



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**Sunday 23rd February 2020
SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT**

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
- 10.00am Parish Communion and Prayer Ministry
Led by Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
- 11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion
Led by Revd Hugh Wakeling

Church Diary for the week ahead

Monday 24 th February	8:00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Wednesday 26 th February	12.30pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
Thursday 27 th February	7, 12, 7	Prayers
Friday 28 th February	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
	10:30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

**Next Sunday 1st March
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 10.00am Parish Communion and Prayer Ministry
- 6.30pm Evensong

If you are new here, welcome. Please fill in one of the 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 can be found on the church website www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk under the 'Services' section and are posted in the church porch..

Facebook – The church's facebook page: [fb.me/stmichaelsledbury](https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsledbury) – Do have a look, like and participate.

Twitter – Do sign-up to S. Michael's twitter account: [@LedburyParish](https://twitter.com/LedburyParish).

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Readings for 23rd February 2020: *Sunday Before Lent 8 & 10am services R1:Remember*

First Reading: Genesis 9:14 – 16

¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds,
¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.
¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

Second Reading: Deuteronomy 7: 17 – 19

¹⁷"If you say in your heart, 'These nations are greater than I. How can I dispossess them?'
¹⁸you shall not be afraid of them but you shall remember what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt, ¹⁹the great trials that your eyes saw, the signs, the wonders, the mighty hand and the outstretched arm, by which the LORD your God brought you out. So will the LORD your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid.

Gospel Reading: Luke 22: 14 – 20

¹⁴When the hour came, [Jesus] reclined at table and the apostles with Him.
¹⁵And He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."
¹⁷And He took a cup and when He had given thanks He said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."
¹⁹And He took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying,
"This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Readings for 23rd February 2020: *Sunday Before Lent Eastnor 11:15am*

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 24: 12 – 18

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua and Moses went up into the mountain of God.
¹⁴And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them."
¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain and the cloud covered the mountain.
¹⁶The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai and the cloud covered it for six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud.
¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

New Testament Reading: 2 Peter 1: 16 – 21

¹⁶We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

¹⁷For when He received honour and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased", ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.

²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17: 1 – 9

¹After six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And He was transfigured before them and His face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."

⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them and a voice from the cloud said,

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him."

⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified.

⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear."

⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them,

"Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before He suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive His glory that we may be strengthened to suffer with Him and be changed into His likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, we see Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at His table reflect His life in word and deed, that all the world may know His power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, for He 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
Barbara Williams	John Boyle	Shirley Everard	Miles Oliver
Sheila Anthony	Kate Greenall	Peter Adams	

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

Alan Moore	Sandra Peters	Robert Orrett	David Strutt
Peter Attenborough	Helen Hadfield		

NOTICES

Young Church: There is no session today. The theme next week will be The Transfiguration.

Music during this morning's service at St Michael's will be by Vangelis, including works from his scores for Chariots of Fire and 1492: Conquest of Paradise.

12,000 opportunities to say, 'Welcome'. From April to the end of October this year there is every possibility that over 12,000 visitors will come to St Michaels. Would you like to be part of the Friends of Ledbury Parish Church welcoming team? Currently we cover only 40% of available two hourly welcoming 'slots'. While a regular commitment would be ideal, it is appreciated some will have more complex diary arrangements. If you are willing to help, we will do all we can to accommodate you. Please have a word with David Houghton or email him at davidhoughton955@btinternet.com

Thank you for all your financial support over the last year, through the Parish Giving Scheme, Standing Orders and Envelopes. A special thank you to Tony and Lesley Goodhall for all their work over several years as Recorder and Secretary of our Stewardship Scheme. If you want to know how much you gave, please see or call David Kirkham (our new Stewardship Recorder),

If you want to give regularly to the work and maintenance of S^t Michael's or if you want to join the PGS (and if you give by envelope or SO already I suggest strongly that you should) please contact me on 01531 637227 or david.kirkham2@btinternet.com

'Real' Easter Eggs Akin to the 'real' advent calendars, these eggs are made of Fairly traded chocolate and have materials with them telling the Easter Story. If you would like to order please contact Mary Anne Keyes on 07962 323454 or makeyes25@hotmail.com

Bells and tower appeal: The ringers have had their last practice before work on the tower begins and the ringing room has been stripped of all its contents. There will be ringing this Sunday (23rd Feb) and just possibly on 1st March if there are no contractors in at that point. As soon as we know the date for the bells to come out (mid March), we will publish it as we imagine many will want to see the bells before they are taken away. We are still fundraising! A group of people (who have already made donations) are generously underwriting the shortfall at the moment but we would like not to impose a further financial burden on them. You can find slips at the back of church itemising what further items can be sponsored. Tim Keyes (07577 720154)

Tower Clearance. Work begins imminently on the tower and bells. There are a few items not related to the bells which have been stored for a long time in the bottom of the tower but can no longer be accommodated there. It would be helpful to know whether all these are required. If you think something might be stored there for which you have a use, please let us know as soon as possible. As it will be a construction site, there will be **NO ACCESS** to the base of the tower after this weekend unless escorted by someone authorised by the PCC. For reasons of security and to avoid cluttering up the church, it would also be extremely helpful if anyone has a small amount of room in a garage or similar in which a few items (packed into a couple of boxes) could be safely stored. Transport can be arranged!
Please contact Peter and Ann Tattersall (01531 632021)

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 Easter Lilies forms at the back of the church by Friday 3rd 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

Welcoming in Porch. The rota for the next few months for welcoming in the porch at 10 am on Sunday mornings will be distributed shortly. This however is the last rota I will be distributing before we move away. We therefore need to find a willing volunteer to take this task on - it is a simple job, done twice a year. Please contact me if you are willing to help in this way. Also if there are any folk not yet on the rota who would like to be included in this pleasant welcoming task then let me know. Lesley Goodall 01531 635480.

Our church attracts visitors from all over the world. We have found coins from 15 different countries in the donations chest, as well as pounds and Euros. We also have obsolete (pre Euro) currency from all over Europe. If you know of a way to make use of small change in a range of currencies please let Cath Beech know'

Emma Reed would like you to support 'Dream Your Future Counselling' in Ledbury Tesco with your blue tokens. To find out more about it, talk to Emma after the service.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 25th February – Shrove Tuesday 6:15pm: Pancake Party in S. Katherine's.

Wednesday 26th February – Ash Wednesday:

12.30pm Ash Wednesday Communion (with ashing for those who wish) with soup lunch in the chapter house afterwards.

7.30pm Ash Wednesday Communion (with ashing for those who wish).

Tuesday 3rd March, from 10.00am. Contemplative Prayer. Sessions take place in St. Katherine's Chapel on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Tuesday 3rd March – Mtwara Lent Lunch from 12noon to 2pm at the home of Ian and Jan James, 39 Browning Road, Ledbury. Telephone 637376

Friday 6th March 10am - 12noon: Coffee Stop in the Chapter House.

Please drop in. It would be good to see you.

Friday 6th March - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER at Ledbury Baptist Church at 2.00 p.m.

The service this year has been prepared by the Christian women in Zimbabwe. People of all ages; women, men and children, will be welcome to join us at the service.

Tuesday 10th March – Mtwara Lent Lunch from 12noon to 2pm at the home of Mrs Cherry Bentley-Taylor, Mainwarings, Much Marcle. Telephone 660261

Monday 16th March at 12noon – Organ Recital by Robert Milan.

Friday 20th March – Mtwara Lent Lunch from 12noon to 2pm at the home of Graham and Anne Blandford, New House Farm, Putley. Telephone 670274

Thursday 26th March – Mtwara Deanery Lent Lunch at St Katherine's Hall from 12noon to 2pm. For more details please contact Ann Tombs. Telephone 632668.

Saturday 28th March - Men's Breakfast. 9.15am for 9.30am at the Seven Stars restaurant on the Homend. Cost £8. The speaker will be from the Hereford branch of Gideons who place bibles in schools, hospitals etc. Please sign if you hope to come so that we can give some idea of how many to cater for. Thank you

Saturday 28th March from 10.30am to 1.30pm Seed Swap & Plant Sale in the Chapter House. Do you: Order too many seeds/always have seeds left over/collect your own seeds/grow too many seedlings/like trying new varieties on the cheap? How about bringing your spare seeds and seedlings and enjoying some chat and refreshments as well as picking up some bargains. Refreshments available to purchase (tea, coffee and cake or home-made soup and bread). Also produce if available. Further information from Mary Anne Keyes 01531 579021 or 07962 323454. Please tell your friends

Friday 3rd April – Mtwara Lent Lunch from 12noon to 2pm at the home of Mrs Freda Helme. 1 The Ryders. Church Road, Ashperton. Telephone 670586