



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY 12th MARCH 2017

- 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
(Led by The Revd James Stewart)
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
(Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
Preacher: The Revd Michael Gallagher)
- 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^t Anne's Chapel at the end of the service.

Church Diary for the week ahead

Mon	13 th March	8pm-9.30pm	Ecumenical prayer and praise, Pool Barn, Priors Court, Staplow
Thurs	16 th March	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S ^t Anne's)
Fri	17 th March	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
		10.30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 19th March – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

- 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
9.30am Parish Communion 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 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 12th March 2017: *Second Sunday Of Lent*

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 12: 1 – 4a

¹The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

²"I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you;

I will make your name great and you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

New Testament Reading: Romans 4: 1 – 5 and 13 – 17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness ...

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Gospel Reading: John 3: 1-18

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?"

¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"

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¹³No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

COLLECT

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings and by following in His Way come to share in His glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, You see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls; so that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for:

- Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners Victor & Mary Parisipogula, and St Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and St 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 St 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.

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

Young Church: Today is Children's Worship with Revd Tony Hodder.

St Katherine's Chapel will be closed from Monday 6th March for refurbishment as part of Quinquennial Works for 6 weeks. During this time Holy Communion on Friday mornings will take place at Harling Court (behind the Theatre/ opposite the Co-Op).

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.

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

Parables, Poems and Paintings – Four Illustrated Talks for Lent led by the Very Revd Nick Bury will continue on **Wednesday 15th March** at 2.30pm in St Michael's and All Angels, the second talk is on "The Sower".

Mtwara Lent Lunches: the second lunch will be on **Tuesday 21st March** from 12noon to 2pm in the Chapter House. Enjoy homemade soup, bread and cheese, all for £5.00.

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.