



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



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

**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**

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

**SUNDAY 12th JULY
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**8am BCP Communion
Led by Rev'd Bill MacKenzie
Preacher Mary Anne Keyes**

**10.00am Morning Worship
Led by the Second Sunday Team**

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](https://www.facebook.com/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.

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.

Meeting Room. A reminder that on 13th July work will be starting to repair the floor of the room above the North Porch. This will take 5-6 weeks and during this time access to the church during the week will be through the Chapter House. The North Porch will be open on Saturdays and Sundays. The meeting room will be a work zone – access will be to the toilets only during the week. **All items stored in the meeting room must be moved before the work starts, otherwise they will be disposed of.**

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

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.

Thursday Talks The next talk will be on **Thursday 16 July**, when Father Thomas Regan from Holy Trinity will be speaking on Roads from Rome – Catholic practice and worship and relations with other churches. **7:30pm** in the Burgage Hall.

Tour of St Michael's at 2pm on Friday 17 July. Peter Tattersall will be leading a tour of the church for members of the U3A Local History group. If you are interested in learning more about our church, you would be most welcome to join. There is no charge for the tour.

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, 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.

There will be two 'Stay and Play' sessions in church indoor play space, on **July 30** and **August 27** for younger children and parents.

The Healthy HAFers club. The government-funded holiday activities and food (HAF) programme provides support to children from low-income families during school holiday periods. During the school summer holidays, LEAF will be working with Ledbury Community Hub to provide free nutritious meals, enriching activities and a safe environment for eligible children at Ledbury Primary School. Our Healthy HAFers club is due to open its doors for the first time on **Monday 27 July**. More details can be found at: <https://eequ.org/book/healthy-hafers-with-leaf-team-32742> If you would like to join our team of volunteers, please email: taracampbell@leafledbury.com

We pray God's blessing on these summer events.

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 5th July 2026:

Trinity V

An Old Testament Reading from: Genesis 24: 34 – 49

³⁴ [The man] said, "I am Abraham's servant. ³⁵ The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become great. He has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male servants and female servants, camels and donkeys. ³⁶ And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old and to him he has given all that he has. ³⁷ My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell, ³⁸ but you shall go to my father's house and to my clan and take a wife for my son.' ³⁹ I said to my master, 'Perhaps the woman will not follow me.' ⁴⁰ But he said to me, 'The LORD, before whom I have walked, will send His angel with you and prosper your way. You shall take a wife for my son from my clan and from my father's house. ⁴¹ Then you will be free from my oath, when you come to my clan. And if they will not give her to you, you will be free from my oath.' ⁴² "I came today to the spring and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you are prospering the way that I go, ⁴³ behold, I am standing by the spring of water. Let the virgin who comes out to draw water, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink", ⁴⁴ and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also", let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.' ⁴⁵ "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, behold, Rebekah came out with her water jar on her shoulder and she went down to the spring and drew water. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' ⁴⁶ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I will give your camels drink also.' So I drank, and she gave the camels drink also. ⁴⁷ Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms. ⁴⁸ Then I bowed my head and worshipped the LORD and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to take the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. ⁴⁹ Now then, if you are going to show steadfast love and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left." ⁵⁰ Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, "The thing has come from the LORD; we cannot speak to you bad or good. ⁵¹ Behold, Rebekah is before you; take her and go and let her be the wife of your master's son, as the LORD has spoken." ⁵² When Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed himself to the earth before the LORD. ⁵³ And the servant brought out jewellery of silver and of gold and garments and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave to her brother and to her mother costly ornaments. ⁵⁴ And he and the men who were with him ate and drank and they spent the night there. When they arose in the morning, he said, "Send me away to my master." ⁵⁵ Her brother and her mother said, "Let the young woman remain with us a while, at least ten days; after that she may go."

⁵⁶ But he said to them, “Do not delay me, since the LORD has prospered my way. Send me away that I may go to my master.” ⁵⁷ They said, “Let us call the young woman and ask her.” ⁵⁸ And they called Rebekah and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will go.” ⁵⁹ So they sent away Rebekah their sister and her nurse and Abraham’s servant and his men. ⁶⁰ And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “Our sister, may you become thousands of ten thousands, and may your offspring possess the gate of those who hate him!” ⁶¹ Then Rebekah and her young women arose and rode on the camels and followed the man. Thus the servant took Rebekah and went his way. ⁶² Now Isaac had returned from Beer-lahai-roi and was dwelling in the Negeb. ⁶³ And Isaac went out to meditate in the field towards evening. And he lifted up his eyes and saw and behold, there were camels coming. ⁶⁴ And Rebekah lifted up her eyes and when she saw Isaac, she dismounted from the camel ⁶⁵ and said to the servant, “Who is that man, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶ And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. ⁶⁷ Then Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother and took Rebekah and she became his wife and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

A New Testament Reading from: Romans 7: 7 – 25

⁷ What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” ⁸ But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. ⁹ I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. ¹⁰ The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹ For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ¹² So the law is holy and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. ¹³ Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure. ¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

A Gospel Reading from: Matthew 11: 16 – 30

¹⁶ [Jesus said] “To what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market places and calling to their playmates, ¹⁷ “‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge and you did not mourn.’” ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking and they say, ‘Look at Him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.” ²⁰ Then He began to denounce the cities where most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. ²¹ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgement for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴ But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgement for the land of Sodom than for you.” ²⁵ At that time Jesus declared, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father and no one knows the Son except the Father and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

COLLECT

Almighty God, send down upon Your Church the riches of Your Spirit and kindle in all who minister the gospel Your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, we beseech You, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen