



THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8am BCP Communion  
Led by Rev'd Joan Wakeling

10am Parish Communion  
Led by Rev'd Joan Wakeling

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

[www.stmichaelsledbury.org](http://www.stmichaelsledbury.org)

then available later on video

SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> May  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8am BCP Communion  
Led by Rev'd Nicky Seabright

10am Morning Worship

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Our website is: [www.stmichaelsledbury.org](http://www.stmichaelsledbury.org)

Facebook – The church's facebook page: [fb.me/stmichaelsledbury](https://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](mailto:annielindon@gmail.com) and to (cc) [churchwardens@stmichaelsledbury.org](mailto:churchwardens@stmichaelsledbury.org) and [admin@stmichaelsledbury.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Morning Worship)**

**Thursday 7am and midday prayers in church**

**Friday 10.30am Holy Communion in S<sup>t</sup> 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](mailto:sonia.a.bowen@gmail.com) or call her on 07878 173919.

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

There are several **home study groups** in Ledbury and surrounding areas; these mainly take place in the evenings. The study group leaders would welcome new members. **If you are interested in joining one please speak to Richard Nightingale, [r.nightingale437@btinternet.com](mailto:r.nightingale437@btinternet.com).**

## 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   Roger Jackman

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

The first of the 2026 series of **Thursday talks** will be held on **Thursday 14 May at 7:30** in the Burgage Hall. Father Cosmin from the Romanian Church will be talking on 'Wisdom from the East - Romanian Orthodox Worship'. After Father Cosmin's earlier talk some said they wanted to learn more about the Romanian Church. Here's your chance!

You may already have heard about the two local talks for the **Herefordshire Histories Festival 2026**. Both are under the banner of the Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust raising money for the HHCT and the churches the talks are in.

### WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Jennifer Harrison. **Thursday 14 May** Putley Church, Putley, HR8 2QP 7pm. Refreshments will be provided. Free entry, retiring collection shared between Putley Church and HHCT.

### VOICES FROM THE RIVER WYE

Marsha O'Mahony. **Monday 18 May 7pm**. Much Marcle Church, Much Marcle, HR8 2PL Refreshments provided. Free entry and retiring collection shared between Much Marcle Church PCC and HHCT.

**Ledbury Deanery Choral Evensong** in St Michael and All Angels, Ledbury on **Sunday May 17 at 5.30 pm**. The Very Revd Sarah Brown will be taking the service. This is the Ledbury Deanery's contribution to the Diocesan celebration of 1350 years as a Diocese. A massed choir from different churches across the Deanery will be singing.

### Friends of Ledbury Parish Church Events:-

**Regrettably, the Friends' Open Gardens event** advertised for **16 May** can no longer take place because of the logistical challenges for the small team involved. We hope to hold this event at a similar time next year when we expect to have more helpers.

**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.

Readings for 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026:

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

#### **Old Testament Reading:**

#### **Psalm 31: 1 – 5 & 14-16**

<sup>1</sup>In You, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in Your righteousness. <sup>2</sup>Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. <sup>3</sup>Since You are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of Your name lead and guide me. <sup>4</sup>Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for You are my refuge. <sup>5</sup>Into Your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, LORD, my faithful God. <sup>14</sup> I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." <sup>15</sup>My times are in Your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors! <sup>16</sup>Make Your face shine on Your servant; save me in Your steadfast love!

#### **New Testament Reading:**

#### **Acts 7: 55 – 60**

<sup>55</sup>Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." <sup>57</sup>But [the council and the people present] cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

#### **Gospel Reading:**

#### **John 14: 1 – 14**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him." <sup>8</sup>Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father and it is enough for us." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does His works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

#### **COLLECT**

Risen Christ, Your wounds declare Your love for the world and the wonder of Your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life: grant us to walk in His way, to rejoice in His truth and to share His risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**