



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



Sunday 17th March 2019
Second Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by The Revd Michael Gallagher
- 10.00am** Parish Communion and Prayer Ministry
Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
Preacher: The Venerable Derek Chedzey
- 6.30pm Evensong
Led by Revd William Simmonds

Church Diary for the week ahead

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

Next Sunday 24th March 2019
Third Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion and 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

Readings for 17th March 2019:

Lent 2

First Reading: Genesis 15: 1 – 18

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will You give me, for I continue childless and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And He brought him outside and said, "Look towards heaven and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then He said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD and He counted it to him as righteousness. ⁷And He said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove and a young pigeon." ¹⁰And he brought him all these, cut them in half and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. ¹³Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. ¹⁴But I will bring judgement on the nation that they serve and afterwards they shall come out with great possessions. ¹⁵As for yourself, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

Second Reading: Philippians 3:7 – 4:1

⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — ¹⁰that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own.

¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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¹⁵Let those of us who are mature think this way and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.

⁴¹Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Gospel Reading: Luke 13: 31 – 35

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill You.” ³²And He said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow and the third day I finish my course. ³³Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ ³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings and you would not! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

COLLECT
Almighty God, You show to those who are in error the light of Your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of faith in Christ, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER
Almighty God, You see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We pray for:
J 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:
Elizabeth Crossley Steve Taylor Dean Jackson Mike Wakefield
Margaret Chapman

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

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.**

Young Church – today the theme will be ‘The Temptation of Jesus’.

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.

Mothering Sunday falls on **Sunday 31 March** this year; *The day the clocks go forward!* It has been the tradition for a number of years for Mothers Union and Young Church to get together on the Saturday morning to make up the posies of spring flowers and greenery. This year we would like to extend the invitation to other members of the congregation to join us. We will meet in the Chapter House on **Saturday 30 March 2019 10.00 – 12.00 noon** to make up the posies. Donations of spring flowers and greenery will be very welcome. Please see Jill (Young Church) 01531 635129 if you would like to be involved.

Easter Lilies. The Flower Guild will be arranging lilies for Easter in Church. If you would like to donate a lily in memory of someone departed, please complete one of the pastel coloured Easter Lilies forms at the back of the church by **Friday 12th April.** Cost is £3 a lily and a list of all those being remembered will be placed on the memorial table in St Anne’s Chapel. For further information, contact Judy Street 01531-635404.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 18 March 12noon Organ Recital.

Wednesday 20 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 632 989.

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

Saturday 23 March Men's Breakfast at 9.15am for 9.30am 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.

Wednesday 27 March – PCC Meeting at 7.30pm in the Chapter House.

Wednesday 3 April Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) S. Katherine's Hall. 7pm short communion in the chapel. 7:30pm APCM begins.

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

Thursday 4th April 7pm in the choir vestry: Prayer for people moving into the new housing and for our good preparation to welcome them.

Friday 5th April: Coffee Stop in the Chapter House

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

Sunday 7 April, at 3pm, Reading Phoenix Choir, regarded as one of the best amateur choirs in the UK, are performing "Golden Moments" in S^t Michael's, a wide range of music, from 16th century motets, to an arrangement of David Bowie's "Life on Mars". Tickets are £10 on the door (£5 for under 16s), in aid of St Michael's Hospice. Learn more about this choir on this website: www.readingphoenixchoir.com

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.

Sunday 28 April 4:30pm. 'Talking Jesus' course begins at S. Katherine's Hall.