



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



SEXAGESIMA Sunday 4th February 2018

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
(Led by The Revd Tony Hodder)
- 10.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
(Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
Preacher: The Revd Tony Hodder)
- 6.30pm Evensong
(Led by Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey)

Church Diary for the week ahead

Monday 5 th February	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Thursday 8 th February	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S ^t Anne's)
Friday 9 th February	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
	10.30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 11th February 2018 QUINQUAGESIMA

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 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.

Facebook – The church has a facebook page:

[fb.me/stmichaelsledbury](https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsledbury) – take a look, like and participate

Twitter – If you use Twitter do sign-up to S. Michael's twitter account: [@LedburyParish](https://twitter.com/LedburyParish)

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Readings for 4th February 2018: *Sexagesima*

First Reading: Proverbs 8: 1 & 22 – 31

¹Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice?
²²“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His work, the first of His acts of old.
²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth,
²⁶before He had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world.
²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there; when He drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when He made firm the skies above, when He established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when He assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress His command, when He marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰then I was beside Him, like a master workman and I was daily His delight, rejoicing before Him always, ³¹rejoicing in His inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15 – 23

¹⁵[Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷He is before all things and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be pre-eminent. ¹⁹For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell ²⁰and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.
²¹And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²He has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Gospel Reading: John 1:1 – 14

¹In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.
²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In Him was life and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.
⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.
¹⁰He was in the world and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognise Him. ¹¹He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him.
¹²Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God – ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.
¹⁴The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

COLLECT

Almighty God, You have created the heavens and the earth and made us in Your own image: teach us to discern Your hand in all Your works and your likeness in all Your children; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, by Your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise and the bread of life at the heart of Your Church: may we who have been nourished at Your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; 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:

Dean Jackson Sheila Anthony Pauline (Eastnor) Steve Taylor

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

Jean Watkins Eileen Allsopp Jean Parsons John Miller
Philip Moss Gladys Dolling Leslie Thick John Davis

NOTICES

Young Church – the theme this week “God at Work/Jesus the Healer”
Next week there will be Children’s Worship with The Revd Tony Hodder.

Electoral Roll Revision: The Electoral roll is being revised between **11th February and 25th February 2018**. If you are already on the roll you do not need to do anything. If you would like to be on the roll, please see a church warden for a form. The roll is open to all who are baptised and over 16yrs old and are members of the Church of England. Being entered on the roll entitles you to take part in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Ecumenical Lent Study Groups: Please consider if you would like to join a small study group for Lent (**14 Feb thro to 29 March**), joining Christians of other denominations? The material chosen this year is **'40 Stories of Hope'**, recommended by Churches Together in Britain & Ireland. There is a sign-up sheet and flyers with more information on the table at the back of the church, please indicate if you are interested as soon as possible. In this way we will have some idea of where and when to arrange suitable locations in Ledbury, pending an opening gathering to finalise details in early February.

Magazine: The February edition has now been published and can be found at the back of church. Please help yourself to a copy. Contributions for the March issue of the magazine to Ann Tombs please (632668) or email ann@lletthyr.co.uk. The theme for March is Mission Abroad with a special focus on Easter. An early Easter gives us cause to think about Lent, Christ’s Crucifixion and Glorious Resurrection during March. Have you shared Easter Celebrations with friends in other countries or enjoyed interesting Easter experiences? Your thoughts and reflections will help us focus on this important Christian Festival and our Mission contacts and friends. Please also send notes of events you wish to advertise. The March issue to the magazine will be published on **25th February** and all contributions should be sent to Ann by **12 February**.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 8th February (actual time to be confirmed – A Safeguarding Training Session in the Chapter House, organised by Jennifer Bury (Safeguarding Officer for St Michaels) and Bev Jones (Safeguarding Officer for Eastnor). Mandy Mcphee, Safeguarding Adviser at the Diocese of Hereford will be delivering the training. If you would like to attend please speak to Jennifer Bury 01531 636075 or Bev Jones 01531 636378 for more information'

Friday 9th February from 6-8pm Please do come and join us for another evening of fun and light music at Coffee 1. Do please bring family and friends.

Tuesday 13th February Pancake Party from 6.30pm. Further details from Sue Simpson 632989. Donations. Bring your own drink.

Wednesday 14th February Ash Wednesday
12:30pm Communion followed by soup lunch
7:30pm Communion with ashing (for those who wish)

Saturday 3rd March Church Awayday at Tarrington Village Hall: 9.30am to setup, tea & coffee from 10.00am, opening worship at 10.15am. The LMDG is organising this Church awayday. The Revd. Dr. John Daniels will be leading the day. If you are interested, please put this in your diary. Please bring lunch and you may like to bring something to share.

Sunday 11th March at 3pm. Come and enjoy a concert in aid of the Flower Festival given by **The Pax Singers**. Listen to light hearted music and numerous verse – all for £7.50 which will include a truly scrumptious tea! Tickets from Margaret Chapman 634707 or Maggie Mackenzie 579009 or on the door. Free entry for children under 16.

Saturday 14th April 2018 – Advance Notice. The Ledbury Choral Society present Bob Chilcott's *Requiem*. see www.ledburychoral.btck.co.uk