



THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

SUNDAY 19th APRIL
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8am BCP Communion
Led by Rev'd Hugh Wakeling

10am Parish Communion
Baptism and Confirmation Led by Bishop Richard

5.30 Choral Evensong
Led By Rev'd James Stewart

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

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

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

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.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee Stop Friday 2 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. Contact Sonia Bowen on 07878 173 919

Praying Litter Pickers 11am Saturday 3 May. We will meet at the Recreation Car Park and pray together and collect litter in the recreation grounds.

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 22 April 2.30pm - Eco Church - Talk by Will Wake & Mary Anne Keyes about the Eco Church programme and how it can help frame our policy for caring for creation. Tea & biscuits provided. Tickets £5.00/£4.00 for members. Contact Tim Keyes for further details.

Saturday 16 May 1.30pm-5.00pm - Open Gardens - Enjoy a variety of garden styles and some surprise entertainments. Tickets £8.00 (at the first garden), contributions for tea requested. Contact Tim Keyes for further details.

An Old Testament Reading from: Zephaniah 3:14 – 20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgements against you; He has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. ¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. ¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing. ¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. ¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the LORD.

A New Testament Reading from: Acts 2:14a & 36 – 41

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed [the people]: ³⁶"Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself." ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptised and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

A Gospel Reading from: Luke 24: 13 – 35

¹³Two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognising Him. ¹⁷And He said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered Him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹And He said to them, "What things?" they said to Him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered Him up to be condemned to death and crucified Him. ²¹But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel. Yes and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning ²³and when they did not find His body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see."

²⁵And He said to them, "O foolish ones and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. ²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. [Jesus] acted as if He were going farther, ²⁹but they urged Him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent." So He went in to stay with them. ³⁰When He was at table with them, He took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened and they recognised Him. And He vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?"

³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, "The Lord has risen indeed and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road and how He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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. **Amen**