

Readings for 3rd April 2022:

Lent 5.

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 43: 16 - 21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.
¹⁹Behold! I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
²⁰The wild beasts will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

New Testament Reading:

Philippians 3: 4 – 14

⁴If anyone thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I [Paul] have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.
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. ¹³Brethren, 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.

Gospel Reading:

John 12: 1 – 8

¹Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ²So they gave a dinner for Him there.
Martha served and Lazarus was one of those reclining with Him at table. ³Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.
⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples (he who was about to betray Him), said,
⁵“Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?”
⁶He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief and having charge of the money bag he used to help himself to what was put into it.
⁷Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial.
⁸For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.”

COLLECT

Gracious Father, You gave up Your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of His passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, You have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for You: give us the will to be the servant of others as You were the servant of all, and gave up Your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We pray for: Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S^t Michael and All Angels, Mtwarra 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	Anne McDonald	Eileen Lane

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.

Ukraine: We have registered as a church with Sanctuary Foundation. We will be called upon in phase two of the government's plans. Phase two is being developed and will be released as soon as practical.

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.

Easter Lilies: The Flower Guild will be arranging lilies for Easter in Church. If you would like to donate a lily in memory of someone departed, please complete one of the Easter Lilies forms at the back of the church by Friday 8th April. Cost is £3 a lily and a list of all those being remembered will be placed on the memorial table in St Anne's Chapel. For further information, contact Chris Lynch (Guild Secretary) on 01531 670 037 or 07794 934 091

Thursday 7am and midday prayers in church.

Friday 10.30am Holy Communion at S' Katherine's Chapel.

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. In S. John's.

Wednesday 6th April 7:00pm Ledbury Annual Parochial Church Meeting In S. Michael's. The Annual Report and Accounts can now be found at the back of the Church. Please help yourselves to a copy.

Thursday 7th April 7pm Quiz at Eastnor Castle.

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

Friday 6th May - 'COFFEE STOP' will take place in the Chapter House between 10am - 12noon. **Come and meet friends, have company and enjoy Coffee, Cake and Chat.**



THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 3rd APRIL 2022
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

At 8:00am

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

At 10:00am

**we shall have a Parish 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 10th APRIL 2022
PALM SUNDAY**

Church office: phone number: 01531 631 531.

Email: ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net

The Church Office will be open this week on, 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

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.

TAIZÉ WORSHIP for GOOD FRIDAY



St. MICHAEL'S AND ALL ANGELS

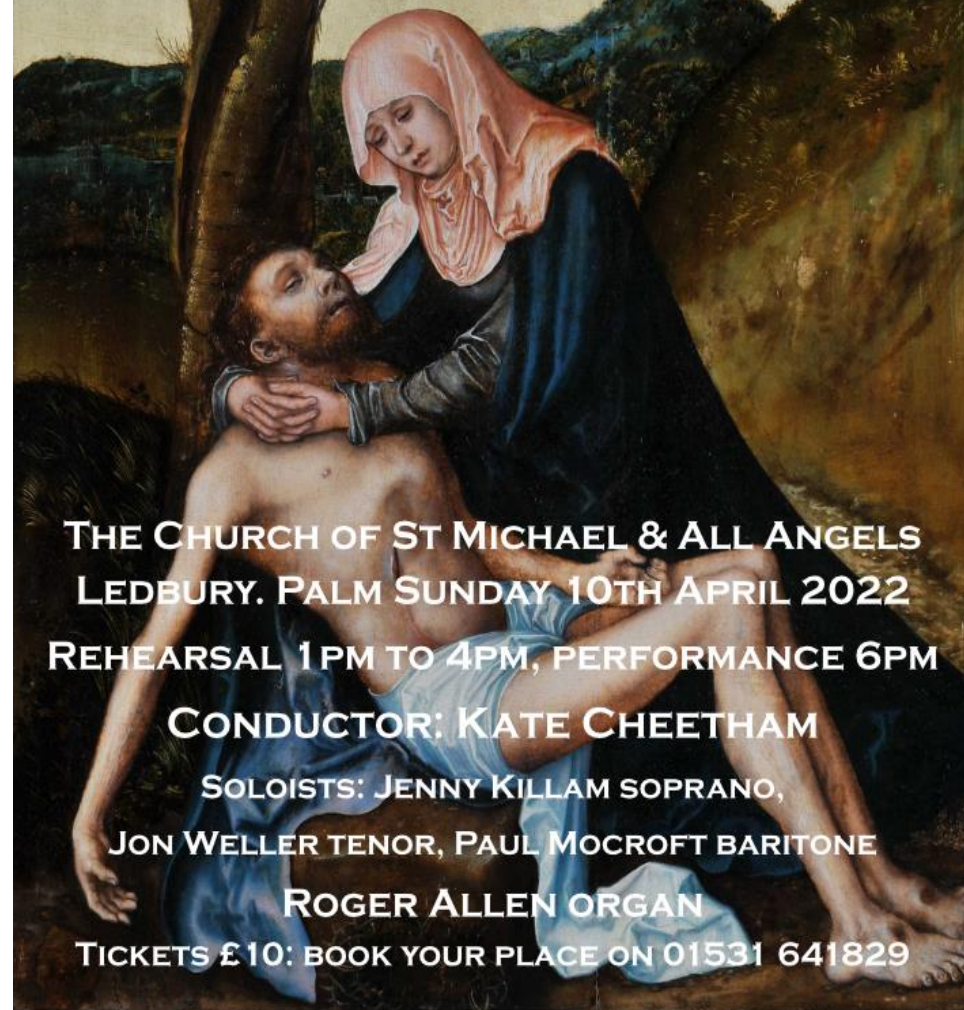
FRIDAY 15th APRIL at 2pm

All are welcome to join us for a time of music, readings, prayer and silence on this most holy day.

Please contact Kate Cheetham for further details.
01531 641829

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 1 PM TO 4 PM, PERFORMANCE 6 PM

CONDUCTOR: KATE CHEETHAM

SOLOISTS: JENNY KILLAM SOPRANO,
JON WELLER TENOR, PAUL MOCROFT BARITONE

ROGER ALLEN ORGAN

TICKETS £10: BOOK YOUR PLACE ON 01531 641829