



# THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017

- 8.00am Holy Communion BCP  
(Led by *The Revd William Simmonds*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry  
(Led by *The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*  
Preacher: *The Revd William Simmonds*)
- 6.30pm Evensong  
(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	20th March	8pm-9.30pm	Ecumenical prayer and praise, Pool Barn, Priors Court, Staplow
Weds	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	6.45pm for 7pm	Evening Worship, S <sup>t</sup> Anne's Chapel
Thurs	23rd March	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S <sup>t</sup> Anne's)
Fri	24th March	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S <sup>t</sup> Anne's Chapel
		10.30am	Holy Communion, Harling Court

### Next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March – MOTHERING SUNDAY

**CLOCKS GO FORWARD**

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion  
9.30am Morning Worship followed by Prayer Ministry  
11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion  
**4.00pm New Service**

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](https://twitter.com/LedburyParish)

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Readings for 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017: *Third Sunday Of Lent*

### Old Testament Reading: Exodus 17: 1-7

<sup>1</sup>The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, travelling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>So they quarrelled with Moses and said, 'Give us water to drink.'

Moses replied, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?'

<sup>3</sup>But the people were thirsty for water there and they grumbled against Moses. They said, 'Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?'

<sup>4</sup>Then Moses cried out to the LORD,

'What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.'

<sup>5</sup>The LORD answered Moses, 'Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. <sup>6</sup>I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock and water will come out of it for the people to drink.' So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarrelled and because they tested the LORD saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

### New Testament Reading: Romans 5: 1 - 11

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character and character produces hope <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — <sup>8</sup>but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

### Gospel Reading: John 4: 5-42

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as He was from His journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup>A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

<sup>8</sup>(For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink', you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water."

<sup>11</sup>The woman said to Him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with and the well is deep.

Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.”

<sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

<sup>15</sup>The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband and come here.” <sup>17</sup>The woman answered Him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’;

<sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.”

<sup>19</sup>The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.”

<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

<sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him.

<sup>24</sup>God is spirit and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

<sup>25</sup>The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ). When He comes, He will tell us all things.” <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.”

<sup>27</sup>Just then His disciples came back. They marvelled that He was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” <sup>28</sup>So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup>“Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” <sup>30</sup>They went out of the town and were coming to Him.

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” <sup>32</sup>But He said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him something to eat?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent me and to accomplish His work.

<sup>35</sup>Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes and see that the fields are white for harvest. <sup>36</sup>Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’

<sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured and you have entered into their labour.”

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them and He stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of His word.

<sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world.”

## COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first He suffered pain and entered not into glory before He was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 Lord, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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	Sheila Anthony
Dean Jackson	John Tate	Peter Veasey	

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

Barbara Loxton	Gordon Goodier	Mark Ledbury	Malcolm Brothers
Mark Wood-Robinson	Myra Rooke		

## 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](mailto:ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net) to register the interest of yourself or of someone you know.

**Annual Meetings:** These will be on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March** in S<sup>t</sup> Katherine's Hall. The meetings start with Holy Communion at 7.00pm, the APCM starting at 7.30pm. 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 7<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am – Confirmation Service with Bishop Alistair.**

## NOTICES

**Young Church:** today the theme is 'Thirsty Work'.

Next week the children will organise coffee and cakes in the Chapter House.

**S<sup>t</sup> Katherine's Chapel** will be closed from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 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).

**S<sup>t</sup> Katherine's Hall** is having essential maintenance done to the exterior.

The hall **is not being closed**, it will continue to function as usual.

**Electoral Roll.** This is being revised (updated). Please add your name to the roll by **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.

**Parables, Poems and Paintings** – Four Illustrated Talks for Lent led by the Very Revd Nick Bury will continue on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** at 2.30pm in S<sup>t</sup> Michael's and All Angels, the third talk is on "Dives and Lazarus".

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

**Soup, Cake and Coffee** in S<sup>t</sup> Katherine's Hall will be on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** from **10.30am to 2pm**. Proceeds to S<sup>t</sup> Michael's. Further details from Sue Simpson 632989.

**Mothers' Union Soup Lunch:** There will be a Soup Lunch at Ridgeway, Woodleigh Road, on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**, 12 noon-2pm. This is to raise funds for the Mothers' Union Make-a-Mother's Day project to buy chickens for a family to raise or help a mother learn to read, write and count. Ledbury Mothers' Union are grateful to all who helped raise £163 for the MU's "Make A Mother's Day " appeal. Thanks go to Beryl LLoyd-Williams for hosting the coffee morning

**CROSSLIGHT IS COMING (VERY SOON)** so **it's time to book 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> April** in your diary and **buy your tickets**.

CROSSLIGHT draws us into the dramatic events of Christ's Passion and into the experience of one disciple who failed, despite everything he believed so passionately. It is a communal experience of theatre and worship that tells the story of Holy Week in a novel and interesting way. Tickets cost £10.00 for adults, £5.00 for under 16's; Ruth Wragg and David Kirkham will have them available after the 09.30 service each week.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Annual Report and Accounts 2016:** copies of the Annual Report and Accounts are now available at the back of the Church. Please help yourselves.