



**THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



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

**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> 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**

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 24<sup>th</sup> May  
PENTECOST**

**8am BCP Communion  
Led by Rev'd Michael Gallagher**

**10.30am Ecumenical Service  
Led by Lay Leaders from all churches  
With Rt Rev'd Bishop Richard Jackson**

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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 pewsheet 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

### Jan James' Funeral arrangements

As many of you will be aware, Jan James passed away at home on 4<sup>th</sup> May. A committal service at Hereford Crematorium HR4 0JE for family and close friends will be held at 10.15am on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. This will be followed by a Thanksgiving Service at St Michaels & All Angels, Ledbury at 2.45pm with refreshments at Burgage Hall, Church Lane, Ledbury afterwards to which all are invited. Please contact Ian James by email, [ilandj39@gmail.com](mailto:ilandj39@gmail.com), if you hope to join him and the family for refreshments to aid with catering plans.

**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.

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 have some redundant sound equipment to dispose of. This is currently in a black metal cabinet in Trinity. If anyone can help with taking it to the dump, please could they speak to one of the wardens.

## 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  
PeterTattersall   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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Coffee Concerts** **Saturday 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** was held on **Thursday 14 May at 7:30** in the Burgage Hall.

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. The next is

### 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 15th July 6.00pm - Hymns and Pimms:** We have had to change the date of this event. Could you now note that it has been moved to **Wed 15<sup>th</sup> July** (from 17<sup>th</sup> June). We very much look forward to seeing you on that evening. If you have a favourite hymn that you would like to have included, please let Tim Keyes know (thkeyes28@hotmail.com).

Readings for 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Old Testament Reading:                      Ezekiel 36: 23b – 28**

<sup>23</sup>...the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. <sup>24</sup>I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup>I will sprinkle clean water on you and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup>And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. <sup>28</sup>You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers and you shall be my people and I will be your God.

**New Testament Reading:                      Acts 1: 6 – 14**

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup>And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up and a cloud took Him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes <sup>11</sup>and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven." <sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus and His brothers.

**Gospel Reading:                                  John 17: 1 – 11**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had spoken these words, He lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You, <sup>2</sup>since You have given Him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they know You the only true God and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified You on earth, having accomplished the work that You gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>And now, Father, glorify me in Your own presence with the glory that I had with You before the world existed. <sup>6</sup>"I have manifested Your name to the people whom You gave me out of the world. Yours they were and You gave them to me and they have kept Your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything that You have given me is from You. <sup>8</sup>For I have given them the words that You gave me and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You sent me.