



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



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

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by The Revd James Stewart

10.00am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
Led by The Revd Tony Hodder
Preacher: The Revd Michael Gallagher

6.30pm Evensong
Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey

Church Diary for the week ahead

Monday	8th April	8:00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Weds	10th April	6.45pm for 7pm	Evening Prayer Worship Service
Thursday	11th April	7-12-7	Prayers
Friday	12th April	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
		10:30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

**Next Sunday 14th April 2019
PALM SUNDAY**

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
9:40am Palm Sunday Procession from The Market House
10.00am Palm Sunday Service
11.15am Eastnor Holy Communion
6.30pm Fauré Requiem

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 7th April 2019:

Lent 5.

First Reading: Isaiah 43: 16 – 21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.
¹⁹Behold! I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
²⁰The wild beasts will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

Second Reading: Philippians 3: 4 – 14

⁴If anyone thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I [Paul] have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.
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. ¹³Brethren, 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.

Gospel Reading: John 12: 1 – 8

¹Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ²So they gave a dinner for Him there. Martha served and Lazarus was one of those reclining with Him at table. ³Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.
⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples (he who was about to betray Him), said, ⁵“Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?”
⁶He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief and having charge of the money bag he used to help himself to what was put into it.
⁷Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial.
⁸For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.”

COLLECT

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in Him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of His victory; 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

Lord Jesus Christ, You have taught us that what we do for the least of our fellow men we do also for You: give us the will to be the servant of others as You were the servant of all, and gave up Your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, 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:

Elizabeth Crossley	Steve Taylor	Dean Jackson	Mike Wakefield
Phyl Sykes	Helen l'Anson		

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

Susan Farrell	Beryl Darlington	Michael Hampton	Joan Humphries
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NOTICES

Young Church – the theme today is 'Mary's Devotion to Jesus'.

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.

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

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

Friday 12 April from 5.00pm – 7.00pm Coffee evening at Coffee 1. We look forward to sharing a great evening of friendship and music together.

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.

Holy Week: Holy Week Reflections

Monday 15th midday, Tuesday 16th 7:30pm. Wednesday 17th midday in church.

Wednesday 17 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 632 989.

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.

Maundy Thursday 18 April 7:30pm: Maundy Holy Communion and watch

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.

Friday 19th April - The Good Friday 2pm: Hour at The Cross. An hour of reflection led by The Very Revd. Nick Bury

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 St. Katherine's Chapel on the first **and third Tuesday of each month starting in May**.