



THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 29th MARCH 2026
PALM SUNDAY**

8am BCP Communion Led by Rev'd Michael Gallagher

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

With music from Ledbury Community Brass Band

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

SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 2026

EASTER SUNDAY

8am BCP Communion Led by Archdeacon Derek Chedzey

10am Holy Communion Led by the Archdeacon Derek Chedzey

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 pewsheet 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

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

We are putting together **photographs for the Parish Profile**. If you have any photos of recent church activities, or interesting shots of the church or the town, please could you forward them to Tim Keyes (thkeyes28@hotmail.com).

Please note there will be no service at St Katherine's on Good Friday, but instead we will attend the joint service under the Market House at 10.30 am following the Walk of Witness (starting at 10.00 am from Ledbury Baptist Church).

Remember to look out for the Holy Week services. Pick up one of the cards giving all the details

Maundy Thursday 24/7 prayer Room - starting 7.00am on Maundy Thursday 2nd April, through to 7.00am on Good Friday 3rd April. Do sign up for an hour (or more) <https://teamup.com/kse38084b1f5062b61> . It's possible for more than one person to sign up for any particular slot. The prayer room with resources will be in the Chapter House. During the night hours folk will pray from home.

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 Barbara Morris

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 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**

Readings for 29th March 2026: *Palm Sunday*

Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9: 9 – 10

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off and He shall speak peace to the nations; His rule shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Psalm: Psalm 118: 1-2 & 19 – 29

¹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures for ever! ²Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures for ever." ¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation. ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. ²³This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! ²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD. ²⁷The LORD is God and He has made His light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar! ²⁸You are my God and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You. ²⁹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His steadfast love endures for ever!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21: 1 – 11

¹When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them', and he will send them at once."

⁴This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks and He sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before [Jesus] and that followed Him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰And when He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

COLLECT

True and humble King, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know You and love You, that we may be found beside You on the way to the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, You humbled Yourself in taking the form of a servant and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow You and to proclaim You as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**