



**THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
Fifth Sunday of Easter**



Readings for 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019: *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

**First Reading: Genesis 22: 1 – 18**

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>2</sup>[God] said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.

<sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

<sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

<sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

<sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

**Second Reading: Acts 11: 1 – 18**

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, <sup>3</sup>"You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." <sup>4</sup>But Peter began and explained it to them in order: <sup>5</sup>"I was in the city of Joppa praying and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners and it came down to me. <sup>6</sup>Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' <sup>10</sup>This

8.00am BCP Holy Communion  
*Led by The Revd James Stewart*

10.00am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry  
*Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey  
Preacher Mary Anne Keyes*

6.30pm Evensong  
*Led by Joe Chipper  
Preacher The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*

**Church Diary for the week ahead**

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	8:00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	6.45pm-7pm	Evening Prayer Worship Service
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	7-12-7	Prayers
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, S <sup>t</sup> Anne's Chapel
	10:30am	Holy Communion, S <sup>t</sup> Katherine's Chapel

**Next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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](http://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)

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happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. <sup>11</sup>And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me and we entered the man's house.

<sup>13</sup>And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.'

<sup>15</sup>As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>If then God gave the same gift to them as He gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?"

<sup>18</sup>When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

### **Gospel Reading: John 13: 31 – 35**

<sup>31</sup>When [Judas] had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in Him. <sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself and glorify Him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.'

<sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

#### **COLLECT**

God our redeemer, You have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of Your Son: grant, that as by His death He has recalled us to life, so by His continual presence in us He may raise us to eternal joy; 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**

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for You, the spring of life and source of goodness, through Him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Readings for Sunday evening:**

Psalm 98 (page: 253)

Daniel 6:1 - 24

Mark 15:46 - 16:8

#### **We pray for:**

) Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners and S<sup>t</sup> Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S<sup>t</sup> John the Baptist Church, Likonde.

#### **Those who are sick:**

Phyl Sykes	Steve Taylor	Dean Jackson	Mike Wakeford
Diana Veasey	Chrissie Chipper	Don Rule	

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

Susan Farrell	Beryl Darlington	Michael Hampton	Joan Humphries
John Phillips	Yvonne Paten		

## **NOTICES**

**Tower Lights** are sponsored this week by Neil and Sue Brambell.

**Young Church** – today the theme will be "Caring Tabitha".

**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. So if you are paying a cheque to the church please 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 please do so.

**Flower Arranging Classes.** The classes will be held in the Market Theatre foyer, and the cost will be £6.00 per session, £36.00 for all six sessions. The classes are for beginners. The dates are: **May 16th, 23rd, and 30th, June 13th and 27th and July 11th. From 1.30pm to 4.00pm.** Open to all church members.

Please contact Gill Romanowski on 01531-636309 for more details and to book a place.

**A big thank you** to everyone who hosted, attended and supported the Mtwara Lent Lunches. The sum raised was £1001.00.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 12noon Organ Recital** by Graham Davies, organist at St Matthias, Malvern Link.

**Tuesday 21st May from 10.00am** Contemplative Prayer. Sessions will be in St. Katherine's Chapel on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

**Wednesday 22nd May – Coffee Morning at S<sup>t</sup> Katherine's Hall from 9.30am to 1.00pm.** Everyone is very welcome.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Events commence.** Please help yourselves to the separate flyer in church and see the link on the website.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm Deanery Ascension Day Service.**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Community Day.** There will be a prayer tent from 10am to 2pm outside The Masters House and S<sup>t</sup> Katherine's Hall.

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June from 7.30pm in S<sup>t</sup> Michael's – Hereford Gilbert and Sullivan Society** present a 1940's Tribute Concert. With songs popularised by Dame Vera Lynn and the Andrews Sisters, some Gilbert and Sullivan and some music from one of the earliest technicolor films, The Wizard of Oz, on its 80th anniversary. Why not join us for a trip down memory lane. Tickets on the door £10. Or email [lucywalden49@gmail.com](mailto:lucywalden49@gmail.com) to reserve your tickets.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm Joint Pentecost Service.** There will be an ecumenical service at Ledbury Community Hall, Lawnside. Following the service there will be a bring and share meal together. Please do bring food to share with others as we celebrate together.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June from 12noon Ladies who Lunch** at the Radway Bridge Garden Centre on the Hereford/Worcester Road. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June from 5.00pm – 7.00pm Coffee evening at Coffee 1.** We look forward to sharing a great evening of friendship and music together.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in S<sup>t</sup> Anne's Chapel – 'Postcards From Paul' talks continue.** The talk will be on 1 Corinthians.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 10am-2pm Church Away Day,** Lady Emily Community Hall, Tarrington.