



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



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

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by The Revd William Simmonds

10.00am Mothering Sunday Morning Worship
Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
Preacher: Mary Anne Keyes

6.30pm Evensong
Led by The Very Revd Nick Bury

Church Diary for the week ahead

Monday	1st April	8:00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Weds	3 rd April	7.00pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) S ^t Katherine's Hall
Thursday	4 th April	7-12-7	Prayers
Friday	5 th April	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
		10:30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

**Next Sunday 7th April 2019
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
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/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)

Readings for 31st March 2019:

Mothering Sunday

First Reading: Psalm 127

¹Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.
²It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil;
for He gives to His beloved sleep.
³Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.
⁴Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.
⁵Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!
He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 12 – 17

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,
¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another,
forgiving each other.
As the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.
¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called
in one body. And be thankful.
¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another
in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness
in your hearts to God.
¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Gospel Reading: John 19: 25 – 27

²⁵Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife
of Clopas and Mary Magdalene.
²⁶When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby,
He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷Then He said to the disciple,
"Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

COLLECT

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ,
the child of Mary, shared the life of a home
in Nazareth and on the cross drew the whole
human family to Himself: strengthen us in our
daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may
know the power of Your presence to bind
together and to heal; 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

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children
at the breast You feed us in this sacrament
with the food and drink of eternal life: help us
who have tasted Your goodness to grow
in grace within the household of faith;
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 Wakefield
Margaret Chapman	Helen I'Anson	Phyl Sykes	

We remember those who have died and pray for those who mourn their passing:

Kathleen IVY Marsh	Jill Evans	Susan Farrell
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NOTICES

Young Church – today the children will be organising coffee and cakes in the Chapter House after the service.

Quiet Hour every Tuesday morning between 10.30am-11.30am. A member of Pastoral Care team is available for private conversation in the church.

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.

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 635 404.

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 632 021.

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.

Thank you from Margaret Chapman for the lovely card, good wishes and prayers during her recent illness.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 3 April 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 01531 632 989.

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

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

Thursday 4 April at 2.15pm Mothers Union Meeting at the Market Theatre. Members to discuss this year's theme on "Listening".

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

Friday 5 April 10am - 12noon: Coffee Stop in the Chapter House. Please drop in. It would be good to see you.

Friday 5 April 7:30-9:30pm Ledbury Elim are putting on a **Quiz and Beer Tasting** at Ledbury Primary School.

Friday 12 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.

Maundy Thursday 18 April: We will once again be holding a **24hr prayer vigil on Maundy Thursday (18th April) leading into Good Friday**. The vigil will be held in the choir vestry at St Michaels. If you would like to participate then please add your name to the online calendar on <http://teamup.com/ks43a909fc41fcd04b/>

(If you struggle to use this online option then please contact Tony Hodder who will do this for you). Please choose a 1 hour slot and insert your name in the 'event title' line. Please do come along with others and/or organise a group to attend together. The choir vestry has heating and there are adjacent toilet facilities. Entry to the choir vestry will be from the small outside door just past the current usual entrance door. The room will be equipped with aids for prayer, as well as a flipchart for you to use to write down any thoughts that come to mind during your time of prayer.

Friday 19th April - The Good Friday March of Witness will take place once on 19th April 2019. Please gather at Ledbury Baptist Church from 9.30am to prepare to set off at 10.00am to walk to the Market House for our service. Following this there will be drinks and buns served in St Katherine's Hall, courtesy of the Methodist Church.

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

Tuesday 7 May from 10.00am Contemplative Prayer. Sessions will be in The Chapel at St. Katherine's on the first and third Tuesday of each month starting in May.