Friends of Ledbury Parish Church

Programme for 2021 -2022

Wed 3rd Nov, 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 / 07577 720154). Tickets £5.00 / £4.00 for members.

Wed 10th Nov 2021, 2.30 pm

AGM and lecture: (Members only)

"The Bells of John Masefield" Robert Vaughan (Chairman, John Masefield Society). No charge. Tea will be available after the event.

Fri 19th Nov 2021, 7.00 pm

Quiz Night with sausage and mash supper. St Katherine's 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 / 07577 720154)

Wed 8th Dec 2021, 5.00 pm

Tour of the bell tower

See detail for Wed 3^{rd} November above. Maximum number 20. Places must be booked in advance (<u>thkeyes28@hotmail.com</u> / 07577 720154). Tickets £5.00 / £4.00 for members.

Sat 29th Jan 2022, 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 / 07577 720154)*. Bring your own drinks.

Wed 16th Feb 2020, 2.30 pm

Inside the Parish Book

Celia Kellett, local historian, will unlock the mysteries of this document that is a treasure trove of information about the inner workings of the church and tower from the 17^{th} century onwards. This book proved a key resource for the bells exhibiton in the tower. *Tickets £4.00 / £3.00 for members.* Tea and biscuits will be served after the event.

Wed 16th March, 2.30 pm

What did the Victorians do for us?

Major changes took place in our church in Victorian times. The building had fallen into a very poor state of repair. The Rector, Charles Maddison-Green, commissioned the architect John Pearson to

make recommendations for repair and improvement. You will hear and see the story of how the church was transformed. Tickets £4.00 / £3.00 for members. Tea and biscuits will be served after the event.

Wed 18th May 2022, 5.00 pm

Tour of the bell tower. See detail for 3rd Nov above. This event will include a visit to the parapet to see the views of Ledbury for those who have a head for heights! *Places must be booked in advance* (thkeyes28@hotmail.com / 07577 720154). Tickets £5.00 / £4.00 for members.

Sat 11th June, 1.30 onwards (last entry 5.00 pm)

Open Gardens

Six different gardens of Ledbury residents will be open to the public (with tea served in two of them). Enjoy the variety of garden styles and some surprise entertainments. *Tickets £5.00 (at the first garden you choose to visit). Contributions for tea welcome.*

Wed 6th July 2022, 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. St Michael's. No charge.

Wed 5th Oct 2022, 7.00 pm

Ledbury's Got Talent

A programme of diverse entertainment from talented performers of all ages including young people from the local schools. *Tickets £7.00 / £5.00 for members. Drinks for sale in the interval.* (thkeyes28@hotmail.com / 07577 720154)

Wed 9th Nov, 2022, 2.30pm (Members only)

AGM and lecture: The story of the Ledbury Bells Project

Tim Keyes, Tower Captain, and some of his fellow ringers will take us through the ups and downs of this major restoration and education project. *No charge. Tea will be available after the event.*

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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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