



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**Sunday 12th May 2019
Fourth Sunday of Easter**



Readings for 12th May 2019: *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

First 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.

Second 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."

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by The Very Revd Nick Bury
- 10.00am Morning Worship
*Led by Tony Goodall
Preacher David Houghton*
- 11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion
Led by The Revd Joan Wakeling
- 6.30pm Holy Communion
Led by The Revd Bill Mackenzie

Church Diary for the week ahead

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| Monday 13 th May | 8:00pm | Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church |
| Thursday 16 th May | 7-12-7 | Prayers |
| | 10.30am | Mothers' Union Corporate Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel |
| Friday 17 th May | 9:00am | Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel |
| | 10:30am | Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel |

**Next Sunday 19th May 2019
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion and Prayer Ministry
 6.30pm Evensong

If you are new here, welcome. Please fill in one of the blue welcome cards located at the end of each pew so that you can receive information about church activities. Yellow Gift Aid envelopes are available at the end of each pew and at the back of the church. There is a Hearing Loop in this Church. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask one of the Sidespeople.

Service Times and lectionary readings can be found posted in the church porch and on the church website www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk under the 'Services' section.

Facebook – The church has a facebook page:

[fb.me/stmichaelsledbury](https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsledbury) – take a look, like and participate

Twitter – If you use Twitter do sign-up to S. Michael's twitter account: @LedburyParish

Parish office: phone number: 01531 631531. **Email:** ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net

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 and S^t Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S^t John the Baptist Church, Likonde.

Those who are sick:

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| Phyl Sykes | Steve Taylor | Dean Jackson | Mike Wakeford |
| Diana Veasey | Chrissie Chipper | Don Rule | |

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

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| Susan Farrell | Beryl Darlington | Michael Hampton | Joan Humphries |
| John Phillips | Yvonne Paten | | |

NOTICES

Young Church – today there is Children's Worship with The Revd Tony Hodder.

Quiet Hour every Tuesday morning between 10.30am-11.30am. A member of Pastoral Care team is available for private conversation in the church.

Our bank has recently become stricter about accepting cheques. So if you are paying a cheque to the church please put 'PCC of Ledbury' (and nothing else) as the payee. If the cheque is for a specific purpose such as tower sponsorship or the bells fund, please write this on the back. If you are willing and able to use electronic banking please do so.

Flower Arranging Classes. The classes will be held in the Market Theatre foyer, and the cost will be £6.00 per session, £36.00 for all six sessions. The classes are for beginners. The dates are: **May 16th, 23rd, and 30th, June 13th and 27th and July 11th. From 1.30pm to 4.00pm.** Open to all church members.

Please contact Gill Romanowski on 01531-636309 for more details and to book a place.

A big thank you to everyone who hosted, attended and supported the Mtwara Lent Lunches. The sum raised was £1001.00.

Dear Friends - A note of thanks for all the prayers, greetings, flowers, music, reading materials, calls, emails, cards and visits I have received during my current 6 weeks lack of mobility... every one so much appreciated. On Wednesday next week, if all goes well, I shall have plaster swapped for boot and be able to take part weight on my mending foot/ankle. So me, boot and crutches may join in our various activities again from time to time. My biggest thanks go to God for His eternal healing presence of grace and love, and then to Peter for his continuing unselfish support of me.

As I sit peacefully, reading and reflecting on all that we do, my prayers are with us all as we seek to live and share our faith.

Love and Blessings. Diana Veasey

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Today at 3.30pm – all members of this deanery area are invited to a celebration Evensong at the Cathedral, followed by refreshments.

Wednesday 15th May – Coffee Morning at S^t Katherine's Hall from 9.30am to 1.00pm. Everyone is very welcome.

Thursday 16th May at 7.30pm in S^t Anne's Chapel. This year's Third Thursday series of talks commence. The title for the series is 'Postcards From Paul'. The talks will give an overview of some of Paul's letters in roughly chronological order. Revd Will Simmonds will be giving the first talk on Thessalonians. As last year, there will be time to ask questions and to talk over refreshments at the end.

Friday 17th May at 7.30pm Christian Aid Quiz and supper (donations) at the Methodist Church. For more details email ledbury.methodists@gmail.com

Saturday 18th May from 9.15am for 9.30am – Men's Breakfast at the Seven Stars restaurant on the Homend. Cost £8. The speaker will be Revd. Hugh Wakeling. Please sign if you hope to come so that we can give some idea of how many to cater for. Thank you.

Monday 20th May at 12noon Organ Recital by Graham Davies, organist at St Matthias, Malvern Link.

Tuesday 21st May from 10.00am Contemplative Prayer. Sessions will be in St. Katherine's Chapel on the first and third Tuesday of each month starting in May.

Thursday 30th May at 7.30pm Deanery Ascension Day Service

Friday 14th June from 5.00pm – 7.00pm Coffee evening at Coffee 1. We look forward to sharing a great evening of friendship and music together.

Thursday 20th June at 7.30pm in S^t Anne's Chapel – 'Postcards From Paul' talks continue. The talk will be on 1 Corinthians.

Saturday 29th June 10am-2pm Church Away Day, Lady Emily Community Hall, Tarrington.