



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER NINETEENTH 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 13th OCTOBER HARVEST SUNDAY

8am BCP Communion

10am Harvest Celebration

4:30pm *Ecumenical bring-and-share at S. Katherine's*

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Do have a look, like, follow and participate.

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Readings for 6th October 2024:

Trinity 19

Old Testament Reading:

Psalm 26

¹Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering. ²Prove me, O LORD and try me; test my heart and my mind. ³For Your steadfast love is before my eyes and I walk in Your faithfulness. ⁴I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites. ⁵I hate the assembly of evildoers and I will not sit with the wicked. ⁶I wash my hands in innocence and go round Your altar, O LORD, ⁷proclaiming thanksgiving aloud and telling all Your wondrous deeds. ⁸O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. ⁹Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men, ¹⁰in whose hands are evil devices and whose right hands are full of bribes. ¹¹But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me and be gracious to me. ¹²My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the LORD

New Testament Reading:

Hebrews 1: 1-4 & 2: 5-12

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs...^{2:5} Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? ⁷You made Him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned Him with glory and honour, ⁸putting everything in subjection under His feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to Him, He left nothing outside His control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to Him. ⁹But we see Him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

Gospel Reading:

Mark 10: 2 - 16

²Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked: "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." ⁵And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." ¹⁰In the house the disciples asked Him again about this matter. ¹¹And He said to them, "Whoever

divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” ¹³And they were bringing children to Him that He might touch them and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw it, He was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” ¹⁶And He took them in His arms and blessed them, laying His hands on them.

COLLECT

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust You and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy and blessed God, You have fed us with the body and blood of Your Son and filled us with Your Holy Spirit: may we honour You, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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	Sue Simpson	David Gates
Anne Baker	Lucy Orchard	Terry Dold	Rodney Jarrett

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

Ethel Florence	Violet Jenkins	Gillian Mortimer	Sandra Murphy
Sheila Ledbury	Anthony Davis	Tony Davis	Elizabeth Dold
Geoffrey Douglas	David Kirkham	James Smith	Tony Wargent

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.

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 October Parish Walk will be on **Tuesday 8 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 Katherine’s on **10 October at 7pm** to lead an act of dedication for St Katherine’s 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

) **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 **Saturday 25 January** 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.

The PCC recently agreed that during the cold winter months the **Sunday 10am** service will be held in the **Chapter House**. A small group has started clearing the Chapter House to make more space. In the course of this we have found a number of files of **old Sunday School records, service sheets and the like**. These are now stacked by the west door to the Chapter House. If you think any of them should be kept, please let one of the Wardens know which files, and why, otherwise they will be thrown away **during week beginning 21 October**.

It is also planned that the **8am BCP Communion** be held at **St Katherine's**, with effect from **20 October**. We hope to have confirmation of this in the next couple of weeks.

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

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.