



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Sunday 29nd April 2018

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by The Revd Tony Hodder
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
Preacher: The Revd Tony Hodder
- 6.30pm Evensong
Led by The Revd William Simmonds

Church Diary for the week ahead

Monday 30 th April	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Thurs 3 rd May	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7-12-7 in S' Anne's)
Friday 4 th May	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S' Anne's Chapel
	10.30am	Holy Communion, S' Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 6th May 2018 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 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

Parish office: phone number: 01531 631531. **Email:** ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net

Readings for 29th April 2018: *Easter 5* *The Lord's Prayer: 4*

First Reading: **Psalm 130**

- ¹Out of the depths I cry to You, LORD;
- ²Lord, hear my voice. Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.
- ³If You, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?
- ⁴But with You there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve You.
- ⁵I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits and in His word I put my hope.
- ⁶I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.
- ⁷Israel, put your hope in the LORD,
for with the LORD is steadfast love and with Him is full redemption.
- ⁸He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Second Reading: **Matthew 18: 21 – 35**

- ²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"
- ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.
- ²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made.
- ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.
- ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'
- ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.
- ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place.
- ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt.
- ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 6: 9 – 15**

- ⁹Pray then like this:
- "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
- ¹⁰Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
- ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread,

¹²and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

COLLECT

Almighty God, who through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by Your grace going before us You put into our minds good desires and that by Your continual help we may bring them to good effect through Jesus Christ our risen 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

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is The Way, The Truth and The Life: grant us to walk in His Way, to rejoice in His Truth and to share His risen Life; who is alive and reigns, 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	Monnica Hussey
Father Jackan Waweru (Mtwara)	Christabel Panter	John Sutton	Revd David Price

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

Frederick Firkens	Margaret Langley	Annette Fox
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NOTICES

Tower Lights are sponsored this week by The Hill Family.

Young Church – today the theme will be 'God is Love'

Wanted: a high chair for coffee mornings at S^t Katherine's. If you have a spare high chair in good condition, please contact Sue Simpson. 01531 632989

Flower Festival May 25th -28th. Any offers of help for this event will be gratefully received--particularly offers of cakes and scones, help serving, waiting tables or washing up. I shall be at a table at the back of church for the next few Sundays if you can offer help in any way. I will then prepare rotas of availability. Thank you , Maggie Mackenzie. 579009

Would you like to discuss and explore any Questions you may have regarding Sunday readings, the Bible or your faith? Please come to an Outreach Meeting **between 7pm and 9.00pm** at The Lion Pub, Bye Street on **Tuesday evenings**. All very welcome.

DRIVER REQUIRED please for 1st Sunday of month to bring 3 people to church for 10.30 service and take them home again. All live in the Biddulph Way area. For further details please contact JOYCE POTTER Tel: 637280 Thank you

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 2nd May – Coffee Morning from 10am to 1pm at S^t Katherine's Hall.

Friday 4th May – 'Coffee Stop in the Chapter House from 10am to 12noon.
Opportunity to meet , chat and befriend.

Sunday 6th May – Newcomers' Tea, 4.00 – 5.30 pm. Anyone who is 'new' to the church is invited to get to know a few more people over tea, cake and chat in the Chapter House. If you know of anyone you feel should be invited please let me know. I would be grateful for offers of cakes, and of help with welcoming and serving on the day please. **Mary Anne Keyes** 01531579021 makeyes25@hotmail.com

Wednesday 9th May – Ladies who Lunch from 12 noon at the Nest.
Further details from Sue Simpson on 632989.

Saturday 19th May – Men's Breakfast. . The next breakfast will be held on **Saturday 19th May at 9.15am** at the Seven Stars Restaurant in the Homend. Price £8. The speaker will be Tony Hodder. We very much hope you will be able to be there. If you can could you please sign the sheet at the back of church so that we for how many we are catering?

Sunday 3rd June 10:30 and 4:30 The Border Singers will be providing Choral to our services, see the magazine and forthcoming posters in print and online for more info.

Saturday 9th June – Community Day. Lots going on! Volunteers to participate and present some of what we do are needed. Could this be you?

Sunday 10th June – Community Service

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

Thy Kingdom Come and Pentecost

We will be having a special time of prayer for all churches at St Michaels for the period of Thy Kingdom Come, from the **10th to the 20th May**. This will take the form of a quiet prayer space in St Anne's chapel each day from **9am to 7pm**. **At 7pm** one of the churches in Ledbury will lead a session of led prayer. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come and share with members of other churches for the work of the Kingdom in Ledbury. I am sure the led prayer sessions will be varied so I hope we find the different styles engaging and rewarding.

The joint Pentecost service will be held at the Community Hall on the **20th May at 3pm**. This will be followed by a Hog roast and puddings outside or inside the Community Hall (dependent on the weather). We are seeking volunteers to help us in a number of areas, serving food, setting up, taking down, etc. If you are able to help please contact one of the following people:-

Setting up/taking down at the Community Hall - Tony Hodder - tony.hodder@gmail.com or 07977063294

Serving the Hog Roast - Simon Cameron - grandpasimonc@gmail.com or 07970210066

Serving puddings - eileenpattison@ymail.com or 07936873651

Further publicity will be coming on these events.

Tony Hodder