



**THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**Sunday 22<sup>Nd</sup> MARCH 2020  
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

Following the Archbishop of Canterbury's guidance,  
we will not be holding church services  
until further notice.

The church will remain open  
for personal reflection and private prayer.

You are most welcome  
to enjoy  
the peace of the church.

**Revd. Keith Hilton-Turvey plans to be in church  
at 10am on Sunday mornings  
to read scripture and pray.**

Do join in from where you are.  
We may not be able to gather in one place,  
yet we can join together at one time.

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Readings for 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020: *Mothering Sunday*

**Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20 – 28**

<sup>20</sup>Hannah conceived and bore a son and she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked for him from the LORD."

<sup>21</sup>The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. <sup>22</sup>But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there for ever."

<sup>23</sup>Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the LORD establish His word."

So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. <sup>24</sup>And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh.

And the child was young. <sup>25</sup>Then they slaughtered the bull and they brought the child to Eli. <sup>26</sup>And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. <sup>27</sup>For this child I prayed and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to Him. <sup>28</sup>Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD."

And he worshipped the LORD there.

**New Testament Reading: Colossians 3: 12 – 17**

<sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness and patience, <sup>13</sup>bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

<sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

<sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

<sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

<sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 33 – 35**

<sup>33</sup>[Jesus'] father and His mother marvelled at what was said about Him.

<sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

## COLLECT

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth and on the cross drew the whole human family to Himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of Your presence to bind together and to heal; 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

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast You feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted Your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

“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.”

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Parish Away Day** in Wellington Heath Hall. We hope that we will be able to hold this event. More details to come.

### 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
Barbara Williams	Sheila Anthony	Kate Greenall	Miles Oliver

### 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	John Boyle

## NOTICES

**Young Church** will be cancelled until further notice.

**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

‘**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

**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<sup>t</sup> 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

**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 **30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> 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).*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**ALL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

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Do have a look, like and participate.  
**Twitter –** Do sign-up to S. Michael’s twitter account: **@LedburyParish**

### Hidden Books

there are a number of biblical and apocryphal book titles hidden in the text below,  
can you find them?

After hearing a remark by Kophi Lemontes about hidden books of the bible, Hector Ramirez raised this controversial matter with his father Roman, whose answer was that there are at least thirty as described in a book by Jonah Spong on his discovery of the book of Lulu. Lulu kept some looking so hard that it was a complete revelation that Spong's facts were wrong, as he had not made a proper job of his research.

In his book 'Corinth', Ian Segenes is emphatic that the book of Lulu is as factual as the novel 'Freeze Kiel Canal!' by Jona Humbolt. "Lulu - less a new debutante, more an old hag" Gail Jud exclaimed on her late night show!

This left some in a jam, especially Lulu's supporters when the truth came out; but numbers found this comic, a happy diversion. It was a most interesting time and yes, there are many who judge Spong easily misled and others whose lamentations on the topic are almost apocalyptic. The book was short but it ushered in another chapter in the chronicles of modern liberal biblical criticism and contributed to a further exodus of despairing people from churches.

Hector's mother *Susanna* says she brews strong coffee whenever he visits as he and his father compete ridiculously. Over the coffee, Hector claimed it was all *apocryphal*, pulling the story *to bits*. Roman said that may be so, but hearing it sung by Dani, Elton John's friend accompanied by a banjo elevated it beyond mere truth, expressing as it did, the *wisdom of Solomon!* "Every stanza seemed to be a proverb" said Timothy Smal, a Chinese neighbour who had just come round having smelled Susanna's coffee!

This report was compiled by Matthew Johnson  
who found there were 37 plus 4 from the apocrypha...  
*so was he right or wrong?!*

The answers will be in the next pewsheet