



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus,
Sharing His Love*

**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
With a speaker from Mission Aviation Fellowship**

**SUNDAY 16th AUGUST
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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

**10.00am Parish Communion
Led by Rev'd William Simmonds**

**5.30pm Evensong
Led by Mary Anne Keyes**

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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.**

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 who has now had 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.

Peter Veasey Terry Dodd Peter Tattersall David Hicks

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

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee Concerts 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 programme** ended this week but Julia Warren says 'please give resounding praise to God and huge thanks to all who were part of the engine room of prayer, all the providers of resources and all the frontline workers'.'

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 9th August 2026. Trinity X

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28

¹Jacob lived the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan.²These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colours.⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.

¹²Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem.¹³And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." And he said to him "Here I am."

¹⁴So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring me word." So he sent him from the Valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.¹⁵And a man found him wandering in the fields. And the man asked him, "What are you seeking?"¹⁶I am seeking my brothers," he said. "Tell me please, where they are pasturing the flock."¹⁷And the man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan." So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dohan.

¹⁸They saw him from afar, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him.¹⁹ They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer.²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him, and we will see what will become of his dreams."

²¹But when Reuben heard it, he rescued him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life."²²And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him" – that he might rescue him out of their hand to restore him to his father.²³So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colours that he wore.²⁴And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵Then they sat down to eat. And looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry it down to Egypt.²⁶Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood?"²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers listened to him.²⁸Then Midianite traders passed by. And they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt.

New Testament Reading: Romans 10: 5-15

⁵For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14: 22-33

²²Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

COLLECT

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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 forever.

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.