for prayer please use the same contacts.

Queries and suggestions about **repairs and maintenance** should be directed to Andrew Beech.

## Notices

**We have had difficulty with the passwords to connect to You Tube** so we can live stream services. However if we have 50 subscribers to the channel we can access You Tube directly. **So please, if you can, subscribe to the channel.** Go to YouTube, search Ledbury Parish Church, click subscribe and follow the instructions ‘

**Vanessa Skelton** has kindly agreed to take on **producing the intercessions rota.** This is a very important ministry within the church, if you feel you would like to join the rota please have a word with Vanessa please contact her by email [vanessawilen@hotmail.com](mailto:vanessawilen@hotmail.com)

**The Flower Guild** is responsible for arranging flowers in the church at festivals times – Easter, Patronal, Harvest and Christmas. Previously, we maintained a rota for a fortnightly pedestal at the north door. However, due to the small number of members, this has now ceased. We are keen to re-instate this arrangement, and invite new members to join us. No experience is necessary - just a keenness to learn and enjoy flowers! If you have a well-stocked garden, or can help with a particular event, we'd love to hear from you too.

Please contact Chris Lynch, Flower Guild Coordinator for more details:

[Chris.lynch54@btinternet.com](mailto:Chris.lynch54@btinternet.com) or phone 01531 670037/mobile 07794934091.

Thank you

**Easter Lily Sponsorship 2026** – Contributions for lilies and palms for Easter would be most welcome in memory of someone special. Forms will be available on the table at the North door entrance from 18 February (Ash Wednesday) until 20 March 2026. Thank you in anticipation, if you have any queries please contact the co-ordinator Chris Lynch as above.

'Real' Easter eggs (from the Meaningful chocolate company) are Fairly traded and come with an Easter story booklet, ideal for children & grandchildren. They are only available online with quite a bit of postage to pay, but if anyone is interested in clubbing together they become rather more affordable: a case of 6 works out at £6.50 each including p&p. Please let me know if you are interested. Mary Anne Keyes - [makeyes25@hotmail.com](mailto:makeyes25@hotmail.com) or 07962 323454

**Advance Notice.** The church will be closed for two days on **16th and 17th March** when the audio system is being upgraded. The closure is necessary as it is one of the contractor's conditions of being on site. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this.

## Dates for your Diary

**The Lent Lunches** will be held at **12noon to 2pm** on the following dates:

**25 February** - Richard & Frances Nightingale, 26 Bramley Close. Tel 01531 826370 – **please note new number**

**7 March** - The Roman Catholic Church, New Street. Christine Walters. Tel 07816 099951

**19 March** - Methodist Church. 4A Bye St. Gillian Chowns. Tel 01531 634896

**25 March** - St Katherine's Hall. Christine Walters. Tel 07816 099951 – **please note change of lead**

These are to raise funds for Christian Aid

**FAITH and UNCERTAINTY Ecumenical discussions in Lent 2026.** This year our ecumenical reflections during Lent take the form of a short series of meetings based on themes suggested by the recent award-winning cinema film: 'Conclave'. The series begins with an act of ecumenical worship, at the Parish Room of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, New Street on **Tuesday 24 February, at 7.15pm**. Our guest speaker, Austen Ivereigh author and biographer of Pope Francis, Austen Ivereigh. Three Lent Meetings will be held at Ledbury Methodist Church **Tuesday 3, 10 and 17 March at 2.15pm**. Evening meetings covering the same ground will be held on **Wednesday 4, 11 and 18 March at 7.15pm** (feel free to mix and match afternoon and evening meetings).

**World Day of Prayer (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer).** Ledbury Methodist Church, Bye Street, Ledbury. **Friday 6 March 2.00pm**. This year's World Day of Prayer service has been prepared by the Christian women in Nigeria and is titled "I will give you rest, come". The day begins in Samoa and moves across the world in a continuous wave of prayer, finishing 38 hours later in American Samoa. It truly is a worldwide day of prayer! Please join us.

**Saturday 7 March 2026, 7.00pm: Quiz Night and supper.** St Katherine's Hall. Teams of 6 (max). Bring your own drink. Supper provided. Tickets £14.00 must be purchased in advance. ([thkeyes28@hotmail.com](mailto:thkeyes28@hotmail.com) / 07577 720154).

**Wednesday 18th March 1pm – 1.45pm: Lunchtime concert** given jointly by John Masefield High School and St. Michael's Church musicians. Entrance FREE.

**The St. John Passion by J. S. Bach** will be performed in St. Michael's on **Saturday 28 March at 7pm** by Cradley Singers and The Hills Chamber Orchestra in anticipation of Holy Week. Tickets £20 (first two rows), £15 or £5 for under 18s from [cradleysingers@gmail.com](mailto:cradleysingers@gmail.com) or 07812 743485.