



THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

SUNDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

At 8:00am

**we shall have a BCP Communion service
in our church building**

At 10:00am

**we shall have a Holy Communion Service
in our church building**

and streamed live on our website

www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk

then available later on video

**Do encourage and invite people to join in
in person and online.**

NEXT SUNDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2022
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The Church Office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday 9am to 4pm
and Thursday 9am to 1pm.

Please visit our website www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk

Facebook – The church’s facebook page: 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)

Readings for 6th February 2022:

4th Sunday Before Lent.

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 6: 1 - 13

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. ²Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face and with two he covered his feet and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!”

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of Him who called and the house was filled with smoke.

⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

⁹And He said, “Go, and say to this people:

“Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.”

¹⁰Make the heart of this people dull and their ears heavy and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and turn and be healed.”

¹¹Then I said, “How long, O Lord?”

And He said:

“Until cities lie waste without inhabitant and houses without people and the land is a desolate waste ¹²and the LORD removes people far away and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

¹³And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled.”

The holy seed is its stump.

New Testament Reading:

1 Corinthians 15: 1 – 11

¹Now I would remind you, brethren, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures ⁵and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me.

⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am and His grace towards me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 5: 1 – 11

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret ²and He saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, He asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

COLLECT

O God, You know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with Your most gracious favour and guide us with Your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in You, we may glorify Your holy name and finally by Your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for: Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S^t Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S^t John the Baptist Church, Likonde.

We pray for those who are sick:

Michael Jarrett	Frances Holloway	Dean Jackson	Mike Wakeford
Pam Robinson	Chris Nicholson	Robert Walters	Miles Oliver
Kate Greenall	Thomas Heffner	Richard Tyrrell	Julia Matthews
Elizabeth Crossley	Sheila Anthony	Mike Bainton	Marilyn Sherlock
John Crossley	Jacqui Byron		

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

Alfred Morris	Josie Peace	Margaret Allen	Maureen Browning
Anthony Baker	Elizabeth Mills	Andy Ward	John Grove
'Ben'			

NOTICES

We no longer *have* to wear masks, but feel free to do so if you wish.

We continue to have rows of pews at the back set out for those who need or wish to keep social distancing.

We recommend using hand sanitiser on arrival in church and are supportive of those who continue needing to be covid-careful. As part of our covid-care for one another, we continue to have paper and book free services, with the liturgy projected and we shall administer communion in two kinds by intinction, as has been our practice throughout covid-times. Congregational singing continues – though now we don't have to sing from behind masks!

Thursday 7am and midday prayers in church.

Friday 10.30am Holy Communion at S^t Katherine's Chapel.

Church Treasurer: Cath Beech comes to the end of her term as church treasurer at this year's APCM (which will be on Wednesday 6 April at 7pm). With thanks for all she's done, we now need to find another person to take on this important role. Please pray and think about who – maybe you – might do this.

Volunteer Drivers wanted to bring people to Church on Sundays. Please contact Sue Simpson for further details. 07742 060 443

Church Diary: There is a paper diary in church for checking our activities and availability of spaces. You can book a space for a church activity, or for appropriate community use, but this must be done and confirmed through the church office to avoid clashes. Please be aware that on rare occasions some activities, such as funerals, may have to take precedence over an accepted booking. It is therefore essential that the office has a record of who to contact for any booking. Thank you.

Coffee Rota. With restrictions being lifted it has now been decided to once again offer after service refreshments. I would be very grateful to hear from those who are willing to serve the church in this way. For any who are unsure of what is involved do please be assured of help and advice. We need at least two people each Sunday. With a good response I would anticipate a turn possibly once every three or four months. If you are able to offer this service please contact me on 01531 631 263 or via email gatesann056@gmail.com. Ann Gates

Sunday 13th February at 3pm Gresham's Chamber Choir will be giving a concert, as part of a series of free concerts they are giving in the area. We are delighted that they will also lead our choral evensong at 5:30pm. *Please note that February's choral evensong will be on the second Sunday and not the third as it usually is.*

Wednesday 16th February at 2.30 pm Inside the Parish Book

As the next event on the Friends programme, Celia Kellett, local historian, will unlock the mysteries of this document that is a treasure trove of information about the inner workings of the church and tower in Ledbury from the 17th century onwards. This book proved a key resource for the bells exhibition in the tower. Tickets on the door: £4.00 / £3.00 for members. Tea and biscuits will be served after the event.

Friday 18th February from 7pm to 9pm – Music in Quiet Places in support of Eastnor Church. An evening of religious and secular music performed by the Ethelbert Consort in the magical Great Hall of Eastnor Castle with kind consent of James and Lucy Hervey-Bathurst. They will be joined by the cellist Rhys Nicholson. Tickets £15.00 per person. Tickets can be bought from Line-Up (lineupnow.com)

Tuesday 1st March Shrove Tuesday at 6:30pm once again we shall hold our pancake party in S. Katherines Hall. More details to follow.

Wednesday 2nd March Ash Wednesday

12:30pm Communion Service with ashing for those who wish, followed by soup and a roll

7:30pm Communion Service with ashing for those who wish

Friday 4th March - 'COFFEE STOP' will take place in the Chapter House between 10am - 12noon. Come and meet friends, have company and enjoy Coffee, Cake and Chat.



Sunday 13th February

Ledbury Parish Church

15:00 Concert

17:30 Evensong



Monday 14th February

All Saints Church, Hereford

Lunchtime Informal Concert

12:30

Monday 14th February

All Saints Church, Hereford

with Hereford Chamber Choir

19:30



Tuesday 15th February

Worcester Cathedral

13:15 Lunchtime Concert

17:30 Evensong

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