



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



***Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love***

**SUNDAY 28th June
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**8am BCP Communion
Led by Rev'd Michael Gallagher**

**10.00am Parish Communion
Led by Rev'd Michael Gallagher**

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

**SUNDAY 5th JULY
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**8am BCP Communion
Led by Rev'd Bill MacKenzie**

**10.00am Parish Communion
Led by Rev'd Bill Mackenzie**

Church office: phone number: 01531 631 531.

Email: admin@stmichaelsledbury.org

Our website is: **www.stmichaelsledbury.org**

Facebook – The church's facebook page: fb.me/stmichaelsledbury – Do have a look, like, follow and participate.

X (Twitter) – Do sign-up to S. Michael's [twitter account](#): 'St Michael's Ledbury' [@LedburyParish](#)

Please provide information for our weekly pewsheets by Wednesday each week. Thank you. Please email to Annie Lindon annielindon@gmail.com and to (cc) churchwardens@stmichaelsledbury.org and admin@stmichaelsledbury.org

Sunday parking is for Blue Badge holders only.

Pastoral Care. The Pastoral Team consists of: Sue Cooper, Sue Simpson, Richard Nightingale and Val Houghton. If you have any Pastoral issues, or help is needed then please contact Val Houghton. (val.houghton1@btinternet.com).

Prayer Chain. Please let Val or one of the wardens know if you would like to receive prayer chain messages. If you have a request for prayer please use the same contacts.

Repairs and maintenance queries should be directed to Andrew Beech.

SERVICES

LEDBURY Services

8am Sunday BCP Communion

10am Sunday Parish Communion (2nd Sunday Morning Worship)

Thursday 7am and midday prayers in church

Friday 10.30am Holy Communion in S^t Katherine's Chapel

Third Sunday Choral Evensong 5.30pm

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

NOTICES

Advance notice - the National Grid will be digging up Church Lane on Wednesday 13 July so access to the church will be limited to Church Road.

Sonia Bowen has kindly agreed to take on the role of Volunteer Coordinator. Please contact Sonia if you would like to know how to get more involved in church. There are lots of ways we can offer our time and talents - everyone has something to give! You can email Sonia at sonia.a.bowen@gmail.com or call her on 07878 173919.

There are several **home study groups** in Ledbury and surrounding areas; these mainly take place in the evenings. The study group leaders would welcome new members. **If you are interested in joining one please speak to Richard Nightingale, r.nightingale437@btinternet.com.**

We have a new key safe in the priests vestry and the code has changed. If you need the new code please ask one of the wardens. To reduce clutter, the priests vestry safe now only contains the most frequently used keys. Other keys, unlabelled keys and spare labels are in the key safe in the disabled loo. Again, please ask the wardens if you need the code for this safe.

We pray for:

Our link CMS Mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners and St Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and St John the Baptist Church, Likonde

Those involved in the process of selecting the next Rector.

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.

Andrew Broughton Stephen Vicarage Terry Dodd Peter Tattersall David Hicks

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

Sandra Thomas Ann Roberts Louis Lock Bryan Turner Richard Green Barbara Price Ann Blandford Barbara Meikle Alison Williams Colin MacKenzie Barbara Morris Roger Jackman Jan James Elizabeth Watson

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee Concerts Saturday 25 July, Saturday 8 August, Saturday 29 August, Saturday 19 September Saturday 3 October and Saturday 7 November.

Coffee Stop Friday 3 July 10am - 12 noon. Come and join us for coffee, cakes, chat & company. All welcome! Invite someone new to share with them our beautiful church. Contact Sonia Bowen on 07878 173 919.

Praying Litter Pickers 11am Saturday 4 July. We will meet 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 warmth and refreshments, anyone who would like to join us for coffee and chat are welcome. We will each pay for our own refreshments.

Masefield Marathon, 4 July: St Michael's is pleased to host this most unusual event during the Ledbury Poetry Festival. On **Sat 4 July, between 10.00am and 5.00pm** a team of 62 volunteer readers (including 20 from our own congregation) will perform some of the best poetry and prose written by Ledbury's most famous offspring. The day will be split into seven themes. A full programme will be available. Tea, coffee, cakes and soup & scones will be for sale at very reasonable prices. Entry is free but you are invited to make a contribution, if you wish, to the *Masefield Matters* project. Do drop in at any time. You will never attend anything like it again!

Little Marcle Church is hosting a **Flower Festival** from **3rd - 5th July 10am - 4pm**, in aid of roof repairs and internal decoration. Entry £5 (under 16s free). 'Art in Flowers' will include over 20 floral displays inspired by popular painters as well as a number of decorative arrangements. Pupils from Much Marcle School will also be exhibiting a plant and flower based project. Refreshments will be available. There is on-site parking for up to 30 cars. All members of our Flower Guild are participating, so please come along and support them. Thank you. Chris Lynch, Flower Guild Coordinator.

LEAF Summer Activity Days. There will be 2 activity days as usual this summer for which your prayers and practical assistance would be most welcome. They will be on **Saturday 18 July 12-4pm** at St Michael's and on **Saturday 15 August 12-4pm** at Ledbury Primary School. We offer a variety of activities as well as a BBQ lunch and tea, coffee and cakes, all free of charge. To give local families our very best welcome we need folk from all our churches helping in lots of different ways, eg baking, crafting, welcoming, chatting, playing and of course praying. Please let me know how you can help! Mary Anne Keyes maryannekeyes@leafledbury.com or 07962 323454

Advance notice: This year's **CMS coffee morning** will be held on **Saturday 25 July** at the Beeches home in Woodleigh Road. More details to follow.

Friends of Ledbury Parish Church Events:

Wednesday 15th July 6.00pm - Hymns and Pimms:

This summer social event for The Friends of Ledbury Parish Church has been put forward to **Wednesday 15 July @ 6pm.**

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE. Do come to the church and join us for a good sing-along, a glass or two of Pimms and strawberries and cream. If there is a particular hymn that you would like us all to sing, please contact Tim Keyes (thkeyes28@hotmail.com). Entry £5.

Readings for 28th June 2026:

Trinity IV

An Old Testament Reading from: Genesis 22: 1 – 14

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering, arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. ⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

A Gospel Reading from: Matthew 10: 40 – 42

⁴⁰ [Jesus said] "Whoever receives you receives me and whoever receives me receives Him who sent me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

A New Testament Reading from:

Romans 6: 8 – 23

⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him.

⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. ²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

COLLECT

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus You brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with Your will, that we may find all things restored in Him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, comforter of the afflicted and healer of the broken, You have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**