



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**Sunday 26th May
Sixth Sunday of Easter**



8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey

10.00am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
Led by The Revd Michael Gallagher

11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion
Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey

Church Diary for the week ahead

Thursday 30 th May	7.30pm	Deanery Ascension Day Service
	7-12-7	Prayers
Friday 31st May	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
	10:30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

**Next Sunday 2nd June 2019
SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion and Prayer Ministry
6:30pm BCP 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)

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Readings for 26th May 2019:

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First Reading:

Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me and He brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And He led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know."

⁴Then He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you and you shall live and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound and behold, a rattling and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked and behold, there were sinews on them and flesh had come upon them and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them.

⁹Then He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath and breathe on these slain, that they may live."

¹⁰So I prophesied as He commanded me and the breath came into them and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.'

¹²Therefore prophesy and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you and you shall live and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken and I will do it, declares the LORD."

Second Reading: Acts 19: 9 – 17

⁹When some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, [Paul] withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus. ¹⁰This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

¹¹God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹²so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. ¹³Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I command you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims."

¹⁴Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. ¹⁵But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know and Paul I recognise, but who are you?" ¹⁶And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. ¹⁷And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled.

Gospel Reading: John 14: 23 – 29

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot)], “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word and my Father will love him and we will come to him and make our home with him.

²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

²⁵“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you.

²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.

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.**

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:

Phyl Sykes	Steve Taylor	Dean Jackson	Mike Wakeford
Diana Veasey	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	Ken Simpson	

NOTICES

Young Church – today the theme will be ‘The Baptism of Lydia’ and planting of the Young Church Containers.

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 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.

The June edition of the magazine is now available, please help yourselves to a copy.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 29th May – Coffee Morning at S^t Katherine’s Hall from 9.30am to 1.00pm. Everyone is very welcome.

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

Thursday 30th May at 7.30pm Deanery Ascension Day Service.

Sunday 2nd June at 4.30pm - The next Talking Jesus Course session in St Katherine’s Hall. For further information either talk to or contact David Houghton – davidhoughton955@btinternet.com

Tuesday 4th June from 10.00am Contemplative Prayer. Sessions will be in St. Katherine’s Chapel on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Thursday 6th June 7:30pm Archdeacon’s visitation & swearing in of churchwardens

Friday 7th June 10am - 12noon: Coffee Stop in the Chapter House. Please drop in. It would be good to see you.

Saturday 8th June – Community Day. There will be a prayer tent from 10am to 2pm outside The Masters House and S^t Katherine’s Hall. Strawberries and cream will be served in the Church from 10.30am to 2.00pm.

Saturday 8th June from 7.30pm in S^t 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 to reserve your tickets.

Sunday 9th June at 3pm Joint Pentecost Service, an ecumenical celebration 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 12th 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 14th June from 5.00pm – 7.00pm Coffee evening at Coffee 1. We look forward to sharing a great evening of friendship and music together.

Monday 17th June at 12noon Organ Recital by John Wilderspin (from Pershore) Davies, organist at St Matthias, Malvern Link.

Wednesday 19th June from 10am-12noon Coffee Morning at 4 Jubilee Close, Ledbury to raise funds for church Flower Guild. There will be tea, coffee, delicious homemade cakes. Also plants, cakes and cards for sale and a raffle! If you would like to come please phone Gill Romanowski on 01531-636309

Thursday 20th June at 7.30pm in S^t Anne’s Chapel – ‘Postcards From Paul’ talks continue. The talk will be on 1 Corinthians.

Saturday 29th June 10am-2pm Church Away Day, Lady Emily Community Hall, Tarrington.