



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



PALM SUNDAY Sunday 25th March 2018

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by The Revd William Simmonds
- 9.15am Palm Sunday Procession from the Market House
- 9.30am Palm Sunday Communion with Prayer Ministry
Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
Preacher: The Revd William Simmonds
- 11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion
Led by The Revd Joan Wakeling
- 6.30pm Passion Cantata: Olivet to Calvary. *Rehearsal from 5pm.*

Church Diary for the week ahead

Monday 26 th March	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Thurs 29 th March	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S ^t Anne's)
	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
Friday 23 rd March	10.30am	Walk of Witness
	2.00pm	Hour at the Cross

Next Sunday 1st April 2018 EASTER DAY

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 10.30am Easter Communion with Prayer Ministry
- 11.15am Eastnor Easter Communion
- 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](https://twitter.com/LedburyParish)

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Readings for 25th March 2018: *Palm Sunday*

First Reading: **Psalm 118: 1 – 2 & 19 – 29**

¹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His steadfast love endures for ever!

²Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures for ever."

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

²³This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

²⁵Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷The LORD is God and He has made His light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

²⁸You are my God and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You.

²⁹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His steadfast love endures for ever!

Second Reading: **Mark 11: 1 – 6**

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples ²and said to them,

"Go into the village in front of you and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied; on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it.

³If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said and they let them go.

Gospel Reading: **John 8: 12 – 23**

¹²Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." ¹³So the Pharisees said to Him,

"You are bearing witness about Yourself; Your testimony is not true." ¹⁴Jesus answered,

"Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶Yet even if I do judge,

my judgement is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. ¹⁷In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. ¹⁸I am the one who bears witness about myself and the Father who sent me bears witness about me."

¹⁹They said to Him therefore, "Where is Your Father?"

Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." ²⁰These words He spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; but no one arrested Him, because His hour had not yet come.

²¹ So He said to them, "I am going away and you will seek me and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." ²² So the Jews said, "Will He kill himself, since He says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come?'" ²³ He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Your tender love towards the human race sent Your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon Him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of His patience and humility and also be made partakers of His resurrection; 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 humbled Yourself in taking the form of a servant and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow You and to proclaim You as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

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 Monnica Hussey
John Sutton

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 the theme will be Jesus' Entry to Jerusalem.

Next week the children will take part in the service. Young Church will organise an Easter Egg hunt for the children following the service.

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

THE PAX SINGERS – We had wonderful concert 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. 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 Michael's. Margaret Chapman.

Last week's Beetle Drive was a great success and enjoyed by all who braved the weather. Well done Noah on your win! Thanks and congratulations to all who organised the evening.

Christian Aid Week is May 13 - 19th, and help is requested in raising funds for that valuable cause. If you can help in any way, collecting in your road, organising an event, holding a tin in the High Street or supermarket, please let Margaret Young know: Tel. 01531 635691 or email mfyledbury@hitmail.com. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 25th March – TODAY 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.

Wednesday 28th March – Coffee Morning from 10am to 1pm at S^t Katherine's Hall.

Thursday 29th March – Maundy Thursday. Once again we will be holding a **24hr prayer vigil in the Choir Vestry at St Michael's 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

Thursday 29th March – Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at 7:30pm

Wednesday 4th April – Coffee Morning from 10am to 1pm at S^t Katherine's Hall.

Friday 6th April – Coffee Stop in the Chapter House from 10am - 12noon
Opportunity to meet, chat, and befriend.

Saturday 14th April –The Ledbury Choral Society present Bob Chilcott's *Requiem*. For further details see www.ledburychoral.btck.co.uk .

Monday 16th April – Organ Recital from 12.30pm.

Monday 23rd April – Organ Recital from 12.30pm to celebrate S^t George's Day.

Saturday 2nd June – Church Away Day at Tarrington Village Hall:

9.30am to setup, tea & coffee from 10.00am, opening worship at 10.15am, event ending at 2pm