



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY 5th MARCH 2017

- 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
(Led by *The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*)
- 10.30am Morning Worship followed by Prayer Ministry
(Led by *The Revd Tony Hodder*)
Preacher: *The Revd Keith-Hilton-Turvey*
- 6.30pm Evensong
(Led by *The Revd William Simmonds*)

We welcome everyone visiting us in Ledbury this week. The 10.30am 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^t Anne's Chapel at the end of the service.

Church Diary for the week ahead

Mon	6 th March	8pm-9.30pm	Ecumenical prayer and praise, Pool Barn, Priors Court, Staplow
Wed	8 th March	6.45pm for	7pm Compline, S ^t Anne's Chapel
Thurs	9 th March	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S ^t Anne's)
Fri	10 th March	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
		10.30am	Holy Communion, Harling Court

Next Sunday 12th March – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
- 9.30am Parish Communion followed by 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.

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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Readings for 5th March 2017: *First Sunday Of Lent*

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 2:15-17 & 3:1-7

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

⁴"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. ⁵"For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her and he ate it. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realised they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

New Testament Reading: Romans 5:12-19

¹²Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned —

¹³To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. ¹⁴Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

¹⁸Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. ³The tempter came and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”
⁴But He answered, “It is written, “‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”
⁵Then the devil took Him to the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple
⁶and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down, for it is written, “‘He will command His angels concerning you’,
And “‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”
⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”
⁸Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to Him, “All these I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.’”
¹¹Then the devil left Him and behold, angels came and were ministering to Him.

Readings for 10:30am Morning Worship 5th March 2017

First Reading: Genesis 18: 1 – 15

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day.
²Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.
³He said, “If I have found favour in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by.
⁴Let a little water be brought and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way— now that you have come to your servant.”
“Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.”
⁶So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah.
“Quick,” he said, “Get three seahs of fine flour and knead it and bake some bread.”
⁷Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared and set these before them.
While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.
⁹“Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him. “There, in the tent,” he said.
¹⁰Then the LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year and Sarah your wife will have a son.”
Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him.
¹¹Abraham and Sarah were already old and well advanced in years and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?”

¹³Then the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year and Sarah will have a son.”
¹⁵Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, “I did not laugh.”
But He said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

Second Reading: Genesis 46: 1 – 7

¹Israel set out with all that was his and when he reached Beersheba, he offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.
²And God spoke to Israel in a vision at night and said, “Jacob! Jacob!”
“Here I am,” he replied.
³“I am God, the God of your father,” He said. “Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you into a great nation there. ⁴I will go down to Egypt with you and I will surely bring you back again. And Joseph’s own hand will close your eyes.”
⁵Then Jacob left Beersheba and Israel’s sons took their father Jacob and their children and their wives in the carts that Pharaoh had sent to transport him. ⁶They also took with them their livestock and the possessions they had acquired in Canaan and Jacob and all his offspring went to Egypt. ⁷He took with him to Egypt his sons and grandsons and his daughters and granddaughters —all his offspring.

Third Reading: Exodus 17: 8 – 15

⁸The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim.
⁹Moses said to Joshua, “Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands.”
¹⁰So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. ¹¹As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. ¹²When Moses’ hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up — one on one side, one on the other — so that his hands remained steady till sunset.
¹³So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.
¹⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered and make sure that Joshua hears it, because I will completely blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.”
¹⁵ Moses built an altar and called it The LORD is my Banner.

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to Your Spirit; and, as You know our weakness, so may we know Your power to save; 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

Lord God, You have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it You nourish our faith, increase our hope and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for Him who is the true and living bread and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of Your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for:

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

Those who are sick:

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

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

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

Dates for your Diary

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.

Annual Meetings: These will be on **Thursday 30th March** in S' Katherine's Hall. The meetings start at 7.30pm and are preceded by Holy Communion at 7.00pm. During the meetings there will be elections for 2 Churchwardens, 4 Deanery Synod Representatives, 6 Parochial Church Council Representatives and 4 Assistant Wardens. Nomination forms are at the back of the church. Please give completed forms to Alan Pratt, a Churchwarden or the Rector.

NOTICES

Young Church: The theme today is 'Awesome'.
Next week the theme will be 'The Temptation of Jesus'.

Tower Lights: are sponsored this week by the Bass family in memory of Christine Dennington.

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

The Ledbury Bellringers will ring a quarter peal of Stedman Triples for evensong **TODAY**.
Ringing will be between about [5.20pm](#) and [6.30pm](#)

S' Katherine's Chapel will be closed from Monday 6th March for refurbishment for a period of 6 weeks. During this time Holy Communion on Friday mornings will take place at Harling Court (behind the Theatre/ opposite the Co-Op). Access will be via the doorbell and the service will be held at the far end of the dining room around the table in the bay window.

Electoral Roll. This is being revised (updated) between **Sunday 5th & Sunday 19th 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. You are invited to an opening gathering on **Monday 6th March at 6.30pm in 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.

Soup, Cake and Coffee in S' Katherine's Hall will be on **Wednesday 8th March** from **10.30am to 2pm**. Proceeds to S' Michael's. Further details from Sue Simpson 632989.

Ledbury Mothers' Union is holding a Coffee Morning from 10am on **Wednesday, 8th March**, at 24 Biddulph Way, to raise funds for "Make A Mother's Day". This is a Lent project to provide chickens for a mother to raise for protein for her family and to sell the surplus or to help a mother become literate and numerate. Please come for a cuppa and a chat.

Parables, Poems and Paintings – Four Illustrated Talks for Lent led by the Very Revd Nick Bury start on **Wednesday 8th March** at 2.30pm in S' Michael's and All Angels, the first talk on "The Good Samaritan".

Mtwara Lent Lunches: the first Lent Lunch will be on **Friday 10th March** from 12noon to 2pm in the **Chapter House**. Enjoy homemade soup, bread and cheese, all for £5.00.

Healing Eucharist at Hereford Cathedral on **12th March** at 5.30pm. All are invited to attend (if you intend to go please tell Christabel as numbers are needed for the refreshments after the service).

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 – 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 11th and 12th 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!

Magazine: the first edition of the new church has been issued. If you have not already received one, they are available at the back of church. If you used to distribute the old magazine, could you please take sufficient copies to give them to the old recipients.

Easter Lilies: The Flower Guild will be arranging lilies for Easter in Church. If you would like to donate a lily in memory of someone departed, please complete one of the bright yellow Easter Lilies forms at the back of the church by Friday 7th April. Cost is £3 a lily and a list of all those being remembered will be placed on the memorial table in St Anne's Chapel. For further information, contact Judy Street 01531-635404

Malawi Appeal: Could you help the young people of Malawi so they can achieve their goals? Do you know anyone who has some "student equipment" – laptops, i-pads, calculators, telephones, in fact all the equipment the students in this country take for granted. Would you be able to make a small donations towards college/school fees? ANYTHING you can do would be much appreciated. Please contact Elizabeth Crossley on 635049 or email emxley@hotmail.com if you can help or would like more details.