



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY Sunday 11th March 2018

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
- 9.30am Mothering Sunday Morning Worship
Led by Brian Bowers and Mary Anne Keyes
- 11.15am *Eastnor Baptism*
Led by Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey

Church Diary for the week ahead

Monday	12 th March	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Weds	15 th March	7.00pm	Holy Communion at S ^t Katherine's followed by Annual General Meeting
Thurs	16 th March	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S ^t Anne's)
Friday	17 th March	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
		10.30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 18th March 2018 Fifth 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 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

Readings for 11th March 2018: *Lent 4 Mothering Sunday*

First Reading: **Exodus 2: 1 – 10**

¹Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, ² she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. ³But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. ⁴His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. ⁵Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. ⁶She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said. ⁷Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" ⁸"Yes, go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. ¹⁰When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

Second Reading: **Colossians 3: 12 – 17**

¹²As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Gospel Reading: **Luke 2: 33 – 38**

³³[Jesus'] father and mother marvelled at what was said about Him. ³⁴Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." ³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

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God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth and on the cross drew the whole human family to Himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of Your presence to bind together and to heal; 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

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast You feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted Your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith 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	Philip Jenkins		

NOTICES

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

Next week there will be activities from Women's World Day of Prayer (Surinam).

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

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 by **Monday 12th March** (email mcgallagher@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

TODAY at 3pm. Come and enjoy a concert given by **The Pax Singers** in aid of the Flower Festival. 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.

Sunday 25th March – Palm Sunday at 6.30pm - Olivet to Calvary (Passiontide Cantata) Come and sing rehearsal **from 5pm**). Global Hymn Sing - Jesus shall reign where're the sun We sang with 1,010,581 people around the world, in 5,020 churches, in 77 countries, in 32 languages. Further details from Philip Holland.

Thursday 29th March – Maundy Thursday. We will once again be holding a 24hr prayer vigil in the Choir Vestry at St Michaels from **8am on Maundy Thursday to 8am on Good Friday.** We are hoping that individuals/couples/groups will book an hour's prayer slot during that period, to come and pray for Gods work amongst us in the Town and as we seek to deepen our relationship with him and seek his will.

You can sign up for a slot online, using the following web address -

<http://teamup.com/ks43a909fc41fcd04b/>.

Or by contacting Tony Hodder who will book a prayer slot for you.