



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



MOTHERING SUNDAY SUNDAY 26th MARCH 2017

- 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
(Led by *The Revd Bill Mackenzie*)
- 9.30am Mothering Sunday Service followed by Prayer Ministry
(Led by *The Revd William Simmonds*
Preacher: *The Revd Bill Mackenzie*)
- 11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion
(Led by *The Revd Joan Wakeling*)
- 4.00pm New Worship Service
(Led by *The Revd Tony Hodder*
and *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	27th March	8pm-9.30pm	Ecumenical prayer and praise, Pool Barn, Priors Court, Staplow
Thurs	30th March	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S ^t Anne's)
Fri	31st March	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
		10.30am	Holy Communion, Harling Court

Next Sunday 2nd April – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am 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
Parish office: phone number: 01531 631531. Email: ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net

Readings for 26th March 2017: *Mothering Sunday*

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 2:1-10

¹Now a man of the house of Levi married a Levite woman ²and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. ³But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. ⁴His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

⁵Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe and her attendants were walking along the river bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her slave girl to get it. ⁶She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said. ⁷Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?"

⁸"Yes, go," she answered. And the girl went and got the baby's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. ¹⁰When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

⁵For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. ⁶If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. ⁷And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:33-35

³³The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about Him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, [Jesus'] mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

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God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to Himself: strengthen us in our daily living so that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of Your presence to bind together and to heal; 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

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast You feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted Your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; 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	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	Molly Vernal	

Dates for your Diary

CAP The first (pilot) **Money Management Course** in partnership with Christians Against Poverty will be held on **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^t 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.

NOTICES

Young Church: today the children will organise coffee and cakes in the Chapter House. Next week there will be activities from Women's World Day of Prayers (Philippines) Am I being fair to you?

The Spire Lighting this week is sponsored by Alan Meikle to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the death of his uncle Sergeant Edwin Fletcher, 1st. Bn, Herefordshire Regiment, who was killed at the 1st Battle of Gaza in WW1.

S^t 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).

S^t Katherine's Hall is having essential maintenance done to the exterior. The hall is *not* being closed, it will continue to function as usual.

Parables, Poems and Paintings – Four Illustrated Talks for Lent led by the Very Revd Nick Bury. The final talk is on **Wednesday 29th March** at 2.30pm in S^t Michael's and All Angels, the talk is on "The Prodigal".

Mtwara Lent Lunches: the final lent lunch will be on **Wednesday 29th March** from 12noon to 2pm in S. Katherine's Hall. Enjoy homemade soup, bread and cheese, all for £5.00. Proceeded by coffee and cake from 10.30am. Proceeds from the lunch to the Mtwara Fund.

Cake and Coffee and Soup, in S^t Katherine's Hall will be on **Wednesday 3rd April** from **10.30am to 2pm**. Proceeds to S^t Michael's. Further details from Sue Simpson 632989.

Mendelssohn, Elijah concert will be performed in St Michael's at **7.30pm** on **Saturday 8th April**, with a full orchestra, soloists and double choir – Ledbury and Newent Choral societies. It is very dramatic and tuneful, with a good storyline! Tickets are £12, with children and students free and can be purchased from Ledbury Books & Maps, or at the door.

CROSSLIGHT IS COMING (VERY SOON) so **it's time to book 11th or 12th 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.

Maundy Thursday: We will once again be holding a 24hr prayer vigil in the Choir Vestry at St Michael's from 8am **on Maundy Thursday (13th April)** to 8am on Good Friday. We are hoping that individuals/couples/groups will book an hour's prayer slot during that period, to come and pray for God's work amongst us in the Town and as we seek to deepen our relationship with him and seek his will. You can sign up for a slot online, using the following web address - <http://teamup.com/ks43a909fc41fcd04b/>. Or by contacting Tony Hodder who will book a prayer slot for you. Paper, pens, bibles and other prayer helps will be provided in the room. The choir vestry will have heating and access to toilets during the 24 hour prayer time.

Eastnor Fundraising Quiz Night. S. John's are holding a quiz night **7.30 pm** on **Friday 21st April** at Eastnor Cricket Pavilion to help raise funds for essential repairs to their beautiful building. Tickets are free but donations will be requested. There will be a bar, quiz night prizes and a raffle. Teams of 4 are required. Please ring Beverly Jones (636378) or Joan Wakeling (633188) to book your table. If you are looking for partners, please let them know

Magazine. April's edition is now ready. If you have friends who you feel might appreciate a copy, please take a spare copy from the back of church and give it to them. If you used to help distribute the Team magazine, it would be extremely helpful if you could take sufficient copies to give one to each of your former customers.

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.

Annual Report and Accounts 2016: copies of the Annual Report and Accounts are now available at the back of the Church. Please help yourselves. The Friends Annual Report is now at the back of the Church. This should have been included with the main report last week.