



**THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2026  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

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

Services in the church building are often streamed live on the website

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then available later on video

**SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

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Led by Rev'd Bill MacKenzie**

**10:00am Parish Communion  
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Readings for 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026:

*Lent II*

**Old Testament Reading:**

**Genesis 12: 1 – 4**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you and him who dishonours you I will curse and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." <sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

**New Testament Reading:**

**Romans 4: 1 – 5 & 13 – 17**

<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God and it was counted to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup>And to the one who does not work but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness ... <sup>13</sup>For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring – not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations" – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**Gospel Reading:**

**John 3: 1 – 18**

<sup>1</sup>There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a

second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

#### COLLECT

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings and by following in His Way come to share in His glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, You see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 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 provide information for our weekly pewsheets by Wednesday each week. Thank you.** Please email to Annie Lindon [annielindon@gmail.com](mailto:annielindon@gmail.com) and to (cc) [churchwardens@stmichaelsledbury.org](mailto:churchwardens@stmichaelsledbury.org)

**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

**Keith and Wendy** left Ledbury this week, We thank them for their time here and wish them joy for their retirement in their new home by the sea.

**Heartfelt thanks to those who came to clean and declutter the church on Valentines Day.** Some of the results of our labours are on the table outside the Chapter House. If you think anything on that table still has a real purpose in the Church and has somewhere to stored, or is of use to you, please take it. What is left will be disposed of in two weeks. At the cleaning day we found, under the choir stalls a Hitachi cine camera, old (it uses cassette tape) but professional quality. If you know anything about this please speak to one of wardens - otherwise we will try and sell it.

**We have had difficulty with the passwords to connect to U Tube** so we can live stream services. However if we have 50 subscribers to the channel we can access U Tube directly. **So please, if you can, subscribe to the channel.** Go to U Tube, 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 Lilly 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'. 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).

**Coffee Stop Friday 6th March 10am - 12 noon.** Come and join us for coffee, cakes, chat & company. All welcome! Invite someone new to share with them our beautiful church. Contact Sonia Bowen on 07878 173 919

**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).

**Saturday 14 March 7.30pm** at St.Michaels & all angels, MOZART REQUIEM, HADYN Te Deum & Little Organ Mass with Central England Camerata, Tickets £16 available from 3 Counties bookshop.

**Mothing Saturday - 14 March 2.30 - 4.30** LEAF will be holding a family activity event at LBC. As usual we want to be able to welcome families with appropriate activities and will be offering tea-time refreshments. **If you are able and willing to make traybakes or biscuits for this event I would be delighted to hear from you.** Mary Anne Keyes [maryannekeyes@leafledbury.com](mailto:maryannekeyes@leafledbury.com)

**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.

**Ledbury Strömstad Twinning Association and Ledbury Community Choir are organising a community quiz** for organisations in and around Ledbury. See below for more information. Teams of 4. The date is **Saturday 21 March 2026 7.30 pm** Ledbury Community Hall. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets £4.00 per head in advance or on the night. The deadline for teams to be submitted is Saturday 7 March 2026; bookings on a 'first come first served basis'. Last year, we linked up with our Twin Town in Strömstad and all enjoyed taking part as a live event. Last year's participating teams had a great evening and requested a repeat. It would be really nice to have a team from St Michael and All Angels this year. Please contact Jill 07531 311 991 or [jill\\_jupp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jill_jupp@hotmail.co.uk).



**LEDBURY TOWN COMMUNITY QUIZ**  
**ORGANISED BY LEDBURY STRÖMSTAD TWINNING ASSOCIATION**  
**AND LEDBURY COMMUNITY CHOIR**

Saturday 21 March 2026 7.30 pm  
Ledbury Community Hall

Tickets £4.00 Per Person – In Advance or On the Night  
Tables of 4 People from Each Organisation  
Bring Your Own Drinks and Nibbles  
Contact: Jill 07531 311991  
Or email: [jill\\_jupp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jill_jupp@hotmail.co.uk)

**Deadline for Entry of Teams - Saturday 7 March 2026**