



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus,
Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
PATRONAL FESTIVAL**

**8:00am BCP Communion
Led by Rev'd Michael Gallagher**

**10:00am Parish Communion
Led by Rev'd Michael Gallagher**

**SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**8:00am BCP Communion
Led by Rev'd Bill MacKenzie**

**10:00am Parish Communion
Led by Rev'd Bill MacKenzie**

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."

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.

Real Advent Calendars. LEAF will again be donating 'Real Advent Calendars' this year to both Ledbury Primary and Eastnor schools. Each class will receive a calendar, meaning that each child will have an opportunity to open a window and receive a chocolate, as well as hearing the real story of advent and the coming of Jesus. This gift is received very warmly by the schools. If you would like me to order calendars, or other items from 'The Meaningful Chocolate' company for your personal use I am very happy to do so.....the larger the order the smaller the postage cost! If anyone wishes to make a financial donation to LEAF to help with this project or any other part of our work it will be gratefully received. More details of the products available are at: www.realadvent.co.uk

To donate to LEAF please either speak to me or go to the website <https://www.leafledbury.com>
Mary Anne Keyes

Flower Guild. Over recent years, the Flower Guild at St Michaels has reduced in numbers. Chris Lynch, who leads the group and Gill Romanowski plan to step down at the end of this year thus leaving only 2 members. We would like to thank both Chris and Gill for their many years of quiet, devoted service. Before she goes, Chris is keen to pass on her knowledge and experience to others so that the Flower Guild can rebuild.

If you, or someone you know, would like to get involved with the flowers in church, whether in learning how to arrange flowers, providing flowers or foliage from the garden or contributing financially to the Flower Guild, please contact Chris on 07794 934 091 or email her at chris.lynch54@btinternet.com. Both men and women are welcome. There will be a meeting on 23 November at 10:30am in the Chapter House to plan the way forward.

Sarah Hillman's induction We are starting preparations for Sarah Hillman's induction in November. Currently we do not have anyone to record or stream our services but we would like if possible to record the induction service for those who are unable to attend. If anyone feels able to do so, or knows of anyone who could, please speak to one of the wardens'

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.

David Hicks Tony Harris Brenda Worby

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

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee Concerts Saturday 3 October and Saturday 7 November.

Coffee Stop Friday 2 October 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.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Revd Dame Sarah Mullally, will be coming to Hereford Cathedral for a service of **Evensong on Sunday 11 October at 3:30pm**. If you would like to attend the service, you can reserve a free place by following the link below:

<https://hereford.anglican.org/churches-all-set-to-offer-a-warm-welcome-to-archbishop-sarah-this-october/>

An Old Testament Reading from: Exodus 17: 1-7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarrelled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarrelling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

A New Testament Reading from: Philippians 2: 1-13

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in the human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

A Reading from the Gospel of: Matthew 21: 23-32

²³And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁸What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹And he answered, 'I will not.' But afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I will, sir,' but did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us and make us continually to be given to all good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**