



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER
HARVEST SUNDAY**

8am BCP Communion

10am Morning Worship

in the church building and streamed live on the website

www.stmichaelsledbury.org

then available later on video

4.30pm Ecumenical bring-and-share at St Katherine's

**SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER
TWENTY FIRST 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 13th October 2024:

Harvest Sunday

Old Testament Reading:

Joel 2:21-27

²¹ “Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things!

²² Fear not, you beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit; the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

²³ “Be glad, O children of Zion and rejoice in the LORD your God, for He has given the early rain for your vindication; He has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the latter rain, as before.

²⁴ “The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. ²⁵ I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you. ²⁶ “You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel and that I am the LORD your God and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

New Testament Reading:

1 Timothy 2: 1-7

¹First of all, I [Paul] urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour,

⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave Himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 6: 25-33.

²⁵ [Jesus said] “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?

²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you,

even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you.

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
Philip Gray			

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.

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.

Richard Walker and Gill Styles, piano duet playing music by Albeniz, Hummel, Gliere and Bizet on 26th October at 11am. Refreshments from 10.30am. Free entry, donations welcome.

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.

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.

we are looking for a volunteer to make some tartan bunting for us. We have the material. Now we need the expertise. Can you help? We are also in need of team to help run the event. Might you be able to help? Please contact Tim Keyes (07577 720154 or thkeyes28@hotmail.com).

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**.

The **8am BCP Communion** be held at **St Katherine's**, starting on **20 October**.

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.

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.

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