



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 15th May 2022
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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.**

At 5.30pm

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

**NEXT SUNDAY 22nd MAY 2022
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Church office: phone number: 01531 631 531.

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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 –

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 15th May 2022:

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 22: 1 – 18

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ²[God] said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.

⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ¹²He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

New Testament Reading:

Acts 11: 1 – 18

¹Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticised him, saying, ³“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’

¹⁰This happened three times and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me and we entered the man's house.

¹³And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.'

¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning.

¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as He gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?"

¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

Gospel Reading: John 13: 31 – 35

³¹When [Judas] had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in Him. ³²If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself and glorify Him at once. ³³Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.'

³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

COLLECT

God our redeemer, You have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of Your Son: grant, that as by His death He has recalled us to life, so by His continual presence in us He may raise us to eternal joy; 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

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for You, the spring of life and source of goodness, through Him who 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
Ann Blandford	Pamela Lucus	Sue Simpson	

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 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. 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 670 037 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^t Katherine's Chapel.

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 4th June - Ledbury Community Day: We need some volunteers to be additional guides for tours of the tower on the morning of 4th June. The bellringers have to staff two locations that morning and so we urgently need extra help from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm. You will be well briefed in advance and will not need to have a front-line role (unless you want one!). The ability to climb about 90 steps (as far as the bellchamber) would help although if you could only get to the first level (30 steps) that would still be very useful. Contact Tim Keyes (07577 720154 / 01531 579021)

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.

Saturday 25th June at 7:30pm – "From Pub To Pulpit" concert, in the church.

A celebration of Ralph Vaughan Williams 150th Birthday; an imaginative and rousing concert which brings to life the musical journey of folk songs Vaughan Williams collected before "borrowing" the tunes for hymn arrangements. Acapella folk group *Broomdasher* and folk/jazz/classical instrumental trio *Coracle* join guest organist *Gus Orchard* and singers conducted by *Kate Cheetham* to raise the roof with renditions of some of the hymns.

Tickets £15 from ticketsource.co.uk/S-Michael-And-All-Angels-Church or at the door

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