



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 20th MARCH 2022
THIRD SUNDAY OF 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.**

At 5:30pm

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

**NEXT SUNDAY 27th MARCH 2022
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

Church office: phone number: 01531 631 531.

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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 March 2022:

Lent 3

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 55: 1 – 9

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for He has glorified you.

⁶“Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

New Testament Reading:

1 Corinthians 10: 1 – 13

¹For I want you to know, brethren that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them; and the Rock was Christ.

⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.

⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.”

⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.

⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer.

¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.

¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 13: 1 – 9

¹There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

²And He answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

⁶And [Jesus] told this parable:

“A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vine dresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ ⁸And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig round it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first He suffered pain and entered not into glory before He was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 Lord, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 St Katherine's Chapel.

Friday 25th March – Deanery Mtwara Lent Lunch from 12noon to 2pm at St 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.

We pray for: Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & St Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and St 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		

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

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

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

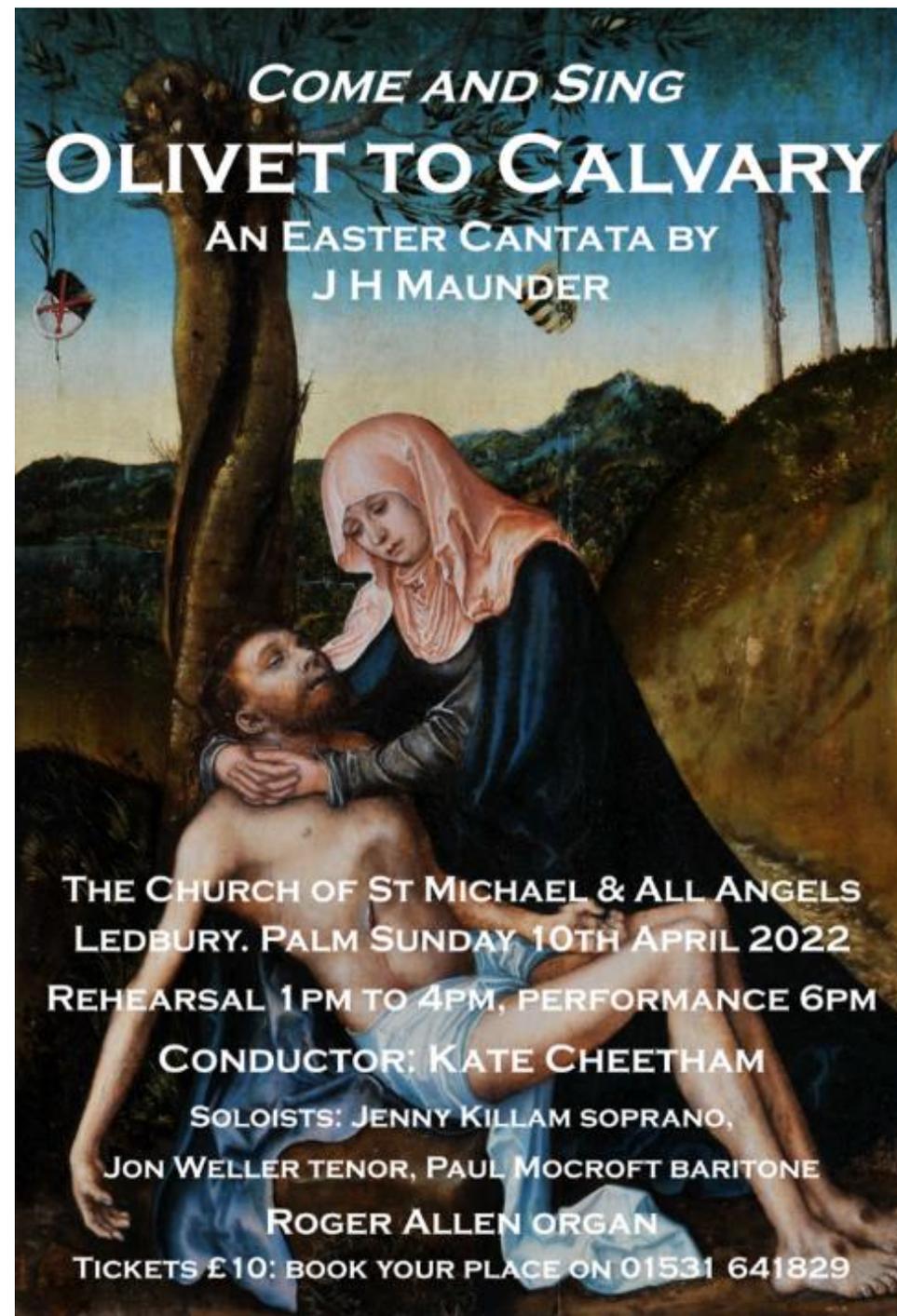
Friday 15th April, Good Friday, 2:00pm Hour At The Cross Taizé

"Digging Deeper: Exploring the Bible" Online Study Course

Local Reader, Michael Llywelyn-Jones, is going to repeat his highly successful "Digging Deeper: Exploring the Bible" online study course, starting in week commencing 18 April 2022. Each session will be delivered via zoom, from 7.30pm to 9.00pm, on a weekday evening.

Michael wrote the course material and delivered the course via zoom, to interested members of the Hop Churches, during 2021. For 2022, the course is being publicised throughout the Ledbury Deanery; it has also recently been endorsed by the Bishop of Hereford and will soon be publicised in the weekly Diocesan email.

If you are interested in participating, or just in finding out more, please email Michael direct at mikellywelynjones@hotmail.co.uk.



**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,
JON WELLER TENOR, PAUL MOCROFT BARITONE
ROGER ALLEN ORGAN
TICKETS £10: BOOK YOUR PLACE ON 01531 641829**