



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



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

**SUNDAY 21st June
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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

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

**5.30pm Choral Evensong
Led by Rev'd William Simmonds**

Services in the church building are often streamed live on the website

www.stmichaelsledbury.org

then available later on video

**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**

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](https://twitter.com/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 27 June, Saturday 25 July, Saturday 8 August, Saturday 29 August, Saturday 19 September Saturday 3 October and Saturday 7 November.

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 21st June 2026:

Trinity III

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 21: 8 – 21

⁸[Isaac] the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, laughing. ¹⁰So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not be heir with my son Isaac." ¹¹And the thing was very displeasing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹²But God said to Abraham, "Be not displeased because of the boy and because of your slave woman. Whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for through Isaac shall your offspring be named. ¹³And I will make a nation of the son of the slave woman also, because he is your offspring." ¹⁴So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child and sent her away. And she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba. ¹⁵When the water in the skin was gone, she put the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Let me not look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷And God heard the voice of the boy and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸Up! Lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make him into a great nation." ¹⁹Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰And God was with the boy and he grew up. He lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. ²¹He lived in the wilderness of Paran and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

New Testament Reading:

Romans 6: 1 – 11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into His death? ⁴We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. 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.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 10: 24 – 39

²⁴[Jesus said] “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. ²⁶“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. ³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father and a daughter against her mother and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

COLLECT

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to Your promises of peace won for us by Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us Your glory as far as we can grasp it and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon You without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**