



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER SIXTEENTH 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

5.30pm Choral Evensong

SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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Do have a look, like, follow and participate.

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Readings for 15th September 2024:

Trinity 16

Old Testament Reading:

Psalm 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

²Day to day pours out speech and night to night reveals knowledge.

³There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

⁴Their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.

In them He has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

⁹the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever;

the rules of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

¹³Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

New Testament Reading:

James 3: 1 – 12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life and set on fire by hell.

⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water?

¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

Gospel Reading:

Mark 8: 27 – 38

²⁷ Jesus went on with His disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way He asked His disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they told Him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.”

²⁹ And He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered Him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰ And He strictly charged them to tell no one about Him.

³¹ And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. ³² And He said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke Him. ³³ But turning and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴ And calling the crowd to Him with His disciples, [Jesus] said to them,

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul?

³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

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 S^t Katherine's Chapel.

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

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 07742 060 443 with offers of cakes and or help on the day.

The churchwardens reminded us 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.

We are delighted that **Christabel Panter** has been awarded the Order of St Ethelbert. The Order, founded by the Diocese in 2015, recognises and honours those who have supported and nurtured the Christian witness of htr Diocese in various devoted ways. The award will be presented at a service in Hereford Cathedral during Evensong in the Cathedral at 3:30 on Sunday 6th October

St Katherine's Just a reminder that bookings for St Katherines Hall should now be made through LEAF

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.

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^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	David Wood-Robinson	

We remember those who have died and pray for those who mourn their passing:

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		