



THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 2026

EASTER SUNDAY

8am BCP Communion Led by Archdeacon Derek Chedzey

10am Holy Communion Led by the Archdeacon Derek Chedzey

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

SUNDAY 12TH APRIL 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8am BCP Communion Led by Rev'd William Simmonds

10am Morning Worship Led by The Second Sunday Team

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

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.

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).

On behalf of the Flower Guild, a huge thank you to everyone who supported the Lily sponsorship this year. Despite a slow start, we raised more than previous years.

We hope you all enjoy the Easter arrangements. There is a memorial scroll in St Anne's listing donors and those remembered.

Chris Lynch, Flower Guild Coordinator

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 5th April 2026: *Easter Sunday.*

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31: 1 – 6

¹“At that time”, declares the LORD, “I will be the God of all the clans of Israel and they shall be my people.” ²Thus says the LORD: “The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, ³the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. ⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. ⁵Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. ⁶For there shall be a day when watchmen will call in the hill country of Ephraim: ‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.’”

Gospel Reading: John 20: 1 – 18

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb and we do not know where they have laid Him.” ³So Peter went out with the other disciple and going towards the tomb, ⁴both were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.” ¹⁴Having said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, “Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him and I will take Him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to Him in Hebrew “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”— and that He had said these things to her.

New Testament Reading: Acts 10: 1 & 33 – 43

¹At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, ²a devout man who feared God with all his household ³³**[who said to Peter]:** We are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.”

³⁴So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. ³⁶As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.

He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

³⁹And we are witnesses of all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.

They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised Him on the third day and caused Him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. ⁴²And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is The One appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.

⁴³To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.”