



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Sunday 4th March 2018

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
Preacher: Mary Anne Keyes
- 10.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
Preacher: Mary Anne Keyes
- 6.30pm BCP Evensong
Led by Brian Bowers

Church Diary for the week ahead

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

Next Sunday 11th March 2018 Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 9.30am Mothering Sunday Morning Worship
- 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

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Readings for 4th March 2018: *Lent 3*

First Reading: **James 1: 9 – 11 & 5: 1 – 6**

⁹Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation ¹⁰and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. ¹¹For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

¹Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. ²Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. ³Your gold and silver have corroded and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. ⁴Behold, the wages of the labourers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.

⁵You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. ⁶You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

Second Reading: **Revelation 3: 15 – 19**

¹⁵“I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶So, because you are lukewarm and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷For you say, I am rich, I have prospered and I need nothing, not realising that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind and naked.

¹⁸I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. ¹⁹Those whom I love, I improve and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 6: 19 – 21**

¹⁹“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Readings for Evensong on Sunday are:

Psalm 11 (said)

1 Corinthians 1: 10 – 17

John 2: 13 – 22.

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first He suffered pain and entered not into glory before He was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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

Merciful Lord, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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
Jeanetta Shakesheff Elizabeth Jones Percy Sturge Pamela Ing
Charlie Griffiths

NOTICES

Tower Illuminations: The illuminations this week are sponsored by Jean Barnes.

Young Church – today there will be preparations for Mothering Sunday. Next week the children will be taking an active part in the Mothering Sunday Service and will be serving coffee and cakes after the service.

Rota for Welcome in the Porch. The new rota has been distributed by email or as paper copy in the pigeon holes. If you have not received your copy please let me know. Lesley Goodall 635480 or GLesleygoodall@AOL.com

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 mcfgallagher@gmail.com or tel. 635844).

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. Return to Judy Street **by Friday, 23 March.**

Ledbury's Distinguished Citizen and Youth Achievement Awards: every year Ledbury Town Council recognises those individuals in the Community who have given extraordinary service and/or leadership to contribute to the quality of life in our Town. Nominations are being taken now. For more information contact Ledbury Town Council on 01531 632306 or email reception@ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk The final date for receipt of nominations is **Monday 19 March 2018.** Presentations will be made at the Annual Town Meeting on **Thursday 26 April 2018.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

Saturday 10th March from 10am - Young Church will be Posy Making with the Mothers' Union in the Chapter House. Please bring your own scissors/secateurs if possible and a contribution towards flowers/greenery. All welcome.

Sunday 11th March at 9.30am - Mothering Sunday. This is a service of thanksgiving for our Mother Church and our Mothers. It will be a service of Morning Worship (non-eucharist) led by Mary Ann, Brian, and Young Church, with the Mother's Union. There will be refreshments after the service. All are welcome and there will be something for everyone. Please invite and encourage all your friends, especially mothers, grandparents and children of all ages. This is often known as 'Refreshment Sunday' – so come and be refreshed.

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.