



# THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



## QUINQUAGESIMA – and – CAP SUNDAY SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017

- 8.00am Holy Communion BCP  
(Led by *The Very Revd Nick Bury*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry  
(Led by *The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*  
with CAP Speaker: *Elaine Loe*)
- 11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion  
(Led by *The Revd Joan Wakeling*)

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

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| Mon   | 27 <sup>th</sup> February | 8pm-9.30pm | Ecumenical prayer and praise, Pool Barn, Priors Court, Staplow      |
| Tues  | 28 <sup>th</sup> February | 6.30pm     | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party, S <sup>t</sup> Katherine's            |
| Wed   | 1 <sup>st</sup> March     | 7.30pm     | Ash Wednesday Holy Communion, with ashing                           |
| Thurs | 2 <sup>nd</sup> March     | 7-12-7     | Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S <sup>t</sup> Anne's) |
| Fri   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> March     | 9.00am     | Prayer Meeting, S <sup>t</sup> Anne's Chapel                        |
|       |                           | 10.30am    | Holy Communion, S <sup>t</sup> Katherine's Chapel                   |
|       |                           | 2.00pm     | Women's World Day of Prayer Service                                 |

### Next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
- 10.30am Morning Worship followed by 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 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017: *Quinquagesima*

### Old Testament Reading: Exodus 24: 12-18

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them."

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain and the cloud covered the mountain.

<sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai and the cloud covered it for six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

<sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

### New Testament Reading: 2 Peter 1: 16-21

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

<sup>17</sup>For when He received honour and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased",

<sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 17: 1 – 9

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And He was transfigured before them and His face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified.

<sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear."

<sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

Readings for 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017: **CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY SUNDAY**

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-6**

<sup>1</sup>The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; <sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup>to grant to those who mourn in Zion — to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified. <sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. <sup>5</sup>Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks; foreigners shall be your ploughmen and vine dressers; <sup>6</sup>but you shall be called the priests of the LORD; they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God; you shall eat the wealth of the nations and in their glory you shall boast.

**New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 8: 1-7**

<sup>1</sup>We want you to know, brethren, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, <sup>2</sup>for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. <sup>3</sup>For they gave according to their means, as I can testify and beyond their means, of their own accord, <sup>4</sup>begging us earnestly for the favour of taking part in the relief of the saints — <sup>5</sup>and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. <sup>6</sup>Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. <sup>7</sup>But as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness and in our love for you — see that you excel in this act of grace also.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 8: 1-3**

<sup>1</sup>Soon afterwards [Jesus] went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with Him <sup>2</sup>and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out <sup>3</sup>and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager and Susanna and many others, who provided for them out of their means.

**COLLECT**

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before He suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to recognise His glory that we may be strengthened to suffer with Him and be changed into His likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Holy God, we see Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at His table reflect His life in word and deed, that all the world may know His power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, for He is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Dates for your Diary**

**Pancake Party on Shrove 6:30pm Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am – Confirmation Service with Bishop Alistair.**

**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:**

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|--------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 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:**

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| Ruth Fowler    | Dorothy Smith  | Roman Stone  | Isabella Neale |
| Barbara Loxton | Gordon Goodier | Mark Ledbury |                |

## NOTICES

**Young Church:** The theme today is 'Love in Action'.  
Next week the theme will be 'Awesome'.

**Tower Lights:** are sponsored this week by Helen Lawson-Smith.

**Soup, Cake and Coffee** in St Katherine's Hall will be on **Wednesday 1st March** from **10.30am to 2pm**. Proceeds to St Michael's. Further details from Sue Simpson 632989.

**CCTV** in the Church has now been installed, so please smile when entering and in church!  
The church will now be open all day.

As we are hosting the **Women's World Day of Prayer** on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**, we need **offers of cake** and people to help serve teas/clear up afterwards.  
Please see Lois 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 5<sup>th</sup> March**. Ringing will be between about [5.20pm](#) and [6.30pm](#). All ringing at St Michael's is listed on [www.ledburydistrictbellringers.org](http://www.ledburydistrictbellringers.org) - click on the link on the left hand side of the homepage "ringing at Ledbury".

**Electoral Roll.** This is being revised (updated) between **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March** and is your chance to be added to the roll. Could new members of the congregation please fill out a form and give it to the Electoral Roll Officer, Sarah Entwistle or a Church Warden. Blank forms are in the pigeon holes at the back of the church.  
Existing members **do not** need to re-apply.

**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.

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

**CROSSLIGHT IS COMING** – Thanks to everyone who has offered to help, your response and willingness has been totally overwhelming and the whole team is almost complete. We can now give more details:

The performances are at 7.30pm on Tuesday and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April in St Michael's Church. Tickets are priced at £10.00, £5.00 for children up to year 11 and can be obtained from Ruth Wragg or from the Group Office.

This is an opportunity to invite friends and neighbours to a professional presentation and we all need to give it the widest possible publicity. Heather Lucas has posters, flyers, etc for your use. Watch out for further announcements as the performances get nearer!

**Church magazine.** The first issue of the Ledbury and Eastnor magazine is now available. It would be extremely helpful if people who used to distribute the Team magazine could take enough copies from the back of the church and give them out to those who received the old magazine. Similarly, if anyone is going to a church meeting where there will be people who might not otherwise receive a copy of the new magazine, they might like to take them a copy.