



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



Sunday 3rd March 2019 Sunday before Lent

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
- 10.00am Baptism with Holy Communion
Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
Preacher: The Revd Bill Mackenzie
- 6.30pm Evensong
Led by Revd Tony Hodder

Church Diary for the week ahead

Monday	4 th March	8:00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Weds	6 th March	12.30pm & 7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Communion (with ashing for those who wish)
Thursday	7 th March	7-12-7	Prayers
Friday	8 th March	9:00am 10:30am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 10th March 2019 First Sunday of 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/fb.me/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 3rd March 2019:

Sunday Before Lent.

First Reading: Exodus 34: 29 – 35

²⁹When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses and behold, the skin of his face shone and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him and Moses talked with them. ³²Afterwards all the people of Israel came near and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai.

³³And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

³⁴Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, ³⁵the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3: 7 – 4: 6

⁷Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? ⁹For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. ¹⁰Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. ¹¹For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

⁴¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practise cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness", has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

READINGS FOR 10.00am Baptism Service

Gospel Reading: Luke 9: 28 – 36

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings* [Jesus] took with Him Peter, John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹As He was praying, the appearance of His face was altered and His clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰And behold! two men were talking with Him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of His departure, which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

³²Now Peter and those who were with Him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. ³³And as the men were parting from Him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah” — not knowing what he said.

³⁴As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to Him!”

³⁶And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.

And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

**The sayings referred to can be found in Luke 9:21–27*

COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before He suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive His glory that we may be strengthened to suffer with Him and be changed into His likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, we see Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at His table reflect His life in word and deed, that all the world may know His power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 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

1 Peter 2:6-10

⁶For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.”

⁷Now to you who believe, this stone is precious.

But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the capstone,” and,
“A stone that causes men to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—
which is also what they were destined for.

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

John 6:35-40

³⁵Then Jesus declared, “I AM the bread of life. He who comes to Me will never go hungry and he who believes in Me will never be thirsty.

³⁶But as I told you, you have seen Me and still you do not believe.

³⁷All that the Father gives Me will come to Me and whoever comes to Me I will never drive away. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven not to do My will but to do the will of Him who sent Me. ³⁹And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that I shall lose none of all that He has given Me, but raise them up at the last day.

⁴⁰For My Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life and I will raise him up at the last day.”

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 indicates you want to be counted as a member of our church and enables you to vote in the APCM in S. Katherine's Hall at 7:30pm on 3rd 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 Shirley Everard in memory of husband John.

Young Church – today's theme will be "Jesus Transformed".

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.

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 March edition is now available – do help yourselves to a copy. The April edition will be edited by William Hopkinson. Contributions must reach William by 15th March at the latest. Please email William on g.w.hopkinson@btinternet.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 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.

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 from 2.15pm Mothers' Union Meeting at Market Theatre. Speaker will be the new Chaplain to the Hereford Diocese Mothers' Union, Revd Penny Littlewood.

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 17 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).

Saturday 23 March 9.15am for 9.30am Men's Breakfast at the Seven Stars Hotel in the Homend. Price £8. The speaker will be Aaron Davies Whitfield from Regents College in Malvern we look forward to seeing you there,. If you can come please sign the sheet at the back of the church so that we have some idea of numbers for catering purposes.

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.

Save the date: Sunday 28 April 4 for 4:30pm. More details to come!