



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



Fourth Sunday of Easter Sunday 7th May 2017

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
(Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey)
- 10.30am Confirmation Service
(Led by The Rt Revd Alistair Magowan)
- 6.30pm Evensong
(Led by Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey)

We welcome everyone visiting us in Ledbury this week. The 10.30am 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	8 th May	8pm-9.30pm	Ecumenical prayer and praise, Pool Barn, Priors Court, Staplow
Weds	10 th May	6.45pm for 7pm	Evening Prayer Service, S ^t Anne Chapel
Thurs	11 th May	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S ^t Anne's)
Fri	12 th May	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
		10.30am	Holy Communion, Harling Court

Next Sunday 14th May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion

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

Parish office: phone number: 01531 631531. Email: ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net

Readings for 7th May 2017: *Third Sunday After Easter*

First Reading: Acts 2:42 – 47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2: 19 – 22

¹⁹For it is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure?

But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps.

²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth.

Gospel Reading: John 10: 1 – 10

[Jesus said:] ¹"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

COLLECT

Almighty God, who through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by Your grace going before us You put into our minds good desires, so by Your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life: grant us to walk in His way, to rejoice in His truth and to share His risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

COME FOR A CUPPA on **Thursday 18th 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.

Intercessions. The rota for July to December 2017 will be prepared shortly. There is always room for additional folk who would like to contribute to our regular Sunday worship in this way. If there is anybody not currently on the rota who would like to be included in future, please speak to Tony Goodall, or contact him on 635480 or gtonygoodall@aol.com.

The second FREE Ledbury **CAP Money Course** will be held on two consecutive **Saturdays, 22nd and 29th July** from **3.30 to 5.30pm**, this time **in The Chapter House**. If you, or someone you know, would like to discover this proven formula for managing money to prevent getting into debt, please register that interest at ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net, or by telephoning Ruth on 01531 670196. There will be no exam to pass but at completion of the course you will be delighted to discover that the CAP system is simple and effective; a small investment of time for peace of mind.

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
Ann Tindall	John Tate	Gwen Kirkham	Susan Coster

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

Gerald Welsh	Myra Rooke	Herbert Ford	Charles Taylor
Albert Hill	Eric Pringle	Hilary Starkey	

NOTICES

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). **Further repair work has been found to be needed on the hall (externally) and will take an estimated additional 3 weeks, going into Mid-May.**

The Ledbury band will ring a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples for Evensong, this **Sunday 7th May**. Ringing will start just before 5.30pm.

Cake and Coffee in S^t Katherine's Hall will be on **Wednesday 10th May** from **10.30am to 2pm**. Proceeds to S^t 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

Christian Aid Coffee Morning on **Monday 15th May** at S^t Katherine's Hall from 10.30am-12.30pm. Please come along and bring a cake.

Dates for your Diary

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. *What would you love to see happening at S. Katherine's? What would you come up with if money was no object?* Your ideas and suggestions are wanted. Do come and listen, speak, pray and share.

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.

Saturday 10th June 10am until 3pm – Ledbury Community Day. Volunteers for coffee/refreshments needed. Please contact Sue Simpson 632989.