



THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



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

**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**

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

www.stmichaelsledbury.org
then available later on video

**SUNDAY 19th JULY
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**8am BCP Communion
Led by Rev'd William Simmonds**

**10.00am Parish Communion
Led by Rev'd Stuart Currie**

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

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 pewsheet 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 - Many thanks to those who cleared their belongings from the Meeting Room. Work will start on the upper room floor on Monday 13th, and while it is going on weekday access to the church will be through the Chapter House. There is a table in the South Aisle with some items which were left in the meeting room. If they are yours, or if you have a use for them, please could you remove them 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

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.

Thursday Talks - The next in our series of Thursday talks will be on Thursday 16th July at 7:30 in the Burgage Hall. This will be an opportunity to meet Fr Thomas Regan, the new priest at Holy Trinity in New Street, and hear him talk about Catholic Practice and Worship, and how the Catholic Church relates to other churches. Refreshments provided'.

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.

Our **CMS fundraising event** will now be a cream tea in the garden of The Croft on Sunday 26 July from 2:30 to 4:30. Do come along and enjoy tea and chat in a relaxed atmosphere

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

Hymns and Pimms (Wed 15th July at 6.00): We hope that many of you will be coming to this event. If you have a favourite hymn that you would like us to sing, please let Tim Keyes know (thkeyes28@hotmail.com). If your hymn could be from the Green Book or the (less often used) Blue Book, it would save us having to photocopy sheets for the event.

Friends of Ledbury Parish Church: We urgently need up to three new committee members for The Friends if we are to continue to put on an annual programme of talks and social events. If you think you might have time to give to this valuable aspect of the church's work, please contact Tim Keyes (thkeyes28@hotmail.com). The work is fun and not onerous, and the occasional meetings are short and efficient.

An Old Testament Reading from:

Genesis 25: 19 – 34

¹⁹These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham fathered Isaac ²⁰and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife. ²¹And Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren. And the LORD granted his prayer and Rebekah his wife conceived. ²²The children struggled together within her and she said, "If it is thus, why is this happening to me?" So she went to enquire of the LORD. ²³And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger."²⁴When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau. ²⁶Afterwards his brother came out with his hand holding Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents. ²⁸Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.²⁹Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field and he was exhausted. ³⁰And Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!" (Therefore his name was called Edom [which in Hebrew sounds like red]). ³¹Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright now." ³²Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" ³³Jacob said, "Swear to me now." So Esau swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

A New Testament Reading from:

Romans 8: 1 – 11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

A Gospel Reading from:

Matthew 13: 1 – 9 & 18 – 23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about Him, so that He got into a boat and sat down. The whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And He told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear."¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty and in another thirty."

COLLECT

Creator God, You made us all in Your image: may we discern/recognise You in all that we see and serve You in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You in all things and above all things, may obtain Your promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**