



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 25th AUGUST
THIRTEENTH 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

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Do have a look, like, follow and participate.

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Readings for 25th August 2024:

Trinity 13

Old Testament Reading:

Psalm 84

¹How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! ²My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. ³Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. ⁴Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise! ⁵Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. ⁶As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. ⁷They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion. ⁸O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! ⁹Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of Your anointed! ¹⁰For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. ¹¹For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favour and honour. No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly. ¹²O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in You!

New Testament Reading:

Ephesians 6: 10 – 20

¹⁰... be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. ¹¹Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth and having put on the breastplate of righteousness ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Gospel Reading:

John 6: 56 – 69

⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.” ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as He taught at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in Himself that His disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offence at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe and who it was who would betray Him.) ⁶⁵And He said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.” ⁶⁶After this many of His disciples turned back and no longer walked with Him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life ⁶⁹and we have believed and have come to know, that You are the Holy One of God.”

COLLECT

Almighty God, You search us and know us. May we rely on You in strength and rest on You in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, You feed Your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; 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.

Please pray for a happy and safe Carnival and to invite everyone to come and see some of our church members joining the procession on their mobility scooters. The Carnival is on Monday Bank Holiday **Monday 26 August** from 12 noon.

Mothers' Union meeting Thursday 5 September at 2.15pm at the Market Theatre. If you wish to know more, please contact Lois Pratt (lois_pratt@hotmail.com), Janet Gallagher or the Rector

Coffee Stop Friday 6 September 10am - 12 noon. Coffee stop An informal time for coffee, cakes, chat & company. All welcome! Invite someone new to share with them our beautiful church. For more information Contact Sonia Bowen on 07878 173 919.

Praying Litter Pickers 7 September 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.

The next Parish Walk will be on **Tuesday 10th September**. The location has yet to be finalised. We meet at church at 10am. Please telephone Anne Tattersall on 01531 632 021 for more information and to arrange a lift if necessary.

Saturday 14 September: Coffee Concert Peter Johnson organ recital - Mostly Bach at 11am with refreshments from 10.30am. Collection after the concert

Save this date in your diaries, **Friday 27 September 10.30 - 1pm, Macmillan Coffee Morning**. St Katherine's Hall. Please make cakes. Sausage rolls or biscuits, let's make plenty of money for Macmillan. Contact Sue Simpson 07742060443 with offers of cakes and or help on the day.

Heating update from Andrew Beech

The Fabric Sub-Committee have produced an update on where we have got to in replacing the defunct heating system. The paper is longer than can be included here. So it will be emailed to everyone on the circulation list. Paper copies will be placed at the back of the church.

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 As the transfer of the Lease has now transferred, 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 or if you have a key please return to the church wardens to return 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.

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
Anne Baker	Lucy Orchard		

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	David Kirkham		