



THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

SUNDAY 22nd MARCH 2026 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8am BCP Communion Led by Rev'd Val Tait

10:00am Holy Communion Led by the Rev' Val Tait

Services in the church building are often streamed live on the website
www.stmichaelsledbury.org then available later on video

SUNDAY 29th MARCH 2026 PALM SUNDAY

8am BCP Communion Led by Rev'd Michael Gallagher

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

With music from Ledbury Community Brass Band

Church office: phone number: 01531 631 531.

Email: admin@stmichaelsledbury.org

Our website is: www.stmichaelsledbury.org

Facebook – The church's facebook page: 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

Please provide information for our weekly pewsheets by Wednesday each week. Thank you. Please email to Annie Lindon annielindon@gmail.com and to (cc) churchwardens@stmichaelsledbury.org and admin@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).

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

Repairs and maintenance queries should be directed to Andrew Beech.

SERVICES

LEDBURY Services

8am Sunday BCP Communion

10am Sunday Parish Communion (2nd Sunday Morning Worship)

Thursday 7am and midday prayers in church

Friday 10.30am Holy Communion in S^t Katherine's Chapel

EASTNOR Services on the second and fourth Sundays
of the month at 11.15am

Notices

We have had difficulty with the passwords to connect to Youtube so we can live stream services. However, if we have 57 subscribers to the channel we can access YouTube directly. **So please, if you can, subscribe to the channel.** Go to YouTube, search Ledbury Parish Church, click 'subscribe' 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 contact her by email vanessawilen@hotmail.com

Please note: Easter Lily Sponsorship 2026 – I am sorry to report that support for this appeal has been very poor to date. Without funding, the Flower Guild will not be able to decorate the church at Easter as we have done in the past. The closing date for sponsorship is **20th March** if you wish to contribute. Forms are available on the table at the North door entrance. If you have any queries please contact the coordinator Chris Lynch on 07794934091 or email Chris.lynych54@btinternet.com

'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 or 07962 323454

Coffee Stop. Please note there will be no Coffee Stop in April. The next Coffee Stop will be on Friday 1 May

We pray for:

Our link CMS Mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners and 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.

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

We were saddened to learn of the death of Barbara Morris this week. Barbara was a member of our congregation for many years. Details of a funeral or memorial service will be published when available.

The death of the Reverend Ros Trafford- Roberts occurred in Hereford on March 8th. She served as a curate at St. Michael's in the 1990s before moving to London and returned here on her retirement. Funeral service at 12:45 on 10th April, St James the Great Church, Colwall, Herefordshire.

<https://www.herefordtimes.com/notice/30715954.revd-rosamond-jane-trafford-roberts-ros/?ref=linkshr>

Dates for your Diary

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



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

25 March - St Katherine's Hall. Christine Walters. 07816 099951

These are to raise funds for Christian Aid

NB: **25th March**, we need help with making the soup for the lent lunch and with serving the lunch. If you can help please contact Christine Walters on 07816 099951. If you would like to come to the lunch, please contact Sonia Bowen tel 07878 173919

Ledbury Strömstad Twinning Association and Ledbury Community Choir are organising a community quiz for organisations in and around Ledbury. 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



LED BURY TOWN COMMUNITY QUIZ
ORGANISED BY LED BURY STRÖMSTAD TWINNING ASSOCIATION
AND LED BURY 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

Deadline for Entry of Teams - Saturday 7 March 2026

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 or 07812 743485.

Invitation from Holy Trinity for Good Friday - In a warm ecumenical gesture, Father Thomas Regan of Holy Trinity has invited St Michael's congregation to join the service for Stations of the Cross there at **11am on Good Friday**.

The **Praying Litter Pickers** will resume **on Saturday 4 April** meeting at 11 am in the recreation car park. At 12.30pm we will move to the New Market House Cafe for coffee and/or lunch.

Coffee Concerts Saturday 18th April, Saturday 9th & 30th May, Saturday 27th June, Saturday 25th July, Saturday 29th August, Saturday 19th September Saturday 3rd October and Saturday 7th November

Please note that the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** has been postponed to Wednesday, 27 May. This replaces the previous date of 15 April. The Charity Commission have informed us that, because of the size of the generous bequest from Stuart Heaton, the church will need a full audit of its accounts this year. The time this will take necessitates a postponement of the APCM.

Thursday talks **Thursdays 14th May, 18th June, 16th July, 17th September and 15th October, 7:30 to 9:00 in the Burgage Hall**

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14

¹The 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. ²And He led me around among them and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley and behold, they were very dry. ³And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know."
⁴Then He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you and you shall live. ⁶And 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."
⁷So 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. ⁸And 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.
⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, 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." ¹⁰So I prophesied as He commanded me and the breath came into them and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹Then 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.' ¹²Therefore prophecy 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. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And 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: Romans 8: 5 – 11

⁵Those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Gospel Reading: John 11: 1 – 45

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, he whom You love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it He said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."
⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶When He heard that Lazarus was ill, He stayed two days longer in the place where He was. ⁷Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone You and are You going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ¹¹After saying these things, He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to Him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that He meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."
¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him."
¹⁷Now when Jesus came, He found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met Him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever You ask from God, God will give you."
²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."
²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you."

²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to Him.

³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met Him. ³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in His spirit and greatly troubled.

³⁴And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how He loved him!"

³⁷But some of them said, "Could not He who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odour, for he has been dead four days."

⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard me. ⁴²I knew that You always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that You sent me."

⁴³When he had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him and let him go."⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what He did, believed in Him.