



## THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



### SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am BCP Communion

10am Parish Communion with guest speaker from the Church Army

5:30pm Choral Evensong

in the church building and streamed live on the website

[www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk)

then available later on video

### SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2023 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am BCP Communion, 10am Parish Communion

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our new website [www.stmichaelsledbury.org](http://www.stmichaelsledbury.org)

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Readings for 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023: *Nineteenth after Trinity*

#### Old Testament Reading: **Isaiah 25: 1 – 9**

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, You are my God; I will exalt You; I will praise Your name, for You have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. <sup>2</sup> For You have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the foreigners' palace is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. <sup>3</sup> Therefore strong peoples will glorify You; cities of ruthless nations will fear You. <sup>4</sup> For You have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat; for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall, <sup>5</sup> like heat in a dry place. You subdue the noise of the foreigners; as heat by the shade of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless is put down. <sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. <sup>7</sup> And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death for ever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

#### New Testament Reading: **Philippians 4: 1 – 9**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. <sup>2</sup> I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have laboured side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. <sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practise these things and the God of peace will be with you.

#### Gospel Reading: **Matthew 22: 1 – 14**

<sup>1</sup> Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, <sup>2</sup> "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son <sup>3</sup> and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup> Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' <sup>5</sup> But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup> while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was angry and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup> Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' <sup>10</sup> And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good.

So the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup> “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. <sup>12</sup> And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen.”

## COLLECT

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust You and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy and blessed God, You have fed us with the body and blood of Your Son and filled us with Your Holy Spirit: may we honour You, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of 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
Dean Jackson	Peter Houghton	Elsbeth Barber Iley	Julia Matthews
	Adam Ross	Terry Dold	Diane Lindeck

**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	Ian Done

## 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 [anniellindon@gmail.com](mailto:anniellindon@gmail.com) and to (cc) [rector@stmichaelsledbury.org](mailto: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.

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

**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.

**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. 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](mailto:thkeyes28@hotmail.com) / 07577 720154). *Tickets £5.00 / £4.00 for members.*

**Saturday 21 October 9:30am - 3:00pm at Tarrington Village Hall: Parish Awayday** 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. Bring a packed lunch.

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

**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.