



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Sunday 18th March 2018

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by The Revd Bill Mackenzie
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
Preacher: The Revd Bill Mackenzie
- 6.30pm BCP Evensong
Led by Revd James Stewart

Church Diary for the week ahead

Monday 19 th March	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Thurs 22nd March	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S ^t Anne's)
Friday 23rd March	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
	10.30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 25th March 2018 PALM SUNDAY

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 9.15am Palm Sunday Procession from the Market House
- 9.30am Palm Sunday Communion with Prayer Ministry
- 11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion
- 6.30pm Passion Cantata: Olivet to Calvary. *Rehearsal from 5pm*

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 18th March 2018: *Lent 5*

First Reading: **2 Chronicles 7: 12 – 15**

¹²Then the LORD appeared to Solomon in the night and said to him: "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice. ¹³When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, ¹⁴if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. ¹⁵Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.

Second Reading: **James 5: 13 – 20**

¹³Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again and heaven gave rain and the earth bore its fruit. ¹⁹Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 8: 5 – 13**

⁵When [Jesus] entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to Him, appealing to Him, ⁶"Lord, my servant is lying paralysed at home, suffering terribly." ⁷And He said to him, "I will come and heal him." ⁸But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word and my servant will be healed. ⁹For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I say to one, 'Go' and he goes and to another, 'Come' and he comes and to my servant. 'Do this' and he does it." ¹⁰When Jesus heard this, He marvelled and said to those who followed Him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. ¹¹I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹²while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹³And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

Song – I have decided to follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus, (3 times)
no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me, (3 times)
no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow, (3 times)
no turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus? (3 times)
no turning back, no turning back

COLLECT

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in Him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of His victory; 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 Jesus Christ, You have taught us that what we do for the least of our fellow men we do also for You: give us the will to be the servant of others as You were the servant of all and gave up Your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

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 Monia Hussey

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

Jeanetta Shakesheff Elizabeth Jones Percy Sturge Pamela Ing
Charlie Griffiths Philip Jenkins

NOTICES

Young Church – today there will be activities from Women's World Day of Prayer (Suriname). Next week the theme will be Jesus' Entry to Jerusalem.

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**.

Wanted: 3 high chairs for coffee mornings at S^t Katherine's. If you have a spare high chair in good condition, please contact Sue Simpson. 01531 632389

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**.

THE PAX SINGERS - What a wonderful concert we had on Mothering Sunday. It was a huge success with a rich and varied programme of music from Rachmaninov to Mack the Knife interspersed with readings which ranged from poetry by Roger McGough to the sayings of Desmond Tutu. Clearly the programme was enjoyed by the large audience supporting this event and I would like to thank all who bought tickets and the many who made cakes, scones and sandwiches for the truly scrumptious tea. The concert raised £660.60 which will be divided between St Michael's Hospice and the Friends of St Michaels and all Angels. Margaret Chapman

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Wednesday 20th March – Coffee Morning from 10am to 1pm at S^t Katherine's Hall.

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

Friday 23rd March - Rededication of the Ledbury Recreation Ground at 11.30 am. The 'Rec' has been used by countless generations of Ledbury's children and adults, so people of all ages are welcome to the short service rededicating the Recreation Ground as a Centenary Field. As a Centenary Field it is protected in perpetuity as a living remembrance to the 85 men from Ledbury who lost their lives in World War I.

Saturday 24th March - Men's Breakfast at 9.15am: The next breakfast will be 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 Procession at 9.15am.

Meet at the Market House for procession finishing at Church, where we will have our **Palm Sunday Communion, starting at 9.30am**.

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. Once again we will 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.

Paper, pens, bibles and other prayer helps will be provided in the room. The choir vestry will have heating and access to toilets during the 24 hour prayer time.