



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2022
SECOND 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 27th FEBRUARY 2022
SUNDAY NEXT 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

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 20th February 2022:

2nd Sunday Before Lent.

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 2: 4 – 25

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up — for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land and there was no man to work the ground ⁶and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground — ⁷then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and the man became a living creature. ⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east and there He put the man whom He had formed. ⁹And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹²And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” ¹⁹Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature; that was its name.

²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man He made into a woman and brought her to the man.

²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

New Testament Reading:

Revelation 4: 1 – 11

¹After this I looked and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here and I will show you what must take place after this.”

²At once I was in the Spirit and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. ³And He who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian and round the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald.

⁴Round the throne were twenty-four thrones and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵From the throne came flashes of lightning and rumblings and peals of thunder and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God ⁶and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

And round the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. ⁸And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all round and within and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

⁹Whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to Him who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who is seated on the throne and worship Him who lives for ever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

¹¹"Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for You created all things and by Your will they existed and were created."

Gospel Reading: Luke 8: 22 – 25

²²One day [Jesus] got into a boat with His disciples and He said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they set out ²³and as they sailed He fell asleep. A windstorm came down on the lake and they were filling with water and were in danger. ²⁴And they went and woke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And He awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves and they ceased and there was a calm.

²⁵He said to them, "Where is your faith?"

And they were afraid, and they marvelled, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that He commands even winds and water and they obey Him?"

COLLECT

Almighty God, You have created the heavens and the earth and made us in Your own image: teach us to discern Your hand in all Your works and your likeness in all Your children; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, by Your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise and the bread of life at the heart of Your Church: may we who have been nourished at Your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for: Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S' Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S' 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	Kevin Whittal	Mark Ashby

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' 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. 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.

Tuesday 1st March Shrove Tuesday at 6:30pm once again we shall hold our pancake party in S. Katherine's Hall. It will be pancakes only, with savoury and sweet filling options. Please bring your own fillings if you need to or wish to. Please bring your own drinks – of whatever kind. There will be a one round quiz to complete through the evening.

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.

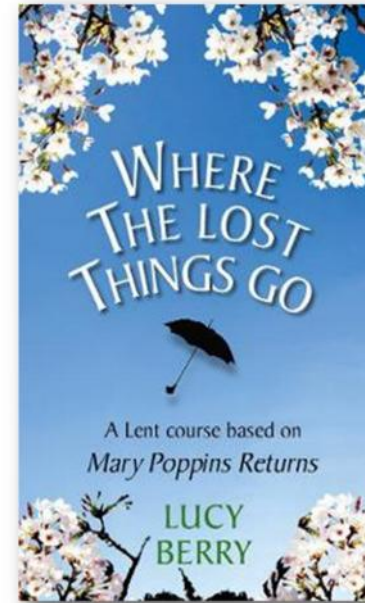
Friday 4th March - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022

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.

Sunday 6th March – Quiz at The Oak, Staplow at 7.00pm. Teams of between 2-6 required. Cost £5 per head, to include food at half time. The Oak have nominated S' Michael's as their charity for this event. Further details from Kate Cheetham.

Friday 25th March – Deanery Lent Lunch from 12noon to 2pm at S' Katherine's Hall. Proceeds to Mtwara fund.

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 (**4th-8th 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.



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