



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



**Sunday 24th March 2019
Third Sunday of Lent**

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

Church Diary for the week ahead

Monday	25th March	8:00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Weds	27th March	6.45pm for 7pm	Evening Prayer Worship Service
Thursday	28th March	7-12-7	Prayers
Friday	29th March	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
		10:30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

**Next Sunday 31st March 2019
Fourth Sunday of Lent/ Mothering Sunday**

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 10.00am** Mothering Sunday Morning Worship
- 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)

Readings for 24th March 2019:

Lent 3

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 1 – 9

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for He has glorified you.

⁶“Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 1 – 13

¹For I want you to know, brethren that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them; and the Rock was Christ.

⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.

⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.”

⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.

⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer.

¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.

¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Gospel Reading: Luke 13: 1 – 9

¹There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

²And He answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

⁶And [Jesus] told this parable:

“A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vine dresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ ⁸And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig round it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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, Mtwara and S^t John the Baptist Church, Likonde.

Those who are sick:

Elizabeth Crossley	Steve Taylor	Dean Jackson	Mike Wakeford
Margaret Chapman	Helen l'Anson		

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 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 children preparing for Mothering Sunday and the theme is ‘The Power of Family Love/ Coming Love.

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) 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.

Stewards 2019: If you can welcome visitors to St. Michael's this summer please put your name on the charts on the table in the south aisle for sessions you can cover. Thank you. For information on what is involved please speak to Anne Tattersall on a Sunday or telephone 01531 632021.

Ringing the Changes: The bellringers are delighted to announce that the recent *Ringing The Changes* entertainment in church will have raised, once Gift Aid is added, £2,500 for the project to restore the bells. This is a magnificent effort. We are very grateful to all those who helped with the event, to all those who came and to all who made donations to the project on the evening. It is also good to know that an audience in excess of 250 left the church with a better understanding of what we do and of the origins and history of the activity in the town. We hope to perform a revised version of *Ringing the Changes* at around the time that the project is finished (which is currently looking like early Summer 2020), so if you missed out this time, you will have another chance.

Large selection of Easter cards on sale on the bookstall. Do have a look.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 27 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.

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 10am - 12noon.
Please drop in. It would be good to see you.

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.

Monday 15 April 12noon Organ Recital.

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