



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER
FOURTEENTH 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 8th SEPTEMBER
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8am BCP Communion

10am Morning Worship

5:30pm Communion

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Facebook – The church's facebook page: fb.me/stmichaelsledbury –

Do have a look, like, follow and participate.

X (Twitter) – Do sign-up to S. Michael's twitter account: [@LedburyParish](https://twitter.com/LedburyParish)

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Readings for 1st September 2024:

Trinity 14

Old Testament Reading:

Psalm 45: 1 – 9

¹My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.²You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon Your lips; therefore God has blessed You for ever.³Gird Your sword on Your thigh, O mighty one, in Your splendour and majesty!⁴In Your majesty ride out victoriously for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; let Your right hand teach You awesome deeds!⁵Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; the peoples fall under You.⁶Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever. The sceptre of Your kingdom is a sceptre of uprightness;⁷You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;⁸your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;⁹daughters of kings are among your ladies of honour; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

New Testament Reading:

James 1: 16 – 27

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.¹⁸Of His own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of His creatures.¹⁹Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;²⁰for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.²¹Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.²²But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.²³For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.²⁴For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.²⁵But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.²⁶If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Gospel Reading:

Mark 7: 1 – 8 & 14 – 23

¹ The Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ² they saw that some of His disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders ⁴ and when they come from the market-place, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing ⁵ And the Pharisees and the scribes asked Him, “Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶ And He said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, “This people honours me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; ⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ ⁸ You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”... ¹⁴ And [Jesus] called the people to Him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you and understand: ¹⁵ There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷ And when He had entered the house and left the people, His disciples asked Him about the parable. ¹⁸ And He said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ since it enters not his heart but his stomach and is expelled?” (Thus He declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ And He said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within and they defile a person.”

COLLECT

Merciful God, Your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in Your mercy and know Your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in 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.

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

You are warmly invited to join the Kintsugi Hope Emotional Wellbeing Course. A 12 week journey to explore how to maintain a positive mental and emotional wellbeing in the challenging times we are living in. The free wellbeing group is a safe and supporting space. The next 12 week evening course is due to begin on **17 September 2024, 7.00 – 8.30pm** at Ledbury Baptist Church in the Homend, Ledbury. For details tel 07841 048296 or email: alibennett@leafledbury.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
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		

Save this date in your diaries, **Friday 27 September 10.30 - 1.pm, 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.