



THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



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

**SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JULY  
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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

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

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

**SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JULY  
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**8am BCP Communion  
Led by The Ven Derek Chedzey**

**10.00am Parish Communion  
Led by The Ven Derek Chedzey**

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Facebook – The church's facebook page: [fb.me/stmichaelsledbury](https://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](mailto:annielindon@gmail.com) and to (cc) [churchwardens@stmichaelsledbury.org](mailto:churchwardens@stmichaelsledbury.org) and [admin@stmichaelsledbury.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Morning Worship)**

**Thursday 7am and midday prayers in church**

**Friday 10.30am Holy Communion in S<sup>t</sup> Katherine's Chapel**

**Third Sunday Choral Evensong 5.30pm**

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

# NOTICES

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](mailto:r.nightingale437@btinternet.com).**

**Meeting Room** - Many thanks to those who cleared their belongings from the Meeting Room. Work has started on the upper room floor, 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

The new Rector – Rev Canon Sarah Hillman

**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   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.**

**LEAF Summer Activity Day - 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](mailto: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.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2:30 - 4:30- our annual CMS fundraising** event will this year be a cream tea in the garden of the Beeches home - The Croft Woodleigh Road. There will be a bring and buy plant and bric-a-brac stall. Do come along for a relaxed social afternoon.

If anyone is able to help by baking scones, serving teas or helping set up and take down, please have a word with Cath or email [churchwardens@stmichaelsledbury.org](mailto:churchwardens@stmichaelsledbury.org)

**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](mailto:taracampbell@leafledbury.com)

We pray God's blessing on these summer events.

## Friends of Ledbury Parish Church Events

**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](mailto:thkeyes28@hotmail.com)). The work is fun and not onerous, and the occasional meetings are short and efficient.

Readings for 19th July 2026: Trinity VII

**Old Testament Reading: Genesis 28: 10 – 22**

<sup>10</sup>Jacob left Beersheba and went towards Haran. <sup>11</sup>And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep.

<sup>12</sup>And he dreamed and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! <sup>13</sup>And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. <sup>14</sup>Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

<sup>15</sup>Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup>Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place and I did not know it." <sup>17</sup>And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God and this is the gate of heaven." <sup>18</sup>So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19</sup>He called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. <sup>20</sup>Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, <sup>21</sup>so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God <sup>22</sup>and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house. And of all that You give me I will give a full tenth to you."

**New Testament Reading:****Romans 8: 11 – 25**

<sup>11</sup>If 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. <sup>12</sup>So then, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him. <sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**Gospel Reading:****Matthew 13: 24 – 30 & 36 – 43**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup>And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ <sup>28</sup>He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup>But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” ... <sup>36</sup>Then [Jesus] left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup>He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send His angels and they will gather out of His kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers <sup>42</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

**COLLECT**

Generous God, You give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to Your glory and the flourishing of Your Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving Himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of His death and passion that, in His saving cup, we may share His glory and be made perfect in His love; for He is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen**