



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**Sunday 15th March 2020
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
- 10.00am Parish Communion & Prayer Ministry
Led by Revd Bill Mackenzie, Preacher Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
- 6.30pm Choral Evensong
Led by Revd James Stewart

Church Diary for the week ahead

Monday 16 th March	8:00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Thursday 19 th March	7, 12, 7	Prayers
Friday 20 th March	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
	10:30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

**Next Sunday 22nd March
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.00am Morning Worship
11.15am Eastnor Parish 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 15th March 2020: *Lent III 8 & 10am services*

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First Reading: **Psalm 27**

- ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- ² When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.
- ³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.
- ⁴ One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to enquire in His temple.
- ⁵ For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;
He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.
- ⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all round me
and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
- ⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
- ⁸ You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."
- ⁹ Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!
- ¹⁰ For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.
- ¹¹ Teach me Your way, O LORD and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
- ¹² Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me and they breathe out violence.
- ¹³ I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!
- ¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

Gospel Reading: **John 15: 1 – 11**

- ¹ "I am the true vine and my Father is the vine dresser.
- ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit He takes away and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.
- ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.
- ⁴ Remain in me and I in you.
As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it remains in the vine, neither can you, unless you remain in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in Him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.
- ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned.
If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.
- ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be full.

Third Reading:

Galatians 5: 22 – 25

²²The fruit of the Spirit is

love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Fourth Reading:

Hebrews 10:23-25

²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,

²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first He suffered pain and entered not into glory before He was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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

Merciful Lord, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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 Greenall	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	Patricia Holmes	

NOTICES

Young Church. today the theme will be 'Water of Life'.

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

'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

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

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 Goodall 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

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.

Stitch and Silver: The Friends event scheduled for **Wed 18th March** ("Stitch and Silver") has had to be postponed. It would not be wise to set a new date in the current climate but we shall be holding this event when the time is right.

Petition: David Gates is circulating a petition organised by Christian Solidarity Worldwide in support of the children of Pastor Yousef Nadarkhani who are being denied schooling because of their Christian faith and that of their father who, because of his stand for freedom of worship is languishing in a notorious TEHRAN prison.

Tower floodlights: The tower will not be lit at night during the bells project as the power will have to be disconnected. Normal service should resume in **late July**. Apologies to those affected.

Accommodation needed: Two bellhangers from Whites of Appleton (who are doing all the work on the bells) will need accommodation (bed and breakfast) on the nights of **the 30th and 31st March**. Can anyone within reasonably close reach of the church (ie in Ledbury) offer a room? We need two rooms but they can be in different homes. They are delightful people, of course! *Contact Tim Keyes (07577 720154 / 01531 579021).*

"Archdeacon Len Moss, who was quite active in the Ledbury Team Ministry in the first twelve years of his retirement, celebrates on Trinity Sunday (**7th June**) the 60th anniversary of his Ordination in Southwark Cathedral. The Hop Churches clergy and churchwardens, wanting to share the celebration, have arranged a Service of Holy Communion in Tarrington church at **11.00am** on that day (at which he will preach) and a buffet lunch will be provided in the Community Hall. Parking will be at the Hall, with a minibus shuttle service to and from the church for those who might find a walk of a few hundred yards difficult."

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

~~**Tuesday 17th March from 10.00am.**~~ — Contemplative Prayer. Sessions take place in St. Katherine's Chapel on the first and third Tuesday of each month. **SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

~~**Thursday 19th March Mothers Union Corporate Communion**~~ **CANCELLED – FUTURE ONES SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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

Wednesday 25th 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 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

Sunday 29th 2am Clocks go forward an hour!

Thursday 2nd April 7:30pm in S. Katherine's Hall: Annual Parochial Church Meeting; Preceded by a short communion in the chapel at **7:00pm**.

Friday 3rd April 10am - 12noon: Coffee Stop in the Chapter House. Please drop in. It would be good to see you.

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

Saturday 4th April 10am to 12pm Church Spring Clean. Bring yourselves, bring kit for a church spring clean in time for Easter. Bacon butties will be served!

Sunday 5th April Palm Sunday Philip Holland is organising an evening event. More information to come.

Saturday 20th June – Parish Away Day in Wellington Heath Hall. More details to come.