



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



PALM SUNDAY SUNDAY 9th April 2017

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
(Led by *The Revd Tony Hodder*)
- 9.15am** Parish Communion Service followed by Prayer Ministry
Beginning at S^t Katherine's Hall Car Park at 9.10am
(Led by *The William Simmonds*,
Preacher: *The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*)
- 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^t Anne's Chapel at the end of the service.

Church Diary for the week ahead

Mon	10 th April	8pm-9.30pm	Ecumenical prayer and praise, Pool Barn, Priors Court, Staplow
Tues	11 th April	7.30pm	Crosslights
Wed	12 th April	7.30pm	Crosslights
Maudy	Thursday	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S ^t Anne's)
		7.30pm	Holy Communion followed by the Watch
Good	Friday	10.00am	March of Witness from the Baptist Church (service at 10.30am under the Market House)
		2.00pm	Hour at the Cross

Next Sunday 16th April – Easter Sunday

- 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
9.30am Easter Communion followed by Prayer Ministry
11.15am Eastnor Easter Communion
6.30pm Easter Evening Praise

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 9th April 2017: *Palm Sunday*

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19 – 29

- ¹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures for ever!
²Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures for ever."
¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.
²¹I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.
²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
²³This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.
²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
²⁵Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!
²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
²⁷The LORD is God and He has made His light to shine upon us.
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!
²⁸You are my God and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You.
²⁹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His steadfast love endures for ever!

The Gospel: Matthew 21: 1 – 11

- ¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them' and he will send them at once."
⁴This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying,
⁵"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"
⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks and He sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before Him and those that followed Him were shouting,
"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"
¹⁰And when He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?"
¹¹And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Your tender love towards the human race sent Your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon Him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of His patience and humility and also be made partakers of His resurrection; 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 Jesus Christ, You humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow You and to proclaim You as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **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		

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

Mark Wood- Robinson	Myra Rooke Gerald Welch	Molly Vernall	Winifred Davies
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Dates for your Diary

Lent Groups Closing Gathering TODAY 3.45 for 4pm in St Katherine's Hall. Bring a plate of cake or sandwiches to share.

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

Wednesday 7th June in the evening – Ledbury Pastoral Scheme celebration service with Bishop Richard

NOTICES

Young Church: today is Children's Worship with Tony Hodder. Next week we will take part in the Easter service. Young Church will organise an Easter Egg Hunt for the children to follow the Service.

The Tower Lighting this week is sponsored by Tony and Lesley Goodall.

S^t Katherine's Chapel will be closed from Monday 6th March for refurbishment as part of Quinquennial Works. **LATEST NEWS: Further repair work has been found and will take an estimated additional 3 weeks, going into Mid-May.** 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.

Mtwara Lent Lunches raised the magnificent sum of £522.50. Thank you to all who supported the lunches, especially the soup makers.

Easter Garden we will be arranging this on **Monday April 10th** at 10am. Do come and help us. Also we would be grateful for greenery from your garden! (We will not use flowers on Monday.) On Good Friday we will add small flowers to the Garden - do come and help and bring some flowers - at 3.5pm after the Church service. Contact Christabel for more information Tel 635597

Cake and Coffee and Soup, in S^t Katherine's Hall will be on **Wednesday 12th April** from **10.30am to 2pm**. Proceeds to S^t Michael's. Further details from Sue Simpson 632989.

CROSSLIGHT IS DUE THIS WEEK!

This message has been sent by Riding Lights:

Crosslight: is out on tour until Easter Sunday. Thank God for the fantastic responses Crosslight has received, we hope that the show will be a real blessing to churches as they prepare for Holy Week.

And it's coming to S^t Michael's on **11th and 12th April at 7.30pm**. Don't miss out on this opportunity! Get your tickets from the Group Office, Ruth Wragg or David Kirkham (Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbours!)

Maundy Thursday: We will once again be holding a 24hr prayer vigil in the Choir Vestry at S^t 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 the 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

Men's Breakfast. The next breakfast will be on Saturday 29th April at 9.15 for 9.30 in the Seven Stars Hotel in the Homend. Price £8. Please come yourself and invite your friends. The speaker will be the Rev'd Dr Mathew Clark, a lecturer at Elim college in Malvern who has a fascinating story to tell. So that we get a rough idea of numbers for catering, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

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.

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.