



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 13th MARCH 2022
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

At 8:00am

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

At 10:00am

**we shall have Morning Prayer
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.**

At 5:30pm

**we shall have a Baptism & Confirmation Service
in our church building**

**NEXT SUNDAY 20th MARCH 2022
THIRD SUNDAY OF 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 13th March 2022:

Lent 2

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 15: 1 – 18

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will You give me, for I continue childless and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵And He brought him outside and said, “Look towards heaven and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then He said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD and He counted it to him as righteousness.

⁷And He said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.” ⁸But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” ⁹He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰And he brought him all these, cut them in half and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. ¹³Then the LORD said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. ¹⁴But I will bring judgement on the nation that they serve and afterwards they shall come out with great possessions. ¹⁵As for yourself, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

New Testament Reading:

Philippians 3:7 – 4:1

⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — ¹⁰that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own.

¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵Let those of us who are mature think this way and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.

⁴¹Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Gospel Reading: Luke 13: 31 – 35

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill You." ³²And He said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow and the third day I finish

my course. ³³Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.'

³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings and you would not! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

COLLECT

Almighty God, You show to those who are in error the light of Your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of faith in Christ, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, You see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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	Kevin Whittal	Mark Ashby
Ann Blandford			

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'	Maureen Sayce		

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.

Parking.

Please may I ask church users to be mindful, when parking, of the needs of those less able to have parking availability, or drop-off ability, close to the building. If possible, please consider parking at St Katherine's car park and take the short walk to St Michael & All Angels.

Please will those parking at the church ensure they do not block access to the gates of Bank House, or park on the grass or grass verges of the churchyard. Thank you.

David Houghton - Churchwarden.

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.

Mtwara: After a very long time the committee are pleased to report that the two projects the Deanery has helped to fund are doing well and have been a great help to the kindergarten children, especially the bore hole to help the water supply to the school. The committee would welcome anyone willing to join them with this vital work.

Thursday 7am and midday prayers in church.

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

TODAY at 5:30pm Baptism and Confirmation Service with Bishop Richard. Do come and support our church family.

Wednesday 16th March at 2.30pm Friends of Ledbury Parish Church – What did the Victorians do for us? Major changes took place in our church in late Victorian times. The building had fallen into a very poor state of repair. The Rector, Charles Maddison-Green, commissioned the architect John Pearson to make recommendations for repair and improvement. Adrian Lamont will reveal the story of how the church was transformed. This is of particular interest as we start to consider how our church might be re-ordered to meet our current and future needs. Tickets £4.00 / £3.00 for members. Tea and biscuits to be served after the event.

Friday 18th March at 10.00am - Walking Group.

Our next walk will be on Friday 18th March, where we will be going in search of wild daffodils. Why not join us? We will meet at St Michaels at 10.00am, and then use cars to Upper Lodge, Brooms Green, where the walk will start and finish. You, and if applicable your dog, will be very welcome to join us. For more details please either speak to Ian Stainburn (01531 636383) or David Houghton (01531 890696).

Friday 25th March – Deanery Mtwara Lent Lunch from 12noon to 2pm at S^t Katherine's Hall. Proceeds to Mtwara fund.

Wednesday 30th March – Mtwara Lent 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.


Monday 4th April 6:15pm Eastnor Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). In S. John's church.

Wednesday 6th April 7:00pm Ledbury Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). In S. Michael's church.

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



COME AND SING
OLIVET TO CALVARY
AN EASTER CANTATA BY
J H MAUNDER

**THE CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
LEDBURY. PALM SUNDAY 10TH APRIL 2022**
REHEARSAL 1PM TO 4PM, PERFORMANCE 6PM
CONDUCTOR: KATE CHEETHAM
SOLOISTS: JENNY KILLAM SOPRANO,
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