



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 8th May 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

At 8:00am

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

At 10:00am

**we shall have a Morning Worship 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 15th MAY 2022
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Church office: phone number: 01531 631 531.

Email: ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net

The Church Office will be open on Tuesday and 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](https://www.facebook.com/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 8th May 2022:

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Old Testament Reading:

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

³He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

New Testament Reading:

Acts 9: 36 – 43

³⁶Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. ³⁷In those days she became ill and died and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room.

³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. ⁴⁰But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes and when she saw Peter she sat up. ⁴¹And he gave her his hand and raised her up.

Then calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. ⁴²And it became known throughout all Joppa and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner.

Gospel Reading:

John 10: 22 – 30

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem.

It was winter ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon.

²⁴So the Jews gathered around Him and said to Him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me.

²⁸I give them eternal life and they will never perish and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

COLLECT

Almighty God, who through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by Your grace going before us You put into our minds good desires, so by Your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life: grant us to walk in His way, to rejoice in His truth and to share His risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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
Ann Blandford			

We remember those who have died and pray for those who mourn their passing:

Anthony Baker	Elizabeth Mills	Andy Ward	John Grove
'Ben'	Maureen Sayce	Anne McDonald	Eileen Lane
Lee Mallinson	Roma Runley	Charles Dunn	

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.

The Flower Guild. Thank you on behalf of the Flower Guild, I am delighted to report that the Easter Lily sponsorship this year was a great success and covered all the flower costs. I do hope you enjoyed our arrangements around the church. Your support is much appreciated.

We are still looking to recruit more members to the Guild and lessons can be provided if required. Even if you can offer a few hours at Festival times, it means we can enhance our beautiful church even more. Please contact me on 01531 670037 or email Chris.lynych54@btinternet.com

Change of address: David and Gwen Kirkham have now moved. Their new address is: Flat 42, Leadon Bank, Orchard Lane, Ledbury. HR8 1BY. Telephone and email address remain the same.

Concerts. Our church hosts a number of concerts during the year, which means we need two people to be present during each of these – to ensure safety and various practical details. The task is not onerous! If you would be willing to help occasionally, please have a word with Peter Scull (or ring 630060) Thank you.

Thursday 7am and midday prayers in church.

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

Saturday 14 May midday: members of our congregation, Hayley and Lee are getting married

Wednesday 18th May at 5.00pm - Tour of the Tower. The Friends of Ledbury Parish Church are offering another tour of the bell tower, including a chance to see the views from the parapet. Along the way, you will hear about the history of the building, learn some of the **mysteries of bellringing, see the clock and carillon in action and get up close to the newly** restored bells themselves, the oldest of which date back to 1690. Tickets £5.00 must be pre-booked as space is limited. Contact Tim Keyes (thkeyes28@hotmail.com).

Friday 3rd June - 'COFFEE STOP' will take place in the Chapter House between 10am - 12noon. **Come and meet friends, have company and enjoy Coffee, Cake and Chat.**

Saturday 11th June from 2.00pm – 5.30pm - Open Gardens Event. The Friends of Ledbury Parish Church are offering an "Open Gardens meets Poetry Festival" experience based on four gardens in the town. During your visit to the gardens, you will be offered a splendid tea, invited to browse some stalls, take part in some quiz challenges, learn a new garden game and be recorded reading a favourite hymn along with around 60 or more other people. These recordings will be played in church during the Poetry Festival. An action-packed afternoon all for £5.00! We hope that as many as possible of the church congregation, and others too, will sign up to record a hymn.

Contact Tim Keyes (thkeyes28@hotmail.com / 07577 720154) to agree your choice.

Thursday 23rd June at 7.00pm - "Music in Quiet Places" concert, in the church. The successful partnership between The Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust and Hereford Cathedral School's Music Outreach Programme, is pleased to announce this forthcoming concert, when the internationally renowned Carducci Quartet will be joined by young musicians from Hereford Cathedral School including *Colla Voce*, the Cathedral Junior School Choir, and a young piano trio. Tickets £15 on the door or from https://bit.ly/MIQP_Carducci. Children under 12 admitted free.

Christian Celtic Music

Concert in aid of LEAF
with Rev Kevin Cecil
& Friends

An evening of Christian Celtic Music,
interlaced with stories from members
of the LEAF team about the nature
of their work in Ledbury

Saturday 14th May 7pm
St Michael's Church, Ledbury

Find out more about Kevin and his
music on www.revkvc.com

Donations for LEAF can be
made on the night or by donating
online on the LEAF website
www.leafledbury.com



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7:30pm Saturday 21st May
St Michael and All Angels, Ledbury

Tickets: £15, under-18s and students free
Available on the door or in advance from orielsingers.org.uk
St Michael and All Angels is on Church Road, Ledbury, HR8 1DR

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