



THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 8th OCTOBER 2023
HARVEST FESTIVAL**

8:00am BCP Communion Service

10:00am Ecumenical Harvest Thanksgiving

5:30pm Communion

in the church building and streamed live on the website

www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk

then available later on video

**NEXT SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER 2023
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8am BCP Communion, 10am Parish Communion,
5:30pm Choral Evensong

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our new website www.stmichaelsledbury.org

Facebook – The church's facebook page: fb.me/stmichaelsledbury –
Do have a look, like, follow and participate.

Twitter – Do sign-up to S. Michael's twitter account: [@LedburyParish](https://twitter.com/LedburyParish)

Readings for 8th October 2023: *Harvest Thanksgiving*

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 8: 6 – 20

⁶You shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in His ways and by fearing Him. ⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰And you shall eat and be full and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land He has given you.

¹¹“Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His rules and His statutes, which I command you today, ¹²lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them ¹³and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then your heart be lifted up and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, ¹⁶who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end.

¹⁷Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.’ ¹⁸You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may confirm His covenant that He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. ¹⁹And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. ²⁰Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12: 16 – 20

¹⁶And [Jesus] told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸He said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’

²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’

²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich towards God.”

²²And [Jesus] said to His disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on.

²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.”

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 9: 6 – 15

⁶The point is this:

whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

⁹As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; His righteousness endures for ever.”

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

¹²For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission flowing from your confession of the gospel of Christ and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!

We pray for: Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S' Michael and All Angels, Mtwarra 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:

John Lindeck	Eve 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 Lindon 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.

We raised £380 for McMillan at our coffee morning on 29th September. Thank you all for your support for this charity

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.

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'.

Sunday 29 October Bible Sunday

Sunday 5 November All Saints Day. 4:30pm All Souls 'Rosemary & Remembrance' service.

Sunday 12 November Remembrance Sunday 10:50am at the war memorial and then **11:30am** for a remembrance service in church

Wednesday 6 December 12:30pm we have **30 seats** booked at the **Hop Pocket** for a **Christmas Lunch**. For £18 we get Turkey and all the trimmings or vegetarian or Gluten free main course. Dessert is Christmas Pudding with clotted cream or ice cream, followed by tea/coffee. Please book with Wendy Hilton-Turvey and give her cash please with Your order. A raffle ticket will be given with your receipt. The winner will get their lunch for free.