



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

SUNDAY 14th JULY SEVENTH 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 21st JULY EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am BCP Communion

10am Parish Communion

5:30pm Choral Evensong

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Readings for 14th July 2024:

Trinity 7

Old Testament Reading:

Psalm 24

¹ The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, ² for He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. ³ Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in His holy place? ⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. ⁵ He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. ⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. ⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ⁸ Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! ⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ¹⁰ Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!

New Testament Reading:

Ephesians 1: 3 – 14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, ⁶ to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, ⁸ which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹ In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of His glory. ¹³ In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.

Gospel Reading:

Mark 6: 12 – 29

¹² [The disciples of Jesus] went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³ And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them. ¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in Him." ¹⁵ But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷ For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed and yet he heard him gladly. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee.

²²For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish and I will give it to you."
²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom."
²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist."
²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."
²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her.
²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison
²⁸and brought his head on a platter, gave it to the girl and the girl gave it to her mother.
²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

COLLECT

Generous God, You give us gifts and make them grow; though our faith is small as a mustard seed, make it grow to Your glory and the flourishing of Your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of His death and passion that, in His saving cup, we may share His glory and be made perfect in His love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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	Richard Tyrell
David Hicks	Andrew Hicks	Gillian Hewin	Stephen Vicarage
Dean Jackson	Stacey Ross	Ken Simpson	David Gates

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	Anthony Davis	Tony Davis	

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.

Thursday 18 July 7:30pm in The Burgage Hall: **Fr Cosmin Savu** of the Romanian Orthodox Church will be speaking about their Christian faith. The talk with questions afterwards is titled **In Christ There Is Both East And West.**

Pray-ers, Bakers, Helpers needed!

This summer the LEAF Family Days are on **20 July & 17 August.** 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 and we are so grateful for all those who have helped in the past. This year we are expecting even more families to come and enjoy the free activities and food, so we need more helpers! If you have any spare time or energy, please let Mary Anne Keyes know. maryannekeyes@leafledbury.com or phone **07962323454**

Saturday 27th July: Coffee Concert Keith Hernshaw organ recital at **11am** with refreshments from 10.30am

Thursday 1st August The Last Supper: Leonardo de Vinci in the Master's House. The Very Revd. Nick Bury is giving an illustrated talk on The Last Supper. Tickets £6, only available after 1st July from Ledbury Books and Maps, 20 High Street. Tel 01531 633 226 (owing to restrictions in the Master's House there are only 40 seats available)

Please note: Queries and suggestions about repairs and maintenance should be directed to Andrew Beech. Thanks.

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.

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.