



# THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



## QUINQUAGESIMA Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion  
(Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey)
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry  
(Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey  
Preacher: The Revd Dr Matthew Clark)
- 11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion  
(Led by Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey)

### Church Diary for the week ahead

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Ash Wednesday	12.30pm	Communion followed by soup lunch
	7.30pm	Communion with ashing
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S <sup>t</sup> Anne's)
	10.30am	Mothers' Union Corporate, S <sup>t</sup> Katherine's Chapel
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S <sup>t</sup> Anne's Chapel
	10.30am	Holy Communion, S <sup>t</sup> Katherine's Chapel

### Next Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018 First Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
- 6.30pm BCP 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.

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

Parish office: phone number: 01531 631531. Email: [ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net](mailto:ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net)

Readings for 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018: *Quinquagesima*

*Generous Living: 2*

### First Reading: Leviticus 19: 13 – 16

<sup>13</sup>“You shall not oppress your neighbour or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. <sup>14</sup>You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

<sup>15</sup>“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbour. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbour: I am the LORD.

### Second Reading: James 2: 1 – 13

<sup>1</sup>Show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in <sup>3</sup>and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place”, while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there”, or, “Sit down at my feet”, <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

<sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which He has promised to those who love Him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonoured the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honourable name by which you were called?

<sup>8</sup>If you really fulfil the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself”, you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

<sup>11</sup>For He who said, “Do not commit adultery”, also said, “Do not murder.”

If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

<sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty.

<sup>13</sup>For judgement is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy.

Mercy triumphs over judgement.

### Gospel Reading: Luke 5: 27 – 32

<sup>27</sup>After this [Jesus] went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And He said to him, “Follow me.” <sup>28</sup>And leaving everything, he rose and followed Him.

<sup>29</sup>Levi made him a great feast in his house and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. <sup>30</sup>And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at His disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”

<sup>31</sup>And Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>32</sup>I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

## COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before He suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive His glory that we may be strengthened to suffer with Him and be changed into His likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, we see Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at His table reflect His life in word and deed, so that all the world may know His power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, for He is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### We pray for:

) Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners and S<sup>t</sup> Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S<sup>t</sup> John the Baptist Church, Likonde.

### Those who are sick:

Dean Jackson	Steve Taylor	Pauline (Eastnor)	Sandra Thomas
Monica Hussey	Revd Hugh Wakeling		

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

Philip Moss	Gladys Dolling	Jean Parsons	John Miller
Heidi Heaton	Melanie Laird	Leslie Thick	John Davis
Jeanette Shakesheff	Elizabeth Jones		

## NOTICES

**Young Church** – this week there will be Children's Worship with The Revd Tony Hodder. Next week the theme will be Baptism in the River Jordan then Temptation in the Wilderness.

**Electoral Roll Revision:** The Electoral roll is being revised between 11<sup>th</sup> February and 25<sup>th</sup> 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, asking you to indicate your availability and address, with contact details – 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.

**Nominations can now be made for the Herefordshire Community Champions Award 2018.** Categories are Community Champion, Volunteer Champion, Caring Champion, Environment Champion and Youth Champion. For more information and to make a nomination visit [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/champions](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/champions). Ledbury Town Council Office also has information. The deadline for applications is **Friday 16 February 2018**.

**There is still the opportunity of signing the Christian Solidarity Worldwide** petition asking HM Government to try to influence the Pakistani authorities to buy text books that do not show bias towards religious minorities in Pakistan. We British contribute a large donation in aid towards that land.

Through the use of very pro-Islamic books a great deal of hatred for Christians and other groups is being fomented. David Gates will be At St M's with the petition this Sunday (11<sup>th</sup> February).

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Organ Recital from 12.30pm** by Warwick Wolseley,

**Wednesday 21st February – Sue's Coffee Morning (starts up again) from 10am to 1pm** in S<sup>t</sup> Katherine's Hall. Serving fresh soup and bread, cakes, tea and coffee.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Mtwara Lent Lunch from 12noon to 2pm** at Ashperton Village Hall. Further details from Freda Helme 670586. Do please come for a simple meal of soup, bread and cheese. £5 per person. All money raised will go towards the purchase of a mini-bus for the Kindergarten in Mtwara.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 the 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.

**Thursday 1st March – Mtwara Lent Lunch from 12noon to 2pm** at the home of Penny Keble-White, Elmcroft, New Street, Ledbury. Telephone 631174. Do please come for a simple meal of soup, bread and cheese. £5 per person. All money raised will go towards the purchase of a mini-bus for the Kindergarten in Mtwara.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Mtwara Lent Lunch from 12noon to 2pm** at the home of Wendy Diment, 26 Pound Meadow, Ledbury. Telephone 633779. Do please come for a simple meal of soup, bread and cheese. £5 per person. All money raised will go towards the purchase of a mini-bus for the Kindergarten in Mtwara.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Mtwara Lent Lunch from 12noon to 2pm** at the home of Revd James and Mary Stewart, 3 Leadon Place, Ledbury. Telephone 630237

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Mtwara Lent Lunch from 12noon to 2pm** at the home of Graham and Anne Blandford, New House Farm, Putley. 670274

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Beetle Drive in aid of Mtwara, S<sup>t</sup> Katherine's Hall from 7pm to 9pm.** Puddings will be provided. Further details from Sue 632989.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Mtwara Deanery Lent Lunch** from 12noon to 2pm in S<sup>t</sup> Katherine's Hall. Further details from Elaine Toyer. 634354.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Advance Notice.** The Ledbury Choral Society present Bob Chilcott's *Requiem*. see [www.ledburychoral.btck.co.uk](http://www.ledburychoral.btck.co.uk)