

Friends of Ledbury Parish Church

Programme for 2024

Fri 26th January, 7.00 pm

Quiz Night with sausage and mash supper. St Katherine's. Teams of up to 6. We can allocate you to a team on arrival if you have not made any other arrangements. Bring your own drink. Tickets £12.00 must be purchased in advance. (thkeyes28@hotmail.com / 07577 720154)

Wed 20th March 2024, 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 was done to the bells and all the main spaces between 2018 and 2021. You will learn about the history of the tower, about craftsmanship old and new and about the art of bell ringing.

Maximum number 20. Places must be booked in advance. (thkeyes28@hotmail.com / 07577 720154).

Tickets £5.00 / £4.00 for members.

Wed 17th April 2024, 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 15th May 2024, 2.30 pm

How to read a church

Drawing on the book of the same name, and adding some glimpses of her own theological understanding, Mary Anne Keyes will explore the Christian symbolism of different features of St Michael's. *Tickets £4.00 / £3.00 for members. Tea and biscuits will be served after the event. Venue: St Michael's.*

Wed 5th June 2024, 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.*

Saturday 15th June, 1.30 onwards (last entry 5.00 pm)

Open Gardens

A number of gardens of Ledbury residents will be open to the public (with tea served at 11 Bank Crescent). Enjoy the variety of garden styles and some surprise entertainments. *Tickets £5.00 (at the first garden you choose to visit). Contributions for tea requested.*

Wed 10th July, 2.30 pm

War Memorials in Ledbury (1918 – 2024)

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 14th Aug, 2.30 pm

The natural environment of the church

Rory Johnson will guide us around the perimeter of the churchyard and reveal to us the rich arboreal tapestry in which our church stands. *Tickets £4.00 / £3.00 for members. Tea and biscuits will be served after the event. Venue: St Michael's Church and churchyard.*

Wed 25th Sept, 2.30 pm

Hymns with a Hinterland revisited

Many of our best-loved hymns and anthems were written for a very particular reason at a particular time in the life of the writer or a Christian community. Kate Cheetham, Tim Keyes and others will take a further look at the development of church music (and give you the chance of some audience participation). *Tickets £4.00 / £3.00 for members. Tea and biscuits will be served after the event. Venue: St Michael's Church.*

Wed 20th Nov, 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). This programme will also be published on the church website (with updated details if appropriate): <http://www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk/>

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