



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2022
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 6th MARCH 2022
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

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and Thursday 9am to 1pm.

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Readings for 27th February 2022:

Sunday Before Lent.

Old Testament Reading:

Exodus 34: 29 – 35

²⁹When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses and behold, the skin of his face shone and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him and Moses talked with them. ³²Afterwards all the people of Israel came near and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai.

³³And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

³⁴Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, ³⁵the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.

New Testament Reading:

2 Corinthians 3: 7 – 4: 6

⁷Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? ⁹For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. ¹⁰Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. ¹¹For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

⁴¹ Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart.

²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practise cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness", has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: Luke 9: 28 – 36

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings* [Jesus] took with Him Peter, John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹As He was praying, the appearance of His face was altered and His clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰And behold! two men were talking with Him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of His departure, which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

³²Now Peter and those who were with Him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. ³³And as the men were parting from Him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah” — not knowing what he said.

³⁴As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to Him!”

³⁶And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.

And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

**The sayings referred to can be found in Luke 9:21–27*

COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before He suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive His glory that we may be strengthened to suffer with Him and be changed into His likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, we see Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at His table reflect His life in word and deed, that all the world may know His power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, for He is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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	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’			

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 is encouraged.

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.

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.

Tuesday 1st March Shrove Tuesday at 6:30pm once again we shall hold our pancake party in S. Katherines 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 10am - 12noon - ‘COFFEE STOP’ will take place in the Chapter House. 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^t Michael’s as their charity for this event. Further details from Kate Cheetham.

Thursday 10th March 7:00pm Bishop Richard will be leading a Deanery Communion Service, followed by refreshments and then a question and answer – discussion time. All welcome.

Sunday 13th March 5:30pm Baptism and Confirmation Service with Bishop Richard. Do come and support our church family.

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

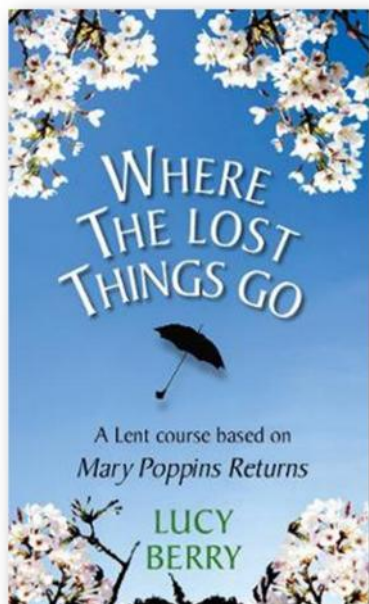
Wednesday 30th March – Lent Mtwara Lunch from 12noon to 2pm at the home of Ian and Jan James, 39 Browning Road, Ledbury.

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.

Sunday 10th April, Palm Sunday 6:00pm Olivet To Calvary by Maunder. The choir will sing this cantata in church.

Thursday 14th April, Maundy Thursday 7:30pm Holy communion and Watch

Friday 15th April, Good Friday, 2:00pm Hour At The Cross Taizé



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