



THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



***Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love***

**SUNDAY 10th May
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**8am BCP Communion
Led by Rev'd Nicky Seabright**

**10am Morning Worship
Led by the Second Sunday Team**

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

**THURSDAY 14TH May
ASCENSION DAY**

**6pm Ascension Day Service
Led by Rev'd Joan Wakeling**

**SUNDAY 17th May
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**8am BCP Communion
Led by Rev'd Joan Wakeling**

**10am Parish Communion
Led by Rev'd William Simmonds**

**5.30pm Choral Evensong Deanery Service
Led by The Very Rev'd Sarah Brown**

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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.

Please note that the church will be closed to everyone, both members and visitors, from 12 noon on Wednesday, 13 May. The broken handrail into Trinity is going to be repaired. This will involve welding, so sparks will fly.

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.

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 Roger Jackman Jan James

Note from Ian James

May I thank the many people who have supported us through Jan's long illness with inoperable cancer. Jan was in a semi-coma for the last few days and quietly left us late on Monday evening (4th) to be with our Lord. I believe her quality of life during the preceding months was significantly improved by the stimulus of meeting with friends and acquaintances, plus the many supportive phone calls and visits to see her recently. I thank God for these blessings. I am told it will be some four weeks before we are likely to get a crematorium 'slot', so more anon.

Ian James

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee Concerts Saturday 9 & 30 May, Saturday 27 June, Saturday 25 July, Saturday 8 August, 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 10th May 2026:

Sixth Sunday of Easter

An Old Testament Reading from: Genesis chapter 8: verse 20 to chapter 9: verse 17

²⁰Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. ²²While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." ^{9:1}And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. ²The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. ³Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. ⁴But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. ⁵And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. ⁶"Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in His own image. ⁷And you, be fruitful and multiply, teem on the earth and multiply in it." ⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

A New Testament Reading from: Acts chapter 17: verses 22 to 32

²²Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Athenians! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship — and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. ²⁴"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in hand made temples. ²⁵And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything. Rather, He Himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶From one man He made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷God did this so that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from any one of us. ²⁸"For in Him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' ²⁹"Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone — an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising Him from the dead." ³²When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, "We want to hear you again on this subject."

A Gospel Reading from: John chapter 14: verses 15 to 21

[Jesus said:] ¹⁵If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever — ¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will realise that I am in my Father and you are in me and I am in you. ²¹Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father and I too will love them and show myself to them.'