

THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



Worshipping God, Following Jesus, Sharing His Love

SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER St MICHAELS AND ALL ANGELS - MICHAELMAS

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 6th OCTOBER NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Communion

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S. Michael and All Angels - Michaelmas

Psalm 103: 19 – 22

Old Testament Reading:

¹⁹ The LORD has established His throne in the heavens and His kingdom rules over all. ²⁰ Bless the LORD, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice of His word! ²¹ Bless the LORD, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will! ²² Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

New Testament Reading: Revelation 12: 7 – 12

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world – he was thrown down to the earth and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹²Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

Gospel Reading: John 1: 45 – 51

⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote; Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards Him and said of Him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael said to Him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree', do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

COLLECT

God, our judge and saviour. We praise and thank You, O teach us to be open to Your truth confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Christ, for this sacred feast: and to trust in Your love, for here we receive You, here the that we may live each day with memory of Your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where You reign with all Your saints for ever. Amen.

We pray for: Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & St Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and St 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 David Hicks Dean Jackson Anne Baker

Thomas Heffner Andrew Hicks Stacey Ross Lucy Orchard

Adam Ross Gillian Hewin Sue Simpson Terry Dold

Richard Tyrell Stephen Vicarage David Gates

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

Ted Lancett Ethel Florence Sheila Ledbury Geoffrey Douglas

Peter Houghton Violet Jenkins Anthony Davis David Kirkham

Derek Williams Gillian Mortimer Tony Davis James Smith

Patricia Yorke Sandra Murphy Elizabeth Dold

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.

Coffee Stop Friday 4 October 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 5th October meet at 11 am at 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.

Growing Together - Year of Faith, Faith in Fostering. The Bishop's Palace, 7 October, 6pm. Our Faith in Fostering initiative encourages those from faith communities to contact us to explore how you could change the life of a local child or young person. Care, kindness and compassion are found in religious and fostering communities. If you're from a faith community, your values and experiences could make you a great foster carer.

The Parish Walk will be on Tuesday 8th October Please telephone Anne Tattersall on 01531 632021 for more information

The Dean of Hereford Cathedral, The Rev Canon Sarah Brown, has been invited to come to St Katherines on 10 October at 7pm to lead an act of dedication for St Katherines and to commission the people and work of LEAF for the future. We would like to invite anyone who would like to attend to come to the service.

This year's Friends AGM is not on the date advertised in the programme. It has been moved from November and will now take place on Wednesday 16 October at 2.30 pm in the church. Our speaker will be Stephen Challenger who is the secretary of the Diocesan Advisory Committee which assesses all applications from churches for any modifications to their buildings. We have worked a lot with him in recent years and he has been very helpful to us. He will be well worth hearing as there is not much he does not know about churches in the diocese. He is also a musician and a bellringer. We shall be providing a cream tea and cakes after the meeting and the talk. Donations will be invited towards our funds

Additional volunteers would be very welcome to support the following **LEAF Family Fun events**. Support is needed in various areas, including setting up and clearing away, preparing for and running craft activities and games, cake making etc. If you would like to help please contact either Jill Jupp or Mary Anne Keyes, in Church or via jill.jupp@hotmail.co.uk or maryannekeyes@leafledbury.com.

- LEAF Light Party (Alternative Halloween) Thursday 31 October 2024
 3.00 5.15pm, St Michael and All Angels Parish Church
- J LEAF Advent Party Sunday 1 December 2024 2.30 5.00pm, Ledbury Community Hall, Lawnside Road, Ledbury

Thank you in advance for any help that can be offered.

Real Advent Calendars. This year LEAF will again be donating Real Advent Calendars to both Ledbury and Eastnor Primary schools, so that all the children have the opportunity to join in the fun of opening doors (and eating good quality Fairtrade chocolate!) in the 'countdown' to Christmas. Each class will also receive a booklet with the real story of Christmas. In this way our churches together are able to ensure that each child hears about the birth of Jesus and also gets a small gift showing that we care about them.

I want to give you good advance warning of the first event of next year's programme: A **Burns Night Supper** on <u>Saturday 25th January</u> in St Katherine's Hall. I need a team of people to help plan and put on this event. Let me know if you would like to be on the team. Tickets will be on sale from the afternoon of the AGM onwards. This will be our third Burns Night Supper. They have proved to be great fun.

Sad Follow-up on Lent Lunches: We very much regret to announce that the money raised by the Lent lunches has gone astray. It reached Tanzania, but our agent used the money to buy land for himself, rather than to build the classrooms for the kindergarten. The local Bishop has instructed our agent to sell the land and return the money to the UK. For more information talk to Ann Tombs, Elaine Toyer or Hugh Wakeling.

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.

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