

**Old Testament Reading: Acts 2:14 & 36-41**

On the day of Pentecost, 14 Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd,<sup>36</sup> 'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' 37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' 38 Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 9 For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' 40 And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' 41 So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

**New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23**

17 If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. 18 You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. 20 He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. 21 Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. 22 Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. 23 You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

**The Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' 19 Jesus asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23 and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb

and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.' 25 Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. 28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29 But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' 33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34 They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**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<sup>t</sup> Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S<sup>t</sup> John the Baptist Church, Likonde.

**Those who are sick:**

Stan Tooby	Dean Jackson	Rodney Harrison	Sheila Anthony
Ann Tindall	John Tate		

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

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

**Notices**

**Young Church:** today the theme "On the Way".

**The Tower Lighting** this week is sponsored by Shirley Everard.

**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. **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<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.

**Cake and Coffee** in S<sup>t</sup> Katherine's Hall will be on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** from **10.30am to 2pm.** Proceeds to S<sup>t</sup> Michael's. Further details from Sue Simpson 632989.

**May 14-20.** This 60th year of Christian Aid Week, the need is as great as ever for disaster relief and the plight of refugees. If you are able to collect from a few houses during **May 14 - 20**, and/or hold a tin on 19th at the Coop, or on 20th in the High Street, your help would be much appreciated. With 40 helpers taking part, each stint of just 1 hour will be possible. Please contact Margaret Young. 01531 635691. [mfyledbury@hotmail.com](mailto:mfyledbury@hotmail.com)

**COME FOR A CUPPA** on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May** from 2pm – 4pm at 10 Biddulph Way. There will be a bring and buy staff for Christian Aid.

**Magazine.** May'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.

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

**To all Readers:** Thank you for your feedback. You should by now have received the new rota. Please remember to arrange your own swaps and email them to me/change the sheet on the vestry notice-board! In response to several queries: people have different numbers of readings over the 6 months for a variety of personal reasons, but I do try to keep a balance across the whole year. Thank you again for sharing in this important ministry to support and enrich our worship. With love in Jesus, Diana Veasey.

### Dates for your Diary

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am – Confirmation Service with Bishop Alistair.**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> May 7:30pm – S<sup>t</sup> Katherine's Hall Church Meeting** to pray, discuss and explore our dreams for its future uses.

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



## THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

### Third Sunday of Easter Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion  
(Led by *The Revd Canon Ryc Smith*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion followed by Prayer Ministry  
(Led by *The Very Revd Nick Bury*  
Preacher: *The Revd Tony Hodder*)
- 6.30pm Iona Evening Service  
(Led by *Revd William Simmonds*)

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

Thurs	4 <sup>th</sup> May	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S <sup>t</sup> Anne's)
Fri	5 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S <sup>t</sup> Anne's Chapel
		10.30am	Holy Communion, Harling Court

### Next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
- 10.30am Confirmation Service with Bishop Alistair
- 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](http://www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk) under the 'Services' section.

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