



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



**SUNDAY 22nd May 2022
SIXTH 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.**

**NEXT SUNDAY 29th MAY 2022
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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The Church Office will be open on Tuesday 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 22nd May 2022:

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Old Testament Reading:

Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me and He brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And He led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, You know.”

⁴Then He said to me, “Prophecy over these bones and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you and you shall live and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound and behold, a rattling and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked and behold, there were sinews on them and flesh had come upon them and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them.

⁹Then He said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath and breathe on these slain, that they may live.”

¹⁰So I prophesied as He commanded me and the breath came into them and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’

¹²Therefore prophecy and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you and you shall live and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

New Testament Reading:

Acts 16: 9 – 15

⁹And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace and the following day to Neapolis ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshipper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.

¹⁵And after she was baptised and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

Gospel Reading:

John 14: 23 – 29

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot)], “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word and my Father will love him and we will come to him and make our home with him.

²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

²⁵“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you.

²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.

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 Lucas		

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	Teddie Loveridge

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.

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

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.

Thursday 26 May Ascension Day at 7:15pm There will be a communion service celebrating Christ's ascension.

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

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)

Sunday 5th June Pentecost Sunday and Jubilee services 8am and 10am

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



Acapella folk group *Broomdasher*, multi-instrumental trio *Coracle*, *St Michael and All Angels'* choir, organist *Gus Orchard* - and you - are invited to celebrate *Vaughan Williams'* 150th birthday by turning folk songs into hymns in the Church at 7.30pm on Saturday 25th June.

The concert comes to Ledbury as part of the National RWW150 programme of events marking the 150th birthday of *Ralph Vaughan Williams*.

It's called "From Pub to Pulpit"™ and is an imaginative and engaging concert which brings to life the musical journey of folk songs *Vaughan Williams* collected before "borrowing" the tunes for hymn arrangements in *The English Hymnal* he edited in 1906.

The organ and choir, *Broomdasher* and *Coracle*, all have their own sections of the concert, before everyone joins together for a rousing finale when the whole audience is invited to join in with some of our best-known hymns.

The hymns are "To Be a Pilgrim", "O Little Town of Bethlehem", "Tis Winter Now The Fallen Snow" and "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say". They emerge from the folk songs "Our Captain Calls", "The Ploughboy's Dream", "The Brisk Young Farmer" and "The Murder of Maria Marten".

The tour begins in the Gloucestershire village of *Down Ampney*, where *Vaughan Williams* was born, on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend and ends a year later at the *Three Choirs Festival* in Gloucestershire.

"It's an enjoyable way to celebrate one of our best-loved composers - and it brings together his classical, church and

folk music in an imaginative way which truly encourages everyone to join in," said Project Director, *John Palmer*.

Broomdasher are a well-known five-voice London-based acapella group, who brought their *Country Diary* of an Edwardian Lady folk musical to Herefordshire last year. All their recordings are in the British Library's National Sound Archive Collection as "an outstanding example of grassroots folk music today".

Coracle is a new trio bringing together three very experienced and well-respected musicians who have large followings in their own right. They are *Paul Hutchinson* who is an accordionist and one half of the extremely successful duo, *Belshazzar's Feast*, his long-term collaborator and clarinettist *Karen Wimhurst* and *Ani Tam*, who plays a range of unusual instruments, including nyckelharpa, hurdy gurdy and viol da gamba.

Tickets cost £15 from *Ticketsource* or call 01531 6411

For further information contact *John Palmer* on 07881 738029 or email: j.palmer595@btinternet.com





Broomdasher, Coracle,
St Michael's Church Organ and Choir
(Organist Gus Orchard Choir Dir Kate Cheetham)

Celebrate Ralph Vaughan Williams' 150th Birthday



St Michael and All Angels, Church Road, Ledbury HR8 1DL
Saturday 25th June at 7.30pm
Tickets: £15 from Ticketsource or 01531 641829

www.broomdasher.com <https://coracleband.co.uk>

