



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



**SUNDAY 1st JUNE
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8am BCP Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

Services in the church building are streamed live on the website
www.stmichaelsledbury.org
then available later on video

**SUNDAY 8th JUNE
PENTECOST**

8am BCP Communion

11.00am Ecumenical Pentecost Morning Worship
followed by BBQ

5.30pm Holy Communion

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Readings for 1st June 2025:

Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Reading:

Ezekiel 36: 24 – 28

²⁴ [Thus says the Lord God] I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸ You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers and you shall be my people and I will be your God.

Second Reading:

Acts 16: 16 – 34

¹⁶ As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." ¹⁸ And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. ²⁰ And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. ²¹ They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practise." ²² The crowd joined in attacking them and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. ²³ And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. ²⁴ Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God and the prisoners were listening to them ²⁶ and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's bonds were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ And the jailer called for lights and rushed in and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

³¹And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptised at once, he and all his family. ³⁴Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

Gospel Reading:

John 17: 20 – 26

[Jesus said] ²⁰"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³I in them and You in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that You have given me because You loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵O righteous Father, even though the world does not know You, I know you and these know that You have sent me. ²⁶I made known to them Your name and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which You have loved me may be in them and I in them."

COLLECT

O God the King of glory, You have exalted Your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to Your kingdom in heaven: we implore You, leave us not comfortless, but send Your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of love and power, Your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of His kingdom: confirm us in this mission and help us to live the good news we proclaim; 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

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LEDBURY

Services

8am Sunday BCP Communion held in church

10am Sunday morning services held in church

Thursday 7am and midday prayers in church

Friday 10.30am Holy Communion in St Katherine's Chapel

EASTNOR

Services on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11.15am.

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

Home and Sick Communion – If you are sick or housebound and would like to receive home communion, please let either Keith (07796 585 407) or Val Houghton (val.houghton1@btinternet.com) know.

Prayer Chain. Please let Keith, Val or one of the wardens or know if you would like to receive prayer chain messages or email prayer@stmichaelsledbury.org. If you have a request for prayer please use the same contacted.

A full programme of events has been planned by the **Friends of Ledbury Parish Church.** Events are open to members and non-members except the Summer Social. Full details are available at the back of the church, by email, thkeyes28@hotmail.com, or on the church website.

Over the next few months we are going to learn the Gloria and Sanctus from the Mass of St. Thomas by David Thorne so that we can have an alternative to singing the setting we are used to by Rutter. We have sung this new one before, after lockdown so you may well remember it. The choir sang it a couple of times recently. Here is a link to a learning track for the Gloria:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=quJEeQCKO00>
Here is one to the Sanctus: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rTMLiCsh53E>

From LEAF: Dear Friends, We are delighted to invite you to a special gathering as we celebrate 10 years of continuous 7-12-7 Thursday prayer.

Thursday, 5 June at 7:00pm at St Katherine's Hall. Since its inception, this prayer tradition has been built on the ecumenical links that strengthen the relationships between churches in Ledbury. It has remained central to the establishment and running of the LEAF charity, helping to guide its mission and outreach. As we give thanks for the past 10 years, we also seek God's grace and guidance for the next decade of prayer, unity, and service. We would be honoured if you could join us in this moment of reflection and celebration.

A thanksgiving service for **David Gates** will be held at **2.30pm on Friday 6 June** in St Michael's.

Coffee Stop Friday 6th June 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 7 June, We will meet at **11 am** at the Recreation Car Park and pray together and collect litter in the recreation grounds. At 12.30 pm we will go to The New Market Café for refreshments, anyone who would like to join us for coffee and chat are welcome. We will each pay for our own refreshments.

Saturday 21st June Ann Williamson's funeral will be at **10am at Hereford Crem** and her memorial service will be at **midday at S. Katherine's Hall.**

Friends of Ledbury Parish Church Wednesday 25 June at 1.0pm St Michael's Church: **Friends Lunch and entertainment.** Come and join us for a get-together over a Ploughman's lunch served with soft drinks with the added ingredient of the poems of John Masefield. To book your tickets please contact Christine Walters on ncwalters76@gmail.com or phone 07816 099 951. *Tickets £10.00*

Nepali meal, Friday 4 July: Last November, Tim Keyes, as a trustee of the *Himalayan Trust UK*, made his 6th and final trip to Nepal to support the work of this charity in education and health in the mountainous far North East of the country. Also in the group of 10 were two others from Ledbury, Clare Porter and Tom Edwards who will be known to many of you. We shall be holding a fundraising meal at **7.00pm on Friday 4 July** in the Baptist Church and will make a presentation about our trip, helped by two other members of the group who went to Nepal. You will have tasty Nepalese-style food and a chance to engage with a culture that will be unfamiliar to most of you. Tickets are £20.00. Please contact Tim Keyes (thkeyes28@hotmail.com) to reserve a place as there are limited places available. Payment can come later.

Art in the Medieval Hospital: Thursday 17 July, at The Master's House, The Very Rev. Nick Bury is giving an illustrated talk on the art recorded in these Medieval Hospitals throughout Europe. Tickets £6 only available from **2nd June** from Ledbury Books and Maps, 20 High Street. Tel 01531 633226 (owing to restrictions in the Master's House there are only 40 seats available).

LEAF Family Fun Days. On **19 July and 16 August** we will be repeating these very popular events. This year both will be based in and around St Michael's (to avoid the vagaries of the weather!). Please let me know if you can help! It might be praying, baking or preparing craft in advance, and/or volunteering to assist on the day (with craft, games, refreshments, BBQ etc). Thanks in advance. Mary Anne Keyes maryannekeyes@leafledbury.com 07962 323454

It is with great sadness that we learn of the death from cancer of Mary, wife of Victor Parisipogola, Director, Brighter Future Development Trust, in India. Victor and Mary founded this outstanding NGO for orphans and children whose parents were unable to care for them due leprosy (and later Aids), expanding their operation to care for many leprosy colonies and training and resources to help people get jobs and break the cycle of poverty. See <https://brighterfuture.org.uk> & <https://bftindia.org>. Victor and Mary last visited St Michael's three years ago when Victor talked about his work with the Leprosy Mission in our service.

A note from Christabel Panter - Thank you for the many of you who sent me cards and flowers. I am now back at home mobilising.

We pray for: Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S' Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S' John the Baptist Church, Likonde

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 us know.

Annee Kettle
Elizabeth Watson
Christabel Panter

Andrew Hicks
Stacey Ross
Andrew Broughton

Gillian Hewin
Sue Holland

Stephen Vicarage
Terry Dold

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

Elizabeth Crossley
Jim Large
Jim Loveridge
Hilda Hawcutt
Lucy Orchard

Gwen Kirkham
Richard Tyrell
Eileen Haynes
David Gates
Mary Parisipogola

Judy Street
Pam Robinson
Martin Glover
Ann Williamson
Eileen Wall

Hilary Sharpe
John Sutton
John Robinson
Alex Desir

Coffee Concerts at St Michaels

21st June: Marion Tunwell organ recital

12th July: Octavo vocal octet recital

2nd August: John Swindells organ recital

30th August: Jill Crossland piano recital

27th September: Peter Johnson organ recital

4th October: Iain Simcock organ recital

***25th October: Richard Walker and Gill Styles
piano duets***

***All concerts start at 11.00 am
with coffee and cake from 10.30 am
St Michael and All Angels Ledbury***