



# THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



## THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT - Septuagesima SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017

- 8.00am Holy Communion BCP  
(Led by *The Revd Tony Hodder*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry  
(Led by *The Revd Bill Mackenzie*  
Preacher *The Revd William Simmonds*)
- 11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion  
(Led by *The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*)

We welcome everyone visiting us in Ledbury this week. The 9.30am service includes Prayer Ministry. If you would like to receive this ministry of the Church for yourself, or on behalf of someone else, please come to S<sup>t</sup> Anne's Chapel at the end of the service.

### Church Diary for the week ahead

Mon	13 <sup>th</sup> February	8pm-9.30pm	Ecumenical prayer and praise, Pool Barn, Priors Court, Staplow
Thurs	17 <sup>th</sup> February	7-12-7 10.30am	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S <sup>t</sup> Anne's) Mothers Union Corporate Communion, S <sup>t</sup> Katherine's Hall
Fri	18 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am 10.30am	Prayer Meeting, S <sup>t</sup> Anne's Chapel Holy Communion, S <sup>t</sup> Katherine's Chapel

## Next Sunday – 19<sup>th</sup> February – SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT Sexagesima

- 8.00am Holy Communion BCP  
9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry  
6.30pm Evensong

If you are new here, please fill in one of the blue welcome cards located at the end of each pew so that you can receive information about church activities. Yellow Gift Aid envelopes are available at the end of each pew and at the back of the church. There is a Hearing Loop in this Church. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask one of the Sidespeople.

Service Times and lectionary readings can be found posted in the church porch and on the church website [www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk) under the 'Services' section.

Twitter – If you use Twitter do sign-up to S. Michael's twitter account: @LedburyParish

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Readings for 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017: *Septuagesima*

### Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

<sup>15</sup> "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.

<sup>16</sup> If you obey the commands of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in His ways and by keeping His commands and His statutes and His rules, then you shall live and multiply and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the LORD your God, obeying His voice and holding fast to Him, for He is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob, to give them."

### New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 3: 1-15

<sup>1</sup> But I, brethren, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, <sup>3</sup> for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? <sup>4</sup> For when one says, "I follow Paul" and another, "I follow Apollos", are you not being merely human?

<sup>5</sup> What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup> So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup> He who plants and he who waters are one and each will receive his wages according to his labour. <sup>9</sup> For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— <sup>13</sup> each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.

<sup>14</sup> If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:21-37**

<sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgement.’

<sup>22</sup>But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.

<sup>23</sup>So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge and the judge to the guard and you be put in prison.

<sup>26</sup>Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’

<sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’

<sup>32</sup>But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’

<sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is His footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’;

**COLLECT**

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give Your people grace so to love what You command and to desire what You promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**We pray for:**

- Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners Victor & Mary Parisipogula, and S<sup>t</sup> Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S<sup>t</sup> John the Baptist Church, Likonde.

**Those who are sick:**

Stan Tooby	Monnica Hussey	Rodney Harrison	Mark Wood-Robinson
Dean Jackson	John Tate	Peter Veasey	

**We remember those who have died**

**and pray for those who mourn their passing:**

Sarah Booton	Alistair Rule	Treasure Poole	Elizabeth Bennett
Ruth Fowler	Dorothy Smith	Ramon Stone	

**Dates for your Diary**

**WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 3rd MARCH 2.00pm**

The service this year has been prepared by the Christian women in the Philippines. It is our turn to host the other churches in Ledbury, so please come and join us here in St Michael’s for this interdenominational service. All women, men and children are welcome.

**MEN’S BREAKFAST, SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** The next breakfast will be at the **Seven Stars** in the Homend at **9.15am for 9.30am**. This is a new venue and we will have the whole restaurant to ourselves. Price £7.00 for a full English breakfast. We have invited David Price to talk about his time in Israel before we have our meal. Please come yourselves and if at all possible bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you. If you are hoping to come, please sign the notice at the back of church so that we have an idea of how many to cater for.

**CAP** The first (pilot) **Money Management Course** in partnership with Christians Against Poverty will be held on **Saturday, 25th March and Saturday, 8th April from 3.30 to 5.30 pm in St Katherine’s Hall**. It is a FREE course and participants will not have to share financial figures with anyone. It is a well-respected course and is for those all who wish to manage their money better. Please telephone Ruth on 01531 670196 or email [ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net](mailto:ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net) to register the interest of yourself or of someone you know.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am – Confirmation Service with Bishop Alistair.** Anyone interested in Confirmation please have a word with Keith.

## NOTICES

**Young Church:** there will be 'Children's Worship' with Revd Tony Hodder. The theme next week is 'Love in Action'.

**Soup, Cake and Coffee** in St Katherine's Hall on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February** from **10.30am to 2pm**. Proceeds to St Michael's. Further details from Sue Simpson 632989.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** is not until May, but TESCO have not allowed us a collection day then, but have offered us **Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**. PLEASE could you help by holding a tin for an hour at the store. More help will provide more money for disaster and poverty relief. Please contact Margaret Young, Tel. 635691 or email [mfyledbury@hotmail.com](mailto:mfyledbury@hotmail.com)

**Church early closure:** We are closing the church early at around 2pm at present. This is being kept under review, but should it cause any problems, please contact Ian or Lois.

**Pancake Party on Shrove Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February** in S. Katherine's Hall. More information to come.

**Ledbury Churches study groups during Lent 2017.** You are invited to an opening gathering on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March at St Katherine's** to share food, fellowship and worship and finalise membership for the groups. Our **theme will be the ten 'Holy Habits'** referred to in Acts chapter 2 as the characteristic behaviours of the early Christians. There will be a choice of meeting times and days of the week. Further details will be available shortly with a sign-up sheet. Please contact Tony Hodder or Ian James if you feel able to help.

**CROSSLIGHT IS COMING!** Riding Lights (Theatre Company) are coming back to St Michael's **for two nights in Holy Week** with their Passion Play, Crosslight; a story that draws us into the dramatic events of Christ's Passion and the experience of the disciple chosen to lead. The presentation is structured to include non-dramatic content that will give the audience time and opportunity to reflect.

I am putting together a team of people who can prepare the event. We need about twelve volunteers and will include many roles from providing a hot meal for the cast to stewarding on the evenings. If you can help, please talk to me either personally or by phone (637227) or email to [david.kirkham2@btinternet.com](mailto:david.kirkham2@btinternet.com)

**Lifts to Church:** We need a few people who could offer lifts (on a rota basis) to the main Sunday Service from the Deer Park area. Please contact Ian or Lois if you can help.

**William Simmonds** will be running the London Marathon this year in April as a member of the National Osteoporosis Society Team in memory of his mother. If you would like to sponsor him, please see details at the back of the Church or speak to William.