



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 23rd JUNE
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8am BCP Communion

10am Parish Communion

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

**SUNDAY 30th JUNE
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8am BCP Communion

10am Parish Communion

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Readings for 23rd June 2024:

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Old Testament Reading:

1 Samuel 17: 31 – 58

³¹ When the words that David spoke were heard, they repeated them before Saul and he sent for him. ³² And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." ³³ And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth and he has been a man of war from his youth." ³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him. ³⁶ Your servant has struck down both lions and bears and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God." ³⁷ And David said, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go and the LORD be with you!" ³⁸ Then Saul clothed David with his armour. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail ³⁹ and David strapped his sword over his armour. And he tried in vain to go, for he had not tested them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them." So David put them off. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd's pouch. His sling was in his hand and he approached the Philistine. ⁴¹ And the Philistine moved forward and came near to David, with his shield bearer in front of him. ⁴² And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. ⁴³ And the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ The Philistine said to David, "Come to me and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field." ⁴⁵ Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel ⁴⁷ and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD's and He will give you into our hand." ⁴⁸ When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly towards the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹ And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead and he fell on his face to the ground. ⁵⁰ So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone and struck the Philistine and killed him. There was no sword in the hand of David. ⁵¹ Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath

and killed him and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. ⁵² And the men of Israel and Judah rose with a shout and pursued the Philistines as far as Gath and the gates of Ekron, so that the wounded Philistines fell on the way from Shaaraim as far as Gath and Ekron. ⁵³ And the people of Israel came back from chasing the Philistines and they plundered their camp. ⁵⁴ And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his armour in his tent. ⁵⁵ As soon as Saul saw David go out against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is this youth?" And Abner said, "As your soul lives, O king, I do not know." ⁵⁶ And the king said, "Enquire whose son the boy is." ⁵⁷ And as soon as David returned from the striking down of the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. ⁵⁸ And Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" And David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:13

^{5:20} We are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. ¹ Working together with Him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For He says, "In a favourable time I listened to you and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favourable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³ We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷ by truthful speech and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ through honour and dishonour, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown and yet well known; as dying and behold, we live; as punished and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. ¹¹ We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹² You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³ In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

Gospel Reading: Mark 4: 35 – 41

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd, they took Him with them in the boat, just as He was. And other boats were with Him. ³⁷ And a great windstorm arose and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was

already filling. ³⁸ But He was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ And He awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"

COLLECT

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus You brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with Your will, that we may find all things restored in Him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, comforter of the afflicted and healer of the broken, You have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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	Adam Ross	Stephen Vicarage
David Hicks	Andrew Hicks	Gillian Hewin	David Gates
Dean Jackson	Stacey Ross	Ian James	

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

Done Rule	Catherine Dobel	Jo Anslow	Janet Hughes
Ted Lancett	Peter Houghton	Derek Williams	Patricia Yorke
Ethel Florence	Violet Jenkins	Gillian Mortimer	Sandra Murphy
Sheila Ledbury			

Please provide information for our weekly pewsheet 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 **Pewsheet**. Thank You

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

Services
Thursday 7am and midday prayers in church.
Friday 10.30am Holy Communion in S^t Katherine's Chapel.

Sunday 30th June 7pm in the church: **choral concert by the Fontana Choir** from Czechoslovakia in conjunction with the Hills Singers. Come and support our visiting guests!

Friday 5 July, 10am Coffee Stop An informal time for coffee, cakes, chat & company. For more information Contact Sonia Bowen either by phone 07878 173 919 or email sonia.a.bowen@gmail.com

Praying Litter Pickers Saturday 6 July meet at **11 am** on the Recreation Ground in the car park area. We pick up litter and pray over the ground for about 1.5 hours. Then go back to St. Michael's church at 12.30 pm for bacon butties and tea and coffee and chat. All welcome.

Prayer walk Saturday 6 July 2024 Meet at the church North porch at **2.30pm**, followed by **Picnic in the Rectory Gardens 4pm**. Bring your own picnic and Chair.

POETRY in SONG, Saturday July 6 at 7.30pm a concert of poems set to music, by British composers and poets, will be presented by Ledbury Choral Society in Saint Michael Church. This event is part of the Ledbury Poetry Festival and tickets, £15, are available from the Poetry Festival Office and on the door. The concert will finish at approximately 9.15pm. Wine and soft drinks will be on sale in the interval.

War Memorials in Ledbury (1918 to 2024): This is the topic of the next Friends lecture in the church on **Wed 10 July at 2.30 pm**. The speaker will be Jennifer Harrison who is an expert on this topic. Tickets are £4.00 (£3.00 for members). Tea and biscuits will be served afterwards.

Saturday 13 July 9:30am – 1:00pm Bishop's Training Day in S. Michael's Details and agenda 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.

Open Gardens event: The Friends' event on 15th June was a great success, despite a couple of showers. We had around 150 visitors to the eight open gardens, all of which looked most beautiful. We are very grateful to those who opened their gardens and to those who acted as welcomers, made cakes or helped to set up and serve tea. We made a profit of £1,060.

The PCC have applied for a faculty to make more space available at the east end of the nave during concerts etc. Shorter pews will replace those in the first two rows, so that the shorter pews can be moved aside during events and returned to their place during normal worship. Details can be found in the porch and on the noticeboard at the back of the church.