**Friends of Ledbury Parish Church**

**Programme for 2022 -2023**

**Fri 2nd December 2022, 7.00 pm**

**Quiz Night with sausage and mash supper**. Burgage Hall. Teams of 4. We can allocate you to a team on arrival if you have not made any other arrangements. Bring your own drink. Tickets £10.00 must be purchased in advance*. (*[*thkeyes28@hotmail.com*](mailto:thkeyes28@hotmail.com) */ 07577 720154)*

**Sat 28th January, 2023. 7.00 pm**

**Burns Night** We will celebrate the birthday of the great Scottish poet with a traditional meal (Haggis, neeps and tatties followed by cranachan) with the Selkirk grace, addressing the haggis, the immortal memory and other traditional (short!) speeches. There will be a choir singing Scottish ballads. St Katherine’s Hall. *Tickets £15.00 must be purchased in advance (contact* [*thkeyes28@hotmail.com*](mailto:thkeyes28@hotmail.com) */ 07577 720154). Bring your own drinks.*

**Wed 15th February 2023, 2.30 pm**

**War Memorials in Ledbury (1918 – 2022)**

The war memorials in the church and in the centre of town are well known but how did they come to be set up, and could you name the other four memorials which exist in our town? Jenny Harrison will put all the pieces of the jigsaw in place. *Tickets £4.00 / £3.00 for members. Tea and biscuits will be served after the event. Venue:* *St Michael’s Church.*

**Wed 22nd March 2023, 2.30 pm**

**They have left behind a name…**

Churches tend have many memorials, commemorating the lives and deeds of more prosperous citizens. Celia Kellett will show you some of the best examples and explore the names immortalised in statuary and glass. *Tickets £4.00 / £3.00 for members. Tea and biscuits will be served after the event. Venue:* *St Michael’s.*

**Wed 19th April 2023, 2.30 pm**

**Hymns with a hinterland**

Many of our best-loved hymns were written for a very particular reason at a particular time in the life of the writer or a Christian community. Kate Cheetham and Tim Keyes will explore 6 hymns in terms of their words and music (and give you the chance to join in singing them).*Tickets £4.00 / £3.00 for members. Tea and biscuits will be served after the event. Venue:* *St Michael’s Church.*

**Wed 17th May, 2023, 2.30 pm**

**Lives beneath our feet**

Peter Tattersall will introduce us to the Ledger Stones of St Michael’s, the many memorials set into the floor of the church, and explore in a little more detail the lives and times of some of those whom the stones commemorate**.** *Tickets £4.00 / £3.00 for members. Tea and biscuits will be served after the event. Venue:* *St Michael’s Church.*

**Wed 14th June 2023, 6.00 pm**

**Summer Social (Members only)**

This is our chance to say “thank you” to those who have signed up as members for the year. We will have drinks and nibbles at the church (outside, weather permitting) and simply enjoy each other’s company. *Venue:* *St Michael’s. No charge.*

**Wed 28th June 2023, 2.30 pm**

**Facing outwards, drawing in**

We are used to noticing and finding out about things inside the church. How well do we understand the external features of the buildings and their environment? At this event we will benefit from the wisdom and experience of Tim Bridges, former Church Buildings Officer for the Hereford Diocese, to help us better appreciate the external features of the church buildings. *Tickets £4.00 / £3.00 for members. Tea and biscuits will be served after the event. Venue:* *St Michael’s Church.*

**Wed 5th July 2023, 2.30 pm**

**Walking the Windows**

Adrian Lamont will repeat his walk-and-talk around the stained-glass windows of the church, many of which were produced by leading artists in this field from the late 19th century to early 20th century.  They are without doubt some of the finest examples of stained-glass in the county. *Tickets £4.00 / £3.00 for members. Tea and biscuits will be served after the event. Venue:* *St Michael’s Church.*

**Wed 20th Sept 2023, 2.30 pm**

**When is a Chapter House not a Chapter House?**

What do we know about this distinctive part of the church buildings? All will be revealed: how it came to be built, how it might have been used over time and what are its most unusual features.*Tickets £4.00 / £3.00 for members. Tea and biscuits will be served after the event. Venue:* *St Michael’s.*

**Wed 18th Oct 2023, 2.30 pm**

**Tour of the bell tower.** Tim Keyes, Tower Captain, will conduct a 75 minute tour of the bell tower in which major work has been done to the bells and all the main spaces over the last two years. You will learn about the history of the tower, about craftmanship old and new and about the art of bell ringing. *Maximum number 20. Places must be booked in advance. (*[*thkeyes28@hotmail.com*](mailto:thkeyes28@hotmail.com) */ 07577 720154). Tickets £5.00 / £4.00 for members.*

**Wed 15th Nov, 2022, 2.30pm (Members only)**

**AGM and annual lecture.**

*Membership is £5.00 per annum. Non-members are welcome to attend all events except the Summer Social. Membership forms are available at the back of church or by email (*[*thkeyes28@hotmail.com*](mailto:thkeyes28@hotmail.com)*). This programme will also be published on the church website (with updated details if appropriate):* <http://www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk/>

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