



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



**Sunday 24th February 2019
Fourth Sunday Before Lent**

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
- 10.00am** Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
Led by The Revd Michael Gallagher
Preacher: The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
- 11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion
Led by Revd Joan Wakeling

Church Diary for the week ahead

Monday	25 th February	8:00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Weds	27 th February	6.45pm for 7pm	Evening Prayer Worship Service, S ^t Anne's Chapel
Thursday	28th February	7-12-7	Prayers
Friday	1st March	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
		10:30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 3rd March 2019 Sunday Next Before Lent

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 10.00am** Baptism with Holy Communion
- 6.30pm Evensong

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](https://twitter.com/LedburyParish)

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Readings for 24th February 2019:

2nd Sunday Before Lent.

First Reading: Genesis 2: 4 – 25

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up — for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land and there was no man to work the ground ⁶and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground — ⁷then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and the man became a living creature. ⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east and there He put the man whom He had formed. ⁹And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹²And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” ¹⁹Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man He made into a woman and brought her to the man.

²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Second Reading: Revelation 4: 1 – 11

¹After this I looked and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here and I will show you what must take place after this.”

²At once I was in the Spirit and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. ³And He who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian and round the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald.

⁴Round the throne were twenty-four thrones and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵From the throne came flashes of lightning and rumblings and peals of thunder and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God ⁶and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

And round the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. ⁸And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all round and within and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

⁹Whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to Him who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who is seated on the throne and worship Him who lives for ever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

¹¹ "Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for You created all things and by Your will they existed and were created."

Gospel Reading: Luke 8: 22 – 25

²²One day [Jesus] got into a boat with His disciples and He said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they set out ²³and as they sailed He fell asleep. A windstorm came down on the lake and they were filling with water and were in danger. ²⁴And they went and woke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!"

And He awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves and they ceased and there was a calm.

²⁵He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and they marvelled, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that He commands even winds and water and they obey Him?"

COLLECT

Almighty God, You have created the heavens and the earth and made us in Your own image: teach us to discern Your hand in all your works and your likeness in all Your children; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of Your Church: may we who have been nourished at Your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We pray for:

) Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners and S^t Michael and All Angels, Mtwarra 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:

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.

If anyone would like to offer holiday/ sickness cover to keep the Church loos clean, please contact Wendy on 07947 632 898 or email wgmht@outlook.com

Tower Lights are sponsored this week by Charles and Elizabeth Dickson.

Young Church – today's 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.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 27th February from 10am to 1pm Coffee Morning at S^t Katherine's Hall.
Great news, Sue's coffee mornings are back after winter break. Do come for soup, coffee, tea and cakes. Further details from Sue Simpson 632989.

Friday 1 March - COFFEE STOP in the CHAPTER HOUSE from 10 - 12noon. Please come and join us for a good cup of coffee, a good welcome and company. Is there a kind person in the church who would be happy to transport a lady plus buggy to and from Coffee Stop. Please contact Margaret Neal 248214

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 2pm Memorial Service for Jill Evans

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.