



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 29th May 2022
SEVENTH 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 5th JUNE 2022
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

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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 29th May 2022:

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Old Testament Reading:

Ezekiel 36: 24 – 28

²⁴ [Thus says the Lord God] I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶And I will give you a new heart and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers and you shall be my people and I will be your God.

New Testament Reading:

Acts 16: 16 – 34

¹⁶As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. ¹⁷She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." ¹⁸And this she kept doing for many days.

Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the rulers. ²⁰And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city.

²¹They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practise."

²²The crowd joined in attacking them and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. ²³And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely.

²⁴Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God and the prisoners were listening to them ²⁶and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's bonds were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹And the jailer called for lights and rushed in and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas.

³⁰Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household."

³²And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

³³And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptised at once, he and all his family. ³⁴Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

Gospel Reading:

John 17: 20 – 26

²⁰“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

²²The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³I in them and You in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

²⁴Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that You have given me because You loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵O righteous Father, even though the world does not know You, I know you and these know that You have sent me. ²⁶I made known to them Your name and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which You have loved me may be in them and I in them.”

COLLECT

O God the King of glory, You have exalted Your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to Your kingdom in heaven: we implore You, leave us not comfortless, but send Your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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, giver of love and power, Your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of His kingdom: confirm us in this mission and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

LEAF is looking for one or two people who enjoy gardening and who would like to help with a small gardening project at Ledbury Primary School. It would involve a couple of hours a week working with a couple of boys at the school, helping them to design and create a small garden. This would really help the boys and the school. If anyone is interested please contact Tony Hodder. Email leafledbury@gmail.com

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. In this 10-day period we also encourage you to pray for the well-being of others, for friends and family, for ourselves and for the wider world. There will be 'prayer stations' to help us, and any visitors to the church, to engage imaginatively with this period of prayer. Please do come yourself, and encourage friends to do so too. If you are stewarding in this period please point our visitors in the right direction! *Mary Anne Keyes*

Thursday 7am and midday prayers in church.

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)

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 RW150 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 64111

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>

