



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER FIFTEENTH 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 15th SEPTEMBER SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am BCP Communion

10am Parish Communion

5.30pm Choral Evensong

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Do have a look, like, follow and participate.

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Readings for 8th September 2024:

Trinity 15

Old Testament Reading:

Psalm 125

¹Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides for ever. ²As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds His people, from this time forth and for evermore. ³For the sceptre of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong. ⁴Do good, O LORD, to those who are good and to those who are upright in their hearts! ⁵But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers! Peace be upon Israel!.

New Testament Reading:

James 2: 1 – 17

¹Show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place”, while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there”, or, “Sit down at my feet”, ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which He has promised to those who love Him? ⁶But you have dishonoured the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honourable name by which you were called? ⁸If you really fulfil the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself”, you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For he who said, “Do not commit adultery”, also said, “Do not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. ¹³For judgement is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgement. ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled”, without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Gospel Reading:

Mark 7: 24 – 37

²⁴Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet He could not keep His presence secret. ²⁵In fact, as soon as she heard about Him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at His feet. ²⁶The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷'First let the children eat all they want,' He told her, 'for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.' ²⁸'Lord,' she replied, 'even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' ²⁹Then He told her, 'For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.' ³⁰She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³²There some people brought to Him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk and they begged Jesus to place His hand on him. ³³After He took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put His fingers into the man's ears. Then He spat and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, 'Ephphatha!' (which means 'Be opened!'). ³⁵At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosed and he began to speak plainly. ³⁶Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more He did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷People were overwhelmed with amazement. 'He has done everything well,' they said. 'He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.'

COLLECT

Lord God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and give to Your people knowledge of Your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Keep, O Lord, Your Church, with Your perpetual mercy; and, because without You our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please provide information for our weekly pewsheets 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 Pewsheets. 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

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

The Deanery Synod is meeting in St Bartholomew's, Much Marcle on **Thursday, 19 September at 7.30pm**. This is an open meeting. We will be hearing a presentation by a team member from **The Diocesan Ukraine Project Team** what has been achieved, but also about the urgent need for more host families in our region and how our churches can help. We will also be hearing from the Revd Preb Nicky Seabright about **Anna Chaplaincy** – Spiritual care for older people. All are welcome to this meeting. Please put it in your diary.

Thursday 19 September 7.30pm Third Thursday Talk – Burbage Hall. David Gifford, the Bishop's advisor on interfaith relations will be talking on Faith in Action. Do come along and bring you friends for what promises to be an interesting evening.

Monday 23 September to Friday 27 September, 12 to 12:30pm in St Annes - a series of prayer and meditation session for harvest - see posters for more detail.

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.

The churchwardens reminded us last week of the debt we owe to **volunteers in the church**. They also said that additional volunteers are needed in a number of areas of the church's work. There is a letter at the back of the church for you to pick up listing some of the areas where we need extra help. Please pick up a copy and think and pray about whether you are able to help.

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.

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've very kindly been informed that The Homend around The Market House, will be closed to traffic on **Saturday 14th September, between 1pm & 8pm.**

We pray for: Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S' Michael and All Angels, Mtwarra and S' 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		

