



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



Saint George's Day (Second Sunday of Easter) Sunday 23rd April 2017

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion (Led by <i>The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey</i>)
9.30am	Parish Communion followed by Prayer Ministry (Led by <i>The Revd Michael Gallagher</i> Preacher: <i>The Revd Bill Mackenzie</i>)
11.15am	Eastnor Parish Communion (Led by <i>The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey</i>)
4.00pm	New Worship Service – <i>Theme Risen with Christ</i> (Led by <i>Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey</i>)

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	24 th April	8pm-9.30pm	Ecumenical prayer and praise, Pool Barn, Priors Court, Staplow
Weds	26 th April	6.45pm for 7pm	Evening Prayer Service, S ^t Anne Chapel
Thurs	27 th April	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S ^t Anne's)
Fri	28 th April	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
		10.30am	Holy Communion, Harling Court

Next Sunday 30th April – Third Sunday of Easter

8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
9.30am	Parish Communion followed by Prayer Ministry
6.30pm	Iona Evening 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 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 23rd April:

S. George's Day

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 126

- ¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
² Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."
³ The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.
⁴ Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!
⁵ Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!
⁶ He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

New Testament Reading: 2 Timothy 2: 3 – 13

- ³ Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵ An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶ It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷ Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.
⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!
¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.
¹¹ The saying is trustworthy, for:
 If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him;
¹² if we endure, we will also reign with Him;
 if we deny Him, He also will deny us;
¹³ if we are faithless, He remains faithful— for He cannot deny Himself.

The Gospel: John 15: 12 – 21

- ¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.
¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.
¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, He may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

¹⁸“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.
¹⁹If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world. I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ²⁰Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. ²¹But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know Him who sent me.

NOTICES

Young Church: today the theme will be “Trust the Story”.
 Next week the theme will be “On the Way”.

The Tower Lighting this week is sponsored by The Hill Family.

S^t Katherine’s Chapel will be closed from Monday 6th March for refurbishment as part of Quinquennial Works for 6 weeks. **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.

Cake and Coffee and Soup, in S^t Katherine’s Hall will be on **Wednesday 26th April** from **10.30am to 2pm**. Proceeds to S^t Michael’s. Further details from Sue Simpson 632989.

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 available. 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.

Readers Rota: I am now compiling the Readers Rota for May to December. Maybe you have started worshipping with us recently, or have not been able to commit to a rota up to now, and would like to share in this ministry, then do let me know. All that is required is a wish to share the Word of God in our worship, and a strong, clear reading voice. If you need to come off the rota for the next round, then let me know that too.
 Please give me any information (name, address, telephone, e-mail) in writing, either pigeon hole or via the Group Office.
 Above all, if you think I have overlooked you, or have any other feedback, then do let me know. I am somewhat scatty in the filing department, so need to be reminded and checked up on! Diana Veasey

A big thank you to David Kirkham for organising Crosslight, which was enjoyed by so many last week. A big thank you too, to all who supported David whether behind the scenes eg: providing food and/or hospitality or to the fore, selling tickets and such like.

Church Mission Society: have a look at the CMS noticeboard for a letter from the Ingleby’s, and information on our new CMS partners.

COLLECT

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of His presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve You continually in righteousness and truth; 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

Living God, Your Son made himself known to His disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see Him in all His redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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 Dean Jackson Rodney Harrison Sheila Anthony

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

Molly Vernal Winifred Davie Gerald Welsh Myra Rooke
 Herbert Ford Charles Taylor Albert Hill

Dates for your Diary

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

Sunday 21st May 9:30am Reader Licensing and LMDG commissioning will take place by Revd Dr John Daniels. Mary Anne Keyes and Brian Bowers are being licensed as readers in Hereford Diocese and our new re-invigorated LMDG will be commissioned once more.

Wednesday 31st May 7:30pm – S^t Katherine’s Hall Church Meeting to pray, discuss and explore our dreams for its future uses.

Wednesday 7th June 7:30pm – Ledbury Pastoral Scheme Completion celebration service with Bishop Richard. Cider, Hop and Ledbury & Eastnor and anyone else who’d like to join us will gather at S. Michael’s, looking forward to God blessing us in this new chapter of His people in this area.