



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

SUNDAY 9th JUNE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am BCP Communion

10am Morning Worship

in the church building and streamed live on the website

www.stmichaelsledbury.org

then available later on video

5.30pm Holy Communion

SUNDAY 16th JUNE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am BCP Communion

10am Parish Communion

5.30pm Choral Evensong

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Readings for 9th June 2024:

Trinity 2

Old Testament Reading:

1 Samuel 8: 4 – 20

⁴Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah ⁵and said to him, “Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations.” ⁶But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to judge us.” And Samuel prayed to the LORD. ⁷And the LORD said to Samuel, “Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. ⁸According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you. ⁹Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.” ¹⁰So Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking for a king from him. ¹¹He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. ¹²And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. ¹⁵He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants. ¹⁶He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men and your donkeys and put them to his work. ¹⁷He will take the tenth of your flocks and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you in that day.” ¹⁹But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, “No! But there shall be a king over us, ²⁰that we also may be like all the nations and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

Gospel Reading:

Mark 3: 20 – 34

²⁰Then [Jesus] went home and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹And when His family heard it, they went out to seize Him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.” ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” ²³And He called them to Him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

²⁸“Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” — ³⁰for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.” ³¹And His mother and His brothers came and standing outside they sent to Him and called Him. ³²And a crowd was sitting around Him and they said to Him, “Your mother and Your brothers are outside, seeking You.” ³³And He answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴And looking about at those who sat around Him, He said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!” ³⁵For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

New Testament Reading:

2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5:5

¹³Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed and so I spoke”, we also believe and so we also speak, ¹⁴knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. ¹⁵For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. ^{5:1}For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened — not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

COLLECT

Lord God, our faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to You and to Your living Word, Jesus Christ through the leading of Your Holy Spirit.

Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving Father, we thank You for feeding us at the supper of Your Son: sustain us with Your Spirit, that we may serve You here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

Parking. On Sundays is for Blue Badge holders only. The town car parks are free on Sundays.

From the Church Wardens. If you are going to use the handwash basin in the disabled toilet, could you please take great care. A washer is missing and water is just as likely to end up on the floor or all over you as in the basin. A replacement part is due 23 May.

Services

Thursday 7am and midday prayers in church.

Friday 10.30am Holy Communion in S^t Katherine's Chapel.

The next Parish Walk will be on **Tuesday 11 June**. Please telephone Anne Tattersall on 01531 632021 for more information.

HUSTINGS IN LEDBURY: OPEN TO ALL: Wednesday 12 June, Ledbury Community Hall An opportunity to question our local candidates! As the July 4th General Election gets nearer how can we work out or discern whom to vote for? We pray. We ponder. We discuss. We question. If you do have a question to put to candidates please give it to Diana Veasey, St Michael's rep. There will be a silver box in church to collect questions, or you can hand them to her direct. Alternatively respond on line via a QR code (see fliers). Deadline for questions is midnight Monday June 10th. A representative selection of questions from across town will be put together by a small panel and asked at the Hustings from the Chair. NB: Questions will NOT be shared with any candidate in advance of the Hustings. [Event organised by Ledbury Churches]

Open Gardens event Saturday 15 June, 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm. Come and see seven different gardens in the area of New St, Woodleigh Rd and Pound Meadow. There will be a lovely tea on offer (donations welcome) throughout the afternoon. The ticket (access to all 7 gardens) costs £5.00. Tickets can be purchased on the day at Wisteria Cottage (opposite Co-Op). There will be a bring-and-share plant stall at the tea venue. Bring your friends and neighbours!

Saturday 13 July 9:30am – 1:00pm Bishop's Training Day in S. Michael's
Details and agenda for the event are on the [Eventbrite page](#), where you can sign up.

There will be 3 seminars each one running twice.

- generosity (this is required by the diocese)
- a Bible overview
- spiritual practices/how Scripture works out in daily life

LEAF Family Days: 20 July & 17 August

This summer **LEAF** will again be providing activity days on the Recreation Ground free of charge and include food, crafts, games and sports for families and children in Ledbury. We rely entirely on volunteers, in advance for cake making and craft preparation, on the day for helping with activities and stewarding, and throughout for prayer support. If you are able to offer I would be delighted to hear from you: it's really important that we know as early as possible who will be available. Please contact Mary Anne Keyes on maryannekeyes@leafledbury.com or phone 07962323454.

Friends of Ledbury Parish Church Committee: Our committee is in urgent need of new members if we are to continue to play an active role in church life. We need up to four new members as soon as possible. Please consider if this might be you. The role is rewarding and not onerous but it is also very important to the church. There is a job description which will be emailed to all those who receive emails about church activities and which can also be found on The Friends website (<https://friendsofledburyparishchurch.weebly.com/>). Contact Tim Keyes (07577 720154) for further information.

We pray for: Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S^t Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S^t 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	Thomas Heffner	Stacey Ross	Jenny Barber Iley
David Hicks	Terry Dold	Elsbeth Barber	Gillian Hewin Iley
Dean Jackson	Andrew Hicks	Adam Ross	

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

Janet Epps	Frances Holloway	Pam Foskett	Sally Foxon
Diane Lindeck	David Harling	Julia Matthews	Joyce Jones
Done Rule	Catherine Dobel	Jo Anslow	Janet Hughes
Ted Lancett	Peter Houghton	Derek Williams	Patricia Yorke
Ethel Florence	Violet Jenkins	Gillian Mortimer	Sandra Murphy