



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



Sunday 3rd February 2019 Presentation of Christ in the Temple

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by The Revd William Simmonds
- 10.00am Baptism with Holy Communion
Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
Preacher: The Revd William Simmonds
- 6.30pm Evensong
Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey

Church Diary for the week ahead

Monday	4 th February	8:00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Thursday	7 th February	7-12-7	Prayers
Friday	8 th February	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
		10:30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 10th February 2019 Fourth Sunday Before Lent

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 10.00am Morning Worship
- 11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion
- 6.30pm Holy Communion

If you are new here, welcome. 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 3rd February 2019:

Presentation of Christ In The Temple

First Reading: Malachi 3: 1 – 5

¹“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, He is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of His coming and who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵“Then I will draw near to you for judgement. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2: 14 – 18

¹⁴Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil; ¹⁵and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels that He helps, but He helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 22 – 40

²²And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons”.

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the Law,

²⁸ he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to Your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen Your salvation

³¹that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel.”

³³ And His father and His mother marvelled at what was said about Him.

³⁴And Simeon 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.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon Him.

COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts, by Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

or

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make Your home among us and present us
pure and holy to Your heavenly Father,
Your God and our God. **Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, You fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when He comes to bring us to eternal life; for He 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	Steve Taylor	Jules Schad	Mike Wakefield
Monnica Hussey	Hilary Sharp		

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

June Ledbury	Judy Baker	Revd John Lowe	Alma Galloway
Barbara Dearden	Alan Meikle	Mary Morris	Doreen
Kathleen IVY Marsh	Jill Evans		Summerfield

NOTICES

Electoral Roll: This year **all Church members** (who wish to be on the electoral roll) need to complete a new electoral roll form. These forms can be found at the back of the Church. Completing a new electoral roll form enables you to vote in the APCM in April.

THANK YOU The Stewardship Committee has asked me to thank everyone who has made a regular commitment to giving; by standing order, by dated envelopes, by yellow envelopes, and in the church plate in 2018. The total donation for 2018 was **£90,254**. It has been possible to claim a further **£20,601** from the tax returned on gift-aided donations which provided a total stewardship income of **£110,855**. *Tony Goodall (Stewardship Recorder)*.

Would anyone be like to take on the job of keeping the loos in Church clean and ensuring supplies of loo rolls, soaps etc.? Please contact Wendy on 07947 632 898 or email wgmht@outlook.com

The 2019 Tower Sponsorship List is now at the back of the Church, please sign up to sponsor the illuminations. Please give put your money if an envelope with your name and week you are sponsoring the tower light and place it in the collection plate.

Young Church – today there will be Children's Worship with Tony Hodder/Mary-Anne Keyes.

Pastoral Care Support. Someone from the Pastoral Care Team will sit in one of the pews on **Tuesday mornings from 10.30 for about an hour**, offering support to anyone who feels like coming and having a confidential chat about whatever is on your mind. It happens to the best of us at times and it is comforting to know there is someone out there who is willing to sit and listen to whatever you want to talk about in confidence.

Lent Groups: This year's Ecumenical Lent Groups will have the theme "The Final Week". Enrolment forms are at the back of church. Please place completed forms in the box provided or give them to Diana Veasey, Peter Veasey or Christine Bainton. The Opening Service and Enrolment Evening are on **Thursday 28th February**.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TODAY 3:30-4:30pm in the Chapter House: informal tea and chat for people enquiring about and interested in baptism at S. Michael's.

Thursday 7 February 2.15pm Mothers' Union meeting, at Market Theatre Foyer.
Speaker: Jenny Harrison on this year's World Day of Prayer

Thursday 7 February 7pm in the choir vestry Prayer for the housing developments and for all who will be moving into Ledbury.

Saturday 16 February 10.30am – 1.30pm in the Chapter House. Gardeners –
Do you: Order too many seeds/Always have seeds left over/Collect your own seeds/
Like trying new varieties on the cheap? How about bringing your spares to a 'seed swap' and enjoying some chat and refreshments as well as picking up some bargains. Refreshments available to purchase (tea, coffee and cake or home-made soup and bread). Also produce if available. Run by the ringers in aid of the Bell project. Further information from Mary Anne Keyes 579021 or 07962323454. Please tell your friends!

Sunday 17 February – Newcomers' Tea, 4.00 – 5.30 pm. Anyone who is 'new' to the church is very welcome to come and 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

Monday 18 February 12noon Organ Recital

Friday 1 March 2.00pm Women's World Day of Prayer (more details to follow)

Tuesday 5 March: Shrove Tuesday – 6.15pm Pancake Party, S^t Katherine's Hall.

Wednesday 6 March: Ash Wednesday – services at 12:30pm and 7:30pm
(with ashing for those who wish). There will be a soup lunch after the 12:30 service courtesy of Jenny Harrison.

Thursday 7 March 7pm in the choir vestry Prayer for the housing developments and for all who will be moving into Ledbury.

Friday 8 March at 7.30 pm in the church: **Ringing the Changes** - a colourful journey with the bells of Ledbury through 1000 years of English history. It will be an evening of music, literature, drama and history exploring this fascinating aspect of our heritage. Tickets £5.00 from Tim Keyes (01531 579021 / thkeyes28@hotmail.com) or on the door.