



**THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

At 10am on Sunday morning  
there will be a service on our website  
[www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk)  
and in our church building  
so we can continue to worship God,  
we read scripture, praise and pray together.

**Do encourage and invite people to join in**

We can take part where we are.  
We can join together at one time,

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our website [www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk),  
facebook page [fb.me/stmichaelsledbury](https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsledbury)  
and twitter feed @LedburyParish  
for updates and information  
and encourage others to do so too.

**NEXT SUNDAY 21st MARCH 2021  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Readings for 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021: *Lent 4 Mothering Sunday*

**Old Testament Reading: Exodus 2: 1 – 10**

<sup>1</sup>Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, <sup>2</sup> she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. <sup>3</sup>But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. <sup>4</sup>His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

<sup>5</sup>Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. <sup>6</sup>She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.

<sup>7</sup>Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?"

<sup>8</sup>"Yes, go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. <sup>9</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him.

<sup>10</sup>When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

**Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 33 – 38**

<sup>33</sup> [Jesus'] father and mother marvelled at what was said about Him. <sup>34</sup>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."

<sup>36</sup>And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin <sup>37</sup>and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

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

<sup>12</sup>As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup>And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup>Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

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

## 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.**

**We pray for:** Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S<sup>t</sup> Michael and All Angels, Mtwarra and S<sup>t</sup> John the Baptist Church, Likonde.

### We pray for those who are sick:

Michael Jarrett	Sheila Anthony	Dean Jackson	Mike Wakeford
Pam Robinson	Frances Holloway	Barbara Morris	Miles Oliver
Kate Greenhall	Chris Nicholson	Robert Walters	Kat Costello
	Phyllis Brothers	Thomas Heffner	

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

Pam Davies	Elsie Plaskett	Margaret Barber	Roy Haworth
Paul Rees	Elizabeth Meredith	Bob Sharp	Roger McDonald
Barbara Watson	William Tomlinson	Molly Gibbons	Alan Pratt
Phyl Sykes			

## NOTICES

**During the current lockdown the church office will be open on Wednesdays only.**

**When the church is open, please wear face coverings in church. Thank you.**

**Following government guidance and rules,** as you enter church and within, you will see NHS track and trace posters which have qrcodes on them, for use with the NHS app on your smartphone (if you have one and if you have the app on your phone).

We are asking newcomers and visitors to either use that or to make themselves known to the churchwardens who will ensure your details are recorded.

**A message** from Ann McDonald: thank you for all your kind messages on the death of John

**Road closure:** Just in case this is news to you....as affected residents we've had a letter from Balfour Beatty notifying us that **Church Street and Church Road** will be resurfaced (hoorah!!) **19th March - 24th March** under a road closure. Although they aren't working at the weekend it will close off access to the church on the weekdays by the look of it. More details in the letter so please let me know if by any chance you haven't had notification! Mary Anne Keyes.

## Lent Books

There is a large selection of books on the bookstall for reading, studying and focusing on through Lent. It includes the Archbishop's recommended book which we have reviewed in the February magazine. Do have a look, there should be something for everybody.

*Bill and Maggie*

**North Wall Last Supper Painting.** You are probably aware of the flurry of media interest in the Last Supper that was restored in 2018, thanks to some anonymous benefactors. It seems that following more research Ronald Moore and his research assistant Patricia Kenny have found a hidden signature on the black jug and concluded that the figure in gold on the left is a young Titian. Ronald Moore is attributing the painting to Titian's workshop.



## Welcome to St Michael and All Angels.

With recent attention being drawn to The Last Supper painting, an increased number of visitors are expected over the coming months, once Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. I am hoping to prepare the Friends of Ledbury Parish Church welcomers rota over the next few weeks, and would love to increase our numbers of volunteers. Please contact me ([davidhoughton955@btinternet.com](mailto:davidhoughton955@btinternet.com)), if you would like to spend a couple of hours each week helping with this valuable service. If you cannot make a regular commitment, but would like to help from time to time I would like to hear from you as well.

The rota will, of course, not be operational until the government give the 'go ahead' and current restrictions are eased, in the meantime, we are seeing a number of casual visitors coming into the church, and should you be visiting for private prayer, you may like to give them a warm welcome. Please, of course, continue to wear a mask and observe social distancing guidelines. Thank you.

The story about the **LEAF Easter Egg initiative** is on the diocesan website here: <https://www.hereford.anglican.org/news/schoolchildren-in-ledbury-to-receive-an-easter-gift-from-churches-together.php> please feel free to share this link. Premier Christian Radio has interviewed Tony Hodder too.



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**Facebook – The church’s facebook page:** [fb.me/stmichaelsledbury](https://fb.me/stmichaelsledbury) –

Do have a look, like, follow and participate.

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

**Experience Easter** – In past years St Michael's has hosted a series of interactive 'prayer stations' in Holy Week, each one telling part of the story of the week leading up to Easter. Children from the Primary schools would visit the church and were helped to understand the events of the week by being encouraged to enter into the story in different ways. Sadly this will not be possible this year, given the current restrictions.

Under the auspices of LEAF we are, however, hoping to use a variety of locations in Ledbury to portray the story using stations similar to those in 'Experience Easter' and, following a suggestion that we might sponsor an 'alternative Easter Egg hunt', we are planning to encourage the children to follow an **Easter Trail** round the stations and answer questions about them, with a small prize at the end.

Unfortunately, Covid regulations make it impossible to have the sort of working party which would be our usual practice for such an event, but I would love to hear from anyone who feels able to be involved either in making the visual displays (there is a design to follow) or in producing some written material to go with them.

There will be a couple of 'Zoom' planning meetings and where possible you would be teamed with others, at least remotely! Please let me know as soon as possible if you would be interested. In addition to this trail it would be wonderful if as many homes as possible in Ledbury could proclaim the Resurrection on Easter Day with an **'Hallelujah, He is Risen!'** in a window, or by putting an Easter Garden in your front garden. Please start planning what you could do! Mary Anne Keyes 01531 579 021 / 07962 323 454 (text or WhatsApp) / [makeyes25@hotmailats.com](mailto:makeyes25@hotmailats.com)