



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

Sunday 1st March 2020 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
- 10.00am Parish Communion and Prayer Ministry
Led by Revd Tony Hodder, Preacher Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
- 6.30pm BCP Evensong
Led by Revd Tony Hodder

Church Diary for the week ahead

Monday 2 nd March	8:00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Thursday 5 th March	7, 12, 7	Prayers
Friday 6 th March	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
	10:30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 8th March SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 10.00am Morning Worship
- 11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion
- 6.30pm Holy Communion

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 1st March 2020: *Lent I* *4Rs - R2: Repent*

First Reading: Acts 3: 1 – 26

¹Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.
²And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple.
³Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms.
⁴And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John and said, "Look at us."
⁵And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them.
⁶But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!"
⁷And he took him by the right hand and raised him up and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸And leaping up he stood and began to walk and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.
⁹And all the people saw him walking and praising God ¹⁰and recognised him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.
¹¹While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's.
¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?
¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a murderer to be granted to you ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And His name — by faith in His name — has made this man strong whom you see and know and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.
¹⁷"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.
¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord and that He may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.
²²Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to Him in whatever He tells you. ²³And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.' ²⁴And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days. ²⁵You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.' ²⁶God, having raised up His servant, sent Him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness."

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 7: 8 – 11

⁸ Even if I [Paul] made you grieve with my letter, I do not regret it – though I did regret it, for I see that that letter grieved you, though only for a while. ⁹As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us.

¹⁰For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. ¹¹For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment!

At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter.

Third Reading: Ezekiel 14: 1 – 6

¹Certain of the elders of Israel came to me and sat before me. ²And the word of the LORD came to me: ³“Son of man, these men have taken their idols into their hearts and set the stumbling block of their iniquity before their faces. Should I indeed let myself be consulted by them?

⁴Therefore speak to them and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Any one of the house of Israel who takes his idols into his heart and sets the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face and yet comes to the prophet, I the LORD will answer him as he comes with the multitude of his idols, ⁵that I may lay hold of the hearts of the house of Israel, who are all estranged from me through their idols.

⁶“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: Repent and turn away from your idols and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

Readings for the 6:30pm BCP Evensong are:

Psalm 50: 1 – 15

Deuteronomy 6: 4-9 & 13-25

Luke 15: 1-10

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to Your Spirit; and, as You know our weakness, so may we know Your power to save; 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 God, You have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it You nourish our faith, increase our hope and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for Him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of Your mouth; 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:

Phyl Sykes	Steve Taylor	Dean Jackson	Mike Wakeford
Barbara Williams	John Boyle	Kate Greenhall	Miles Oliver
Sheila Anthony			

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

Peter Attenborough	Sandra Peters	Robert Orrett	David Strutt
Helen Hadfield	Peter Adams		

NOTICES

Young Church. The theme today will be The Temptation of Jesus.

Next week there will be Children's Worship.

Tower Lights are sponsored this week in memory of Christine Denington

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

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

March Magazine is now available at the back of Church. Please help yourselves to a copy. If you feel moved to distribute the magazine to friends/ neighbours around the town, please let Helen l'Anson know where. It would be really helpful to know where the magazine is being distributed.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Wednesday 4th March -Coffee Morning at S^t Katherine's Hall from 9.30am to 1.00pm. Everyone is very welcome. The Chapel will be open for prayers.

Thursday 5th March – Mothers' Union at 2pm, Market Theatre. Jenny Harrison will be giving a preview of the World Day of Prayer.

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

Wednesday 11th March - Coffee Morning at S^t Katherine's Hall from 9.30am to 1.00pm. Everyone is very welcome. The Chapel will be open for prayers.

Friday 13th March – The story of Lancing College Chapel at 7pm in the Master's House. Lancing Chapel is comparable to the great French Gothic Cathedrals and contains the biggest Rose Window in the UK. This illustrated talk, given by Ian Beer, CBE who was Head Master there from 1969 to 1981, will span the period 1868, when the Foundation Stone was laid, to 2020 when the Chapel will finally be completed. Tickets £6 are available from the Library.

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 S^t 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