



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

SUNDAY 4th AUGUST TENTH 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 11th AUGUST ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am BCP Communion

10am Morning Worship

5.30pm Holy Communion

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Readings for 4th August 2024:

Trinity 10

Old Testament Reading:

Psalm 83

¹ O God, do not keep silence; do not hold Your peace or be still, O God! ² For behold, Your enemies make an uproar; those who hate You have raised their heads. ³ They lay crafty plans against Your people; they consult together against Your treasured ones. ⁴ They say, “Come, let us wipe them out as a nation; let the name of Israel be remembered no more!” ⁵ For they conspire with one accord; against You they make a covenant — ⁶ the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, Moab and the Hagrites, ⁷ Gebal and Ammon and Amalek, Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; ⁸ Asshur also has joined them; they are the strong arm of the children of Lot. ⁹ Do to them as You did to Midian, as to Sisera and Jabin at the river Kishon, ¹⁰ who were destroyed at En-dor, who became dung for the ground. ¹¹ Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna, ¹² who said, “Let us take possession for ourselves of the pastures of God.” ¹³ O my God, make them like whirling dust, like chaff before the wind. ¹⁴ As fire consumes the forest, as the flame sets the mountains ablaze, ¹⁵ so may You pursue them with Your tempest and terrify them with Your hurricane! ¹⁶ Fill their faces with shame, that they may seek Your name, O Lord. ¹⁷ Let them be put to shame and dismayed for ever; let them perish in disgrace, ¹⁸ that they may know that You alone, whose name is the Lord, are the Most High over all the earth.

New Testament Reading:

Ephesians 4: 1 – 16

¹ [Paul], a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit — just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call — ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says, “When He ascended on high He led a host of captives and He gave gifts to men.” ⁹ (In saying, “He ascended”, what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) ¹¹ And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in

deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Gospel Reading: Mark 11: 12-14 & 20-25

¹² On the following day, when they came from Bethany, [Jesus] was hungry. ¹³ And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, He went to see if He could find anything on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴ And He said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And His disciples heard it. ... ²⁰ As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. ²¹ And Peter remembered and said to [Jesus], "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that You cursed has withered." ²² And Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. ²³ Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. ²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours. ²⁵ And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

COLLECT

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught His disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before You; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage, You have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in You: look upon us with Your favour that we who follow the path of Your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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 St Katherine's Chapel.

Friends talk on Wed 14 August at 2.30pm: The Natural environment of the church. The next speaker in our Friends programme is Rory Johnson. He will be talking to us about the trees that border the churchyard. Do come if you can. Rory is probably the youngest speaker we have ever had and it will also be good to be outside for an event a gentle stroll around the churchyard! Since 2021 Rory has worked as a Meadows Adviser for a local charity called Herefordshire Meadows. The charity's aims are to conserve, restore and create flower-rich grasslands in Herefordshire by working with farmers and land managers across the county. He also co-owns and manages a commercial woodland on the edges of the Forest of Dean and is a member of the Herefordshire Division of the Royal Forestry Society.

LEAF Family Day 17 August STOP PRESS

Following the success of the July Activity Day, which we had to move into church because of the awful weather forecast, we have decided that the August Fun Day will also take place in and around St Michael's Church, with the kind permission of the Rector. This has the advantage of giving us shelter in case of either rain or extreme heat. Please make sure that anyone you know who might attend is aware of the change of venue. We will need the churchyard to be clear of cars from early in the morning of Saturday 17th until after 4.30 pm.

Pray-ers, Bakers, Helpers needed!

This next LEAF Family Day is on **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**

For your diaries - this year's **CMS garden party** will be held on **Saturday 24 August 10am to 12:30pm** at Cath and Andrew Beech's house, the Croft, Woodleigh Road.

Mobility Scooters - if you use a mobility scooter to come to church and would like to park it under cover, you are welcome to park it in the South Aisle, against the wall.

St Katherine's Wed 31 July: The Rector and Churchwardens completed the surrender of the lease of St Katherine's Hall in order that a new lease can be granted by the Almshouse Charity, which owns the property, to LEAF. Most of the contents of the hall are being passed to LEAF - if you have any personal items in the Hall please could you remove them. Secondly, if you have a key to the Hall please could you let one of the Wardens know - we will need to return all keys to the Landlords.

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.

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

From Revd Chris Wragg. I recently attended an excellent 'Quite Day' at Hereford Cathedral, entitled 'Roads of Hurt & Hope' based on the booklet of the same name by Andrew Mayes. The booklet is a series of reflections based on some of the 'roads' in the Bible, and stories from those who live on those same roads today. Following each reflection, there are some questions and a prayer exercise. If anyone would like to borrow a copy of this booklet, please just let me know. Chris Wragg, 07714507147, christhevic@gmail.com

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:

Don 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	Elizabeth Dold
Geoffrey Douglas			

