



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus,
Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**8:00am BCP Communion
Led by Rev'd Hugh Wakeling**

10.00am Led by second Sunday team

**SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**8:00am BCP Communion
Led by Rev'd William Simmonds**

10.00am 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.

Please provide information for our weekly pewsheets by Wednesday each week. Thank you. Please email to 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)

Prayer is available after the 10am Service in St Anne's Chapel

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

Please send any items for the Pewsheets to churchwardens@stmichaelsledbury.org and admin@stmichaelsledbury.org.

From **September, Helen I'Anson will be heading up the 'catering team'** at St. Michael's so please do not hesitate to contact her with any catering queries, requests and questions that you might have. Also, if you would like to join the 'catering team' you would be extremely welcome. email;- iansonjsw@yahoo.co.uk."

To Sue Simpson who has stepped down after many years of brilliantly masterminding the catering at St Michael's we must say a huge "THANK YOU".

Meeting Room. The work on the Upper Room is complete, and the Meeting Room is fully accessible again. Items stored in the West Door well can therefore be moved back. The Wardens are keen that this room should again be available for small meetings, so items should either be stored on the shelving or in a single line of boxes under the window. Anything causing an obstruction will be removed. Please also keep the table clear.

Roof work. We are having some work done on the church roof that will take around four weeks to complete. The contractor will be using a cherry picker, which they will need to park outside the Chapter House. Please note, therefore, that parking in this area will be reduced over the period of the construction work. Please also note that, if you see someone on the church roof over that period, they are probably meant to be there.

The second Sunday group are looking forward to the harvest celebration in October. If you'd like to take part in this, could you speak to Cath Beech. We will be collecting non perishable produce and funds for Ledbury Food Bank.

Thanks to Annie Lindon – As many of you will be aware our pew sheets over the last few years have been produced by with care and diligence by Annie. We are extremely grateful for all her hard work. Please send all future pew sheet entries to churchwardens@stmichaelsledbury.org and admin@stmichaelsledbury.org

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

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 Tony Harris

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

Peter Veasey wishes to thank the wonderful people of St Michael's for all the love and prayers that have buoyed me up during the last few weeks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee Concerts Saturday 19 September Saturday 3 October and Saturday 7 November.

The next Friends event will be on **Wed 23rd Sept 2026, 2.30pm:** The hymns of **William Cowper and John Newton**. Nick Bury will help us to go deeper into understanding the life and motivation of these two “greats” of 18th century hymn writing. St Michael's Church. Tickets £5.00 / £4.00 for members. Tea and biscuits provided.

Our next Thursday talk will be on **Thursday September 17th at 7:30** in the Burgage Hall. Rev'd Prebendary Chris Moore will be talking on 'Seeking Reform. The legacy of those who sought change'. This promises to be another interesting and stimulating talk. Do come along and bring your friends.

An Old Testament Reading from: Exodus 14: 19-31

¹⁹Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, ²⁰coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. ²²And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. ²⁴And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and the cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, ²⁵clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians."

²⁶The LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. ²⁹but the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

³⁰Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so that people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

A New Testament Reading from: Romans 14: 1-12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honour of the Lord, since he gives thanks to the God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honour of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷for none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God. ¹³Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. ¹⁴I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.

A Reading from the Gospel of: Matthew 18: 21-35

²¹Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.'

²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, I will pay you." ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

COLLECT God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 ,

POST COMMUNION PRAYER Keep O Lord, your Church, with you perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen