



# THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



## PENTECOST SUNDAY Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion  
*Led by The Very Revd Nick Bury*
- 9.30am Pentecost Communion  
*Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey  
Preacher The Revd William Simmonds*
- 3.00pm Ledbury Churches Pentecost Celebration  
at Ledbury Community Centre
- 6.30pm BCP Evensong  
*Led by Brian Bowers*

### Church Diary for the week ahead

Mon	21st May	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Thurs	24th May	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7-12-7 in S <sup>t</sup> Anne's)
Friday	25th May	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S <sup>t</sup> Anne's Chapel
		10.30am	Holy Communion, S <sup>t</sup> Katherine's Chapel

### Next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018 TRINITY SUNDAY

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry

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](http://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 20th May 2018: *Pentecost Sunday*

### First Reading: **Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14**

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me and He brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And He led me around among them and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know."

<sup>4</sup>Then He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you and you shall live and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound and behold, a rattling and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked and behold, there were sinews on them and flesh had come upon them and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup>Then He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath and breathe on these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as He commanded me and the breath came into them and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup>Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.'

<sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them; Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you and you shall live and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken and I will do it, declares the LORD."

### Gospel Reading: **John 15: 26 - 16:15**

<sup>26</sup>"When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness about me. <sup>27</sup>And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:1</sup>"I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. <sup>2</sup>They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. <sup>3</sup>They will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. <sup>4</sup>But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

<sup>5</sup>But now I am going to Him who sent me and none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you.

<sup>8</sup>And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgement: <sup>9</sup>concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>concerning judgement, because the ruler of this world is judged. <sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak and He will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for He will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that He will take what is mine and declare it to you.

**Third Reading: Acts 2: 1 - 21**

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>At this sound the multitude came together and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others mocking, said, “They are filled with new wine.” <sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>““And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy and your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams; <sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire and vapour of smoke; <sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. <sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

The readings for Evensong are:

- Psalm 139: 1 – 11
- Ezekiel 38: 22 – 28
- Acts 2: 22 – 38

**COLLECT**

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending to them the light of Your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us Your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by Your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**We pray for:**  
 ) Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners and S<sup>t</sup> Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S<sup>t</sup> John the Baptist Church, Likonde.

**Those who are sick:**  
 Dean Jackson                      Revd Hugh Wakeling                      Steve Taylor                      Monnica Hussey  
 Revd David Price

**We remember those who have died and pray for those who mourn their passing:**  
 Frederick Firken                      Margaret Langley                      Annette Fox                      Bill Masfield

**NOTICES**

**Young Church** –today the theme will be ‘**Life after Jesus**’ ‘**Pentecost**’.  
 The theme next week will be ‘**Children of God**’ ‘**The Trinity**’.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 7pm Prayers before 7:30pm PCC** in the chapter house

**Flower Festival May 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>.**

Don't forget tickets for £8.00 are available by going online to [st-michaels-hospice.org.uk](http://st-michaels-hospice.org.uk) or phoning the Festival Coordinator 01531 631104.  
 If you leave getting your tickets until the day they will be £10 on the door.

**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

**Please take a Christian Aid envelope**, and if you have not had the opportunity to contribute during the week, **13th - 19th May**, a donation to this special week may be added to the church offertory on **TODAY** or next Sunday. Very many thanks, Margaret Young

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**TODAY - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May PENTECOST.**

**9:30am Pentecost Communion** at S. Michael's

**3:00pm Ledbury Churches Pentecost celebration** in the community hall, followed by pigroast and strawberries and cream (See the enclosed flier for more information)

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 7:30pm at S. James' Cradley:** Church Wardens' swearing in. You may wish to pray for Christine and Diana, churchwardens in Ledbury and for Bev, Churchwarden at Eastnor.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at S<sup>t</sup> Katherine's Hall from 10.00am-1.00pm Coffee Morning.**  
All very welcome.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 7pm Prayers in S. Anne's before 7:30pm PCC meeting** in the chapter house.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 7:30pm in S. Anne's Chapel.** In response to requests for some in-depth talks and discussions we are holding a monthly series of talks on **Church Doctrine**. The first is looking at **The Trinity**. Do come and invite friends too.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May TRINITY Sunday.**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May The Flower Festival.**

Thank you to all who helped move furniture and clean the church in readiness for the flower festival. We will need help to put furniture back into place after the festival on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – CHURCH AWAY DAY at Tarrington Village Hall:**

**9.30am** to setup, tea & coffee from **10.00am**, opening worship at **10.15am**. We plan to **finish at 2pm**. This is an important event in our church life. Do come along and be part of it. Please pray about the meeting and where God may be leading us.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 10:30am and 4:30pm** The Border Singers will be providing choral accompaniment to our services, see the magazine and posters in print and online for more info.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Community Day.** Lots going on! Volunteers to be in church to welcome people and to participate and present some of what we do are needed. We hope to have at least two or three folk about all day. Just come along and join in. Could this be you?

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Community Celebration Service at 9:30am**