



**THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022  
THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

**At 8:00am**

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

**At 10:00am**

**we shall have Morning Worship  
in our church building  
and streamed live on our website  
[www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk)**

**then available later on video**

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

**At 5:30pm**

**we shall have Choral Evensong  
in our church building**

**NEXT SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022  
SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

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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](http://www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk)

**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)**

Readings for 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022:

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Before Lent.*

**Old Testament Reading: Psalm 1**

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the LORD and on His law he meditates day and night.

<sup>3</sup> He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season  
and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

<sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

<sup>6</sup> for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

**New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12 – 20**

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say  
that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead,  
then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching  
is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God,  
because we testified about God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise if it is true  
that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ  
has been raised. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in  
your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If in Christ we  
have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ  
has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 6: 17 – 26**

<sup>17</sup> [Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd  
of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem  
and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup> who came to hear Him and to be healed  
of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.  
<sup>19</sup> And all the crowd sought to touch Him, for power came out from Him and healed  
them all. <sup>20</sup> And He lifted up His eyes on His disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

<sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you  
and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!

<sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven;  
for so their fathers did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> “Woe to you, when all people speak well of you,  
for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

## COLLECT

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give Your people grace so to love what You command and to desire what You promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to Him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with Him at His table in the kingdom, where He is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**We pray for:** Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S<sup>t</sup> Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S<sup>t</sup> 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<sup>t</sup> 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.

**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](mailto:gatesann056@gmail.com). Ann Gates

**Included in the remaining items** in the North Porch Room is a portable electric keyboard and charger. Before seeking permission to dispose of this item, should anyone claim it, or know of whose property it is, please let David Houghton know as soon as possible. Thank you.

**TODAY at 3pm Gresham's Chamber Choir** will be giving a concert (for info about tickets, see Kate Cheetham). We are delighted that they will lead our choral evensong at 5:30pm.

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

Our February walk will take place on **Friday 18th February** and will be discovering part of the River Leadon. As usual we will meet at 10am, at St Michael's, and car transport will take us to Upper Lodge, Brooms Green, Dymock GL18 2DP - the start of the walk. You, and if you have one, your dog, will be very welcome to join in the fun! For further information, please speak with Ian Stainburn (01531 636383) or David Houghton (01531 890696).

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022**

The service this year has been prepared by the Christian women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and the theme is "I know the plans I have for you". Our Ledbury service is in Ledbury Methodist Church, Bye Street at 2.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**Experience Easter** is an interactive way to explore the Easter Narrative which many of you will remember from pre-Covid times. The Easter Story is told at stations placed around the church. We will be setting it up for visits from the two primary schools during the last week of term before Easter (**4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> April**). We need people to help setting up and to introduce the stations to groups of children. Everything will stay in place until after Easter and we hope it will also be visited by the town. We will be serving teas and coffees and cake on some days. So help with stewarding and refreshments is needed too. Please speak to Heather Lucas or Mary Anne Keyes for more information.