



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



**SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER 2023
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8:00am BCP Communion Service

10:00am Parish Communion

2:30pm Civic Service

in the church building and streamed live on the website
www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk
then available later on video

**NEXT SUNDAY 8th OCTOBER 2023
HARVEST FESTIVAL**

8am BCP Communion, 10am Ecumenical Harvest Celebration,
5:30pm Holy Communion

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our new website www.stmichaelsledbury.org

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Readings for 1st October 2023: *Trinity XVII*

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 17: 1 – 7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

²Therefore the people quarrelled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"

⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, you shall strike the rock and water shall come out of it and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarrelling of the people of Israel and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

New Testament Reading: Philippians 2: 1 – 13

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21: 23 – 32

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to Him as He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

²⁴Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John; from where did it come? From heaven or from man?"

And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven', He will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'From man', we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know."

And He said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹And he answered, 'I will not', but afterwards he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir', but did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him.

COLLECT

Gracious God, You call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, we pray that Your grace may always precede and follow us and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for: Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S' Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S' John the Baptist Church, Likonde and Father Jackan.

We pray for those who are sick: we have amended the list below, but if you know of anyone who should still be included, please let the office know.

Pam Robinson	Frances Holloway	Richard Tyrrell	Andrew Hicks
David Hicks	Thomas Heffner	Stacey Ross	Jenny Barber Iley
Christine Bainton	Peter Houghton	Elsbeth Barber Iley	Julia Matthews
Dean Jackson	Adam Ross	Terry Dold	

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

Malachi Natal	Linsey Jones	Eve	Kevin Gabb	Gail Wadley
John Lindeck	Stone		Elizabeth Gates	Ryc Smith
Bob Hale	Audrey King		Robert Peckham	Tracy King
David Price	Alice Smith		Colin Beevers	Patricia Merredy
Owen Davies	Jane Harvey		Paddy Roseveare	Graham Roberts
William Turberfield	Kate Greenall		Denis Watson	

NOTICES

Please provide information for our weekly pewsheets by Wednesday each week to allow finalisation and printing to take place on Thursdays. Thank you. Please email your requests to Annie Linton annielindon@gmail.com and to (cc) rector@stmichaelsledbury.org. Please begin your subject line with *Pewsheets*. Thank you.

Thursday 7am and midday prayers in church.

Friday 10.30am Holy Communion in S' Katherine's Chapel.

After many years of struggling on, the **church boiler** has failed and is beyond repair. As the Church of England is wedded to Net Zero targets a long process will have to be undergone to choose a replacement system, obtain a faculty and to install it. This is unlikely to be complete until some time next year. The PCC is looking at options to enable us to continue worshipping in the church building. Please pray that good decisions will be made and actions taken in these difficult circumstances.

It's great to enjoy our interaction over coffee following morning service. We are so grateful to the small number of volunteers who provide this ministry. For this to continue then we do need more helpers to make and serve coffee. This duty could be as little as two, three or four times during the year. Do please let me know if you can offer this service. Tel 01531 631263. Ann Gates

Parking. On some Sundays recently cars have been parked in the churchyard in such a way that emergency vehicles would not be able to get to the church, and Blue Badge holders have not been able to park. The PCC has therefore decided that in future Sunday parking in the churchyard will be restricted to Blue Badge holders and others where the churchwardens have given permission on a case by case basis. The town car parks are free on Sundays.

Christmas Lunch Advanced Notice. A small group of people have met to start planning this year's Christmas Day lunch for those who will be on their own. We will need helpers. If you would like to be involved in any way please speak to Maggie or Bill MacKenzie (01531 579009). Please also think about people that you know, who may be on their own this Christmas. This will be our fifth year of these happy occasions.

It is with sadness that we have learned of the death of Kate Greenall last Sunday. She was a loyal member of St Michael's congregation for many years and after a long illness was resident at Evendine House Nursing Home since July 2019. Details of funeral arrangements will be published as and when available.

Sunday 1 October at 2:30pm Civic Service with Mayor Helen I'Anson. Do come and support her and her theme of 'Leaning on Ledbury'.

Monday 2 October, 1:30pm Funeral Service for William Turberfield; 'Bill the Bell' in church.

Coffee Stop every first Friday of the month at the **Chapter House**. **Next Coffee Stop** is **Friday 6 October 10am to 12 noon**. All welcome. Do come along to enjoy coffee, cake and chat.

Saturday 7 October Praying Litter Pickers will meet on the **recreation ground** at **11am – 12.30pm**; hopefully back to St Michael's for bacon butties.

Sunday 8 October 10am ecumenical Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 15 October 10am Andrew Chadwick, guest speaker from the church army.

Saturday 21 October 2023, 11am, coffee and cake at **10.30am**, **Coffee Concert** at **St Michael's**, Jill Crossland piano recital.

Our **Parish Awayday** will be on **Saturday 21 October 9:30am - 3:00pm** at **Tarrington Village Hall** led by Archdeacon, Derek Chedzey, Mark Melhuish will be speaking. Booking forms will be available at the back of the church, we hope for as many as possible will be able to attend.

Sunday 22 October, 10am service, David Wood-Robinson will be preaching on 'Love and Marriage'.