



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Sunday 25th February 2018

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by The Revd Michael Gallagher
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
Led by The Revd William Simmonds
Preacher: The Revd Michael Gallagher
- 11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion
Led by The Revd Joan Wakeling

Church Diary for the week ahead

Monday	26 th February	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Weds	28 th February	6.45pm for 7pm	Evening Prayer Service, S ^t Anne Chapel
Thurs	1 st March	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S ^t Anne's)
Friday	2 nd March	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
		10.30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 4th March 2018 Third Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 10.30am 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 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 25th February 2018: *Lent Two*

Generous Living: 4

First Reading: **Isaiah 64: 4 – 8**

⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides You, who acts for those who wait for Him. ⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember You in Your ways.

Behold, You were angry and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time and shall we be saved?

⁶We have all become like one who is unclean and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

⁷There is no one who calls upon Your name, who rouses himself to take hold of You; for You have hidden your face from us and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay and You are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Second Reading: **James 3: 13 – 4: 10**

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

^{4:1}What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that He has made to dwell in us"?

⁶But He gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God.

Resist the devil and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will exalt you.

Gospel Reading: **John 8: 42 – 47**

⁴²Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but He sent me.

⁴³Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word?

⁴⁴You are of your father the devil and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and has nothing to do with the truth, because there

is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

⁴⁵But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me.

⁴⁶Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me?

⁴⁷Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

COLLECT

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of Your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of faith in Christ, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, You see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for:

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

Those who are sick:

Dean Jackson	Revd Hugh Wakeling	Steve Taylor	Sandra Thomas
Monica Hussey			

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

Heidi Heaton	Melanie Laird	George Baldwin	Lyn Paton
Jeanette Shakesheff	Elizabeth Jones	Percival Sturge	Pamela Ing

NOTICES

Young Church – today the theme is 'Clearing the Way in the Temple'.

Next week there will be preparations for Mothering Sunday.

Lyn Paton - a Thanksgiving service for Lyn's life will take place at the Baptist Church on **Friday March 2nd at 3.00pm.**

Sandra Thomas is now home and thanks all her friends at Ledbury Church for their good wishes. Sandra would be delighted to have visitors now she is home.

Magazine – the March edition has now been published and can be found at the back of church. Please help yourself to a copy. Contributions for the April issue of the magazine to Revd Michael Gallagher (email mcf Gallagher@gmail.com or tel. 635844).

The recent Pancake Party raised over £330, a big thank you to everyone involved.

Easter Lilies if you would like to donate a lily in memory of someone departed, please complete one of the forms at the back of Church and return to Judy Street by **Friday, 23rd March.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

Friday 2nd March - 'COFFEE STOP in the CHAPTER HOUSE'. 10am - 12noon. Come with friends and neighbours - all are welcome.

Friday 2nd March – Women's World Day of Prayer at 2.00pm. ALL GOD'S CREATION IS VERY GOOD The service this year has been prepared by the Christian women in the Suriname. Please come and join us at **The Methodist Church, The Homend** for this interdenominational service. All women, men and children are welcome.

Saturday 3rd March Church Awayday at Tarrington Village Hall: 9.30am to setup, tea & coffee from 10.00am, opening worship at 10.15am. Please bring lunch and you may like to bring enough to share.

Tuesday 6th 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 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.

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

Thursday 15th March – Annual Parish Meeting in S^t Katherine' Hall. 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 16th March – Mtwara Lent Lunch from 12noon to 2pm at the home of Graham and Anne Blandford, New House Farm, Putley. 670274

Saturday 17th March – Beetle Drive in aid of Mtwara, S^t Katherine's Hall from 7pm to 9pm. Please make or bring a puddings. Further details from Sue 632989.

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

Monday 19th March – Organ Recital from 12.30pm by Peter Johnson.

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

Saturday 24th March - Men's Breakfast at 9.15am: The next breakfast will at the Seven Stars restaurant in the Homend. Price £8 for a full English breakfast. The speaker will be Phil Warrey, the minister at the Methodist Church. All welcome but to get some idea of the numbers for catering, please sign the sheet at the back of the church if you can come.