



## THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus,  
Sharing His Love*

### **SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> 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**

### **SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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

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

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**[www.stmichaelsledbury.org](http://www.stmichaelsledbury.org)**

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

**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).**

The cream tea in aid of CMS raised £950 for the support of our missionaries.

## 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.**

'The **healthy HAFers programme** has ended 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**

**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 16th August 2026. Trinity XI

### **Old Testament Reading: Genesis 45: 1-15**

<sup>1</sup>Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, "Make everyone go from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup>And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. <sup>3</sup>And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" but his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry.

<sup>10</sup>You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty. <sup>12</sup>And now your eyes see and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>You must tell my father of all my honour in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." <sup>14</sup>Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

### **New Testament Reading: Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32**

<sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>God has not rejected his people who he foreknew.

<sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28

<sup>21</sup>Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

<sup>24</sup>A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup>It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

<sup>26</sup>so have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup>What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup>And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

### COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,  
that we, running the way of your commandments,  
may receive your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
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

Lord of all mercy,  
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice  
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:  
by our communion  
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel  
and preserve us from all sin;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.