



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



SEXAGESIMA – SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT SUNDAY 19th February 2017

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
(Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey)
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
*(Led by The Revd William Simmonds
Preacher The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey)*
- 6.30pm Evensong
(Led by The Revd Canon Ryc Smith)

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 St Anne's Chapel at the end of the service.

Church Diary for the week ahead

Mon	20 th February	8pm-9.30pm	Ecumenical prayer and praise, Pool Barn, Priors Court, Staplow
Wed	22 nd February	6.45pm for	7pm Compline, St Anne's Chapel
Thurs	21 st February	7-12-7 10.30am	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in St Anne's) Mothers Union Corporate Communion, St Katherine's Hall
Fri	24 th February	9.00am 10.30am	Prayer Meeting, St Anne's Chapel Holy Communion, St Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday – 26th February – CAP SUNDAY SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

- 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
- 9.30am Parish Communion
with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Speaker
and Prayer Ministry
- 11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion

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.

Readings for 19th February 2017:

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1-2.3

- ¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
- ²The earth was without form and void and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.
- ³And God said, "Let there be light" and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.
- ⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so.
- ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.
- ⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth and the waters that were gathered together He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.
- ¹¹And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so.
- ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.
- ¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so.
- ¹⁶And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.
- ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.
- ²⁰And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.
- ²²And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.
- ²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. ²⁵And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.
- ²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷So God created man in His own image,
in the image of God He created him;
male and female He created them.

²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

²⁹And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.

³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

³¹And God saw everything that he had made and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

² ¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all the host of them. ²And on the seventh day God finished His work that He had done and He rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all His work that He had done in creation.

New Testament Reading: Romans 8: 18-25

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?

²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6: 25-34

²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?

²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

COLLECT

Almighty God, You have created the heavens and the earth and made us in Your own image: teach us to discern Your hand in all Your works and Your likeness in all Your children; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, by Your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at Your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We pray for:

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

Those who are sick:

Stan Tooby
Dean Jackson

Monnica Hussey
John Tate

Rodney Harrison
Peter Veasey

Mark Wood-Robinson

We remember those who have died and pray for those who mourn their passing:

Sarah Booton
Ruth Fowler

Alistair Rule
Dorothy Smith

Treasure Poole
Ramon Stone

Elizabeth Bennett
Barbara Loxton

NOTICES

Young Church: the theme this week is 'Love in Action'.
The theme next week is 'Awesome'.

Soup, Cake and Coffee in St Katherine's Hall on **Wednesday 22nd^h February** from **10.30am to 2pm**. Proceeds to St Michael's. Further details from Sue Simpson 632989.

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.

As we are hosting the **Women's World Day of Prayer**, we will need **offers of cake** and people to help serve teas/clear up afterwards. Please see Lois Pratt or Jan James if you can provide a cake or serve a cup of tea.

The Ledbury Bellringers will ring a quarter peal of Stedman Triples for evensong on **Sunday 5th March**. Ringing will be between about [5.20pm](#) and [6.30pm](#). All ringing at St Michael's is listed on www.ledburymunicipalbellringers.org - click on the link on the left hand side of the homepage "ringing at Ledbury".

Ledbury Churches study groups during Lent 2017. You are invited to an opening gathering on **Monday 6th 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.

Ladies who lunch: on **Wednesday 15th March** at 12 noon at the Hop Pocket. Lifts available. Please let Sue Simpson know if you can come. 632989

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

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.

Stamps raise big money: A 'thank you' to all who continue to put used stamps – of any variety – into the box at the back of the church. Stamps and other collectibles (e.g. postcards and cigarette cards) raised over £136,000 in 2015-16 for the Leprosy Mission's invaluable work in treatment & surgery for those affected - and fighting the discrimination caused by this preventable disease. Please keep the stamps flowing (with a margin of at least 5mm) and mention it to your friends.

Dates for your Diary

Pancake Party on Shrove 6:30pm Tuesday, 28th February in S. Katherine's Hall. Tickets £6, £5, £4 and £20. Details on poster in porch. Please sign up at the back of church.

Ash Wednesday, 1st March 7:30pm Holy Communion, with ashing for those who wish.

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 4th 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 to register the interest of yourself or of someone you know.

Sunday 7th May 10.30am – Confirmation Service with Bishop Alistair.

Anyone interested in Confirmation please have a word with Keith.

Service Times and lectionary readings can be found posted in the church porch and on the church website www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk under the 'Services' section.

Twitter – If you use Twitter do sign-up to S. Michael's twitter account: [@LedburyParish](https://twitter.com/LedburyParish)

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