



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



Sunday 17th February 2019 Third Sunday Before Lent

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by The Revd Bill MacKenzie
- 10.00am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
Preacher: The Revd Bill MacKenzie
- 6.30pm Evensong
Led by Mary Anne Keyes
Readings: Psalm 6 Hosea 10:1-8,12 Galatians 4:8-20

Church Diary for the week ahead

Monday	18 th February	8:00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Thursday	21st February	7-12-7	Prayers
		10.30am	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel
Friday	22nd February	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
		10:30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 24th February 2019 Second Sunday Before Lent

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 10.00am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
- 11.15am Eastnor Parish 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 17th February 2019:

3rd Sunday Before Lent.

First Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5 – 10

⁵Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD.

⁶He is like a shrub in the desert and shall not see any good come.

He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.

⁸He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green

and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

⁹The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately sick; who can understand it?

¹⁰"I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12 – 20

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Reading: Luke 6: 17 – 26

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all the crowd sought to touch Him, for power came out from Him and healed them all.

²⁰And He lifted up His eyes on His disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

²²"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you

and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!

²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy,

for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

"Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

²⁶"Woe to you, when all people speak well of you,

for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

COLLECT

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give Your people grace so to love what You command and to desire what You promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to Him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with Him at His table in the kingdom, where 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	Monnica Hussey	Mike Wakefield
Elizabeth Crossley			

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.

Would anyone 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 wqmht@outlook.com

Tower Lights are sponsored this week by Keith Francis.

Young Church – today's theme will be "The Good News about Jesus is that He is for Ever". Next week the theme will be "World Day of Prayer Activities (Slovenia).

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**.

Vacancy in See: Do you have ideas on the attributes you would like to see in our new bishop when our present Bishop Richard retires in November? You have up till the end of February to add your six penn'orth to the consultation in a questionnaire on the Diocesan website: www.hereford.anglican.org/vacancy-in-see/. If you have any questions about this please speak to Peter Veasey.

Bookstall. Do have a look at the bookstall. There is a large selection and variety of Lent books available again - something for everyone - including the Archbishop of Canterbury's recommended book "Reconciliation" written by Muthuraj Swamy. Plus it gives a vital message for today's Christians which urges churches to strengthen relationships across borders and build relationships. Reconciliation seems a good topic for our country at this time of division as well.

Our bank has recently become stricter about accepting cheques. Therefore if you are paying a cheque to the church please could you put '**PCC of Ledbury**' (and nothing else) as the payee. If the cheque is for a specific purpose such as tower sponsorship or the bells fund please write this on the back. If you are willing and able to use electronic banking I would encourage you to do so.

Magazine: The February edition of the magazine is now available at the back of Church. If you would like the magazine emailed to you, please let Sarah (ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net) in the Church Office know.

Once again thank you so much for your continued prayers and support over the last few months. It is much appreciated and valued, as it does aid recovery. The Peace of God which passeth all understanding is always with us. Hilary Sharp.

Choir Practice for Sung Evensong is at **5.15pm**. Come and have fun practicing the music for the service at **6.30pm**.

Please note that the organ recital on Monday has been postponed until **Monday 18th March**.

Traidcraft Stall will be in Church next **Sunday 24th February**.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TODAY – 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

Wednesday 20th February from 10am to 1pm Coffee Morning at S^t Katherine's Hall. Great news, Sue's coffee mornings are starting up again after winter break. Do come for soup, coffee, tea and cakes. Further details from Sue Simpson 632989.

Friday 1 March 2.00pm World Day of Prayer. Come – Everything is Ready! The service this year has been prepared by the Christian women in Slovenia. Please come and join us at **The Catholic Church, New Street** for this interdenominational service. All women, men and children are welcome.

Tuesday 5 March: Shrove Tuesday – 6.15pm Pancake Party, S^t Katherine's Hall. Please speak to Sue Simpson (632989) or Helen l'Anson (634543) if you can provide hot savoury dishes and any other help.

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. (Entrance free – donations invited). Further details from Tim Keyes (01531 579021 / thkeyes28@hotmail.com).

Tuesday 12 March from 12 noon Lent Lunch at the home of Ian and Jan James, 39 Browning Road, Ledbury.

Sunday 17th March : The new archdeacon: The Ven. Derek Chedzey will be coming to preach at the **10am service**

Monday 18 March 12noon Organ Recital.

Thursday 21 March from 12noon Lent Lunch at the home of Freda Helme, 1 The Ryders, Ashperton. (Hop Churches)

Wednesday 27 March from 12 noon Lent Lunch at home of Wendy Diment, 26 Pound Meadow, Ledbury.

Thursday 4th April from 12 noon Deanery Lent Lunch at S^t Katherine's Hall.

Friday 12th April from 12 noon Lent Lunch at home of Anne and Graham Blandford, New House Farm, Putley. (Cider Churches)

Sunday 14 April – Palm Sunday at 6.30pm there will be a 'come and sing' **Fauré Requiem (Rehearsal 3.30pm)**. If you wish to sing see Philip or take a sheet from the notices table.