



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus,
Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 2nd August 2026
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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

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

**SUNDAY 9th AUGUST
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**8am BCP Communion
Led by Rev'd Elizabeth Reed**

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

Church office: phone number: 01531 631 531.

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

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

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

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.**

Work has now started on the floor of the room over the North porch. The North Porch will closed until Thursday 30th July; access to the church will be via the Chapter House and, for the Sunday service, the West porch. Parking and turning in the car park is restricted.

Many thanks to all who supported the cream tea last Sunday by attending, baking or giving. We have so far raised nearly £900 for CMS. There is still time to contribute - we will be sending our donation off in a couple of weeks.

WE PRAY FOR:

Our link CMS Mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners and Hereford Diocesan Links with Tanzania.

The new Rector – Rev Canon Sarah Hillman

Rev'd Joan Wakeling for her knee operation

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.

Terry Dodd Peter Tattersall David Hicks Peter Veasey

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

Ann Blandford Barbara Meikle Mary Cooper Barbara Morris Roger Jackman Jan James Elizabeth Watson

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee Stop Friday 7 August 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.

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

Memorial Service for the late Mary Edna Cooper, Tuesday 11th August 2026 at 2 pm at St Michael and All Angels, Ledbury. The Reverend Elizabeth Reed will lead the service assisted by Rev Val Tait.

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 or 07962 323454.

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

The next 'Stay and Play' will be in the church indoor play space, on **August 27** for younger children and parents.

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). The work is fun and not onerous, and the occasional meetings are short and efficient.

Readings for 2nd August 2026. Trinity IX

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 32: 22-31

²² The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip pocket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷ And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

New Testament Reading:

Romans 9: 1-5

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵ To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 14: 13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”

¹⁶ But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.”

¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

COLLECT

Gracious Father, revive Your Church in our day and make her holy, strong and faithful, for Your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

POST COMMUNION

Holy Father
Who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your
peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen