



# THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Sunday 18<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 Bill Mackenzie*  
Preacher: *The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*)
- 6.30pm Evensong  
(Led by *Revd Bill Mackenzie*)

### Church Diary for the week ahead

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Thursday 22nd February	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S <sup>t</sup> Anne's)
Friday 23rd 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 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018 Second Sunday of Lent

- 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](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

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Readings for 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018: *Lent One*

*Generous Living: 3*

### First Reading: *James 3: 1 – 12*

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, brethren, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. <sup>4</sup>Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!

<sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness.

The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life and set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup>but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless our Lord and Father and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

### Second Reading: *Ephesians 4: 25 – 32*

<sup>25</sup>Having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbour, for we are members one of another.

<sup>26</sup>Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger <sup>27</sup>and give no opportunity to the devil.

<sup>28</sup>Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labour, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

<sup>29</sup>Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

<sup>31</sup>Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. <sup>32</sup>Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

### Gospel Reading: *Luke 6: 43 – 45*

<sup>43</sup>“No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, <sup>44</sup>for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush.

<sup>45</sup>The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

## COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to Your Spirit; and, as You know our weakness, so may we know Your power to save; 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

Lord God, You have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it You nourish our faith, increase our hope and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for Him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of Your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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	George Baldwin	

## NOTICES

**Young Church** – today the theme will be Baptism in the River Jordan then Temptation in the Wilderness. Next week the theme is ‘Clearing the Way in the Temple’.

**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.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**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 631179. 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

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March** – Annual Parish Meeting in S<sup>t</sup> Katherine’ Hall. There will be Holy Communion at 7.00pm in the Chapel followed by the meeting at 7.30pm. During the meeting there will be elections for 2 Church Wardens (1 year term), 2 PCC representatives (3 year term) and 4 Assistant Church Wardens (1 year term). At least 6 new Sides Persons may be appointed – please talk to a Church Warden if you could help with this role.

**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.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm** Johannes Brahms Requiem by The Cradley Singers, *sung in English*.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March** – Organ Recital **from 12.30pm** by Peter Johnson.

**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)