



THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

SUNDAY 26th APRIL
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8am BCP Communion
Led by Rev'd Michael Gallagher

10am Parish Communion
Led by Rev'd Michael Gallagher

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

www.stmichaelsledbury.org

then available later on video

SUNDAY 3rd May
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8am BCP Communion
Led by Rev'd Joan Wakeling

10am Parish Communion
Led by Rev'd Joan Wakeling

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

Third Sunday Choral Evensong 5.30pm

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

NOTICES

Sonia Bowen has kindly agreed to take on the role of Volunteer Coordinator. Please contact Sonia if you would like to know how to get more involved in church. There are lots of ways we can offer our time and talents - everyone has something to give! You can email Sonia at sonia.a.bowen@gmail.com or call her on 07878 173919.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" 2 Corinthians 9:7

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

Rev'd Michael Gallagher has agreed to hold a session to help those compile prayers should they wish to join the team who say prayers on Sundays. Contact Vanessa above for further details.

13th May – The church will be closed from 12 noon and the rest of the day while internal work is being undertaken.

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:

Sandra Thomas Ann Roberts Louis Lock Bryan Turner Richard Green Barbara Price Ann Blandford Barbara Meikle Alison Williams Colin MacKenzie Barbara Morris

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee Stop Friday 1 May 10am - 12 noon. Come and join us for coffee, cakes, chat & company. All welcome! Invite someone new to share with them our beautiful church.

Praying Litter Pickers Saturday 2 May. 11am We will meet at the Recreation Car Park and pray together and collect litter in the recreation grounds, , then to the New Market House cafe at 12.30pm for coffee and lunch.

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

Thursday talks Thursdays 14 May, 18 June, 16 July, 17 September and 15 October, 7:30 to 9:00 in the Burgage Hall – details to follow shortly.

Friends of Ledbury Parish Church Events:-

Wednesday 17 June 6.00pm - Hymns & Pimms Summer Social - Singalong of well-loved hymns and a glass or two of Pimms along some treats to eat at St Michael's Church (outdoors if possible). Tickets £5.00. Contact Tim Keyes for further details.

First Reading:

Acts 2:42 – 47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Second Reading:

1 Peter 2: 19 – 22

¹⁹For it is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth.

Gospel Reading:

John 10: 1 – 10

[Jesus said:] ¹“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them. ⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I AM the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I AM the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

COLLECT

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: Teach us to hear your voice
And to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father,
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **men.**