



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus,
Sharing His Love*

**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**

**SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**8:00am BCP Communion
Led by Rev'd Elizabeth Reed**

**10:00am Harvest Morning Worship
Led by second Sunday team**

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'

sarah Hillman's installation - Helen I'Anson is coordinating refreshments following Sarah's service on 3rd November. If you are able to help in any way - providing food, setting out or serving - she would love to hear from you (speak to her or email iansonjsw@yahoo.co.uk)

Advance notice - Our service on 22nd November will be a benefice service with Eastnor to celebrate the arrival of our new Rector. The service will be at the later time of 10:30 in St Michaels

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 Concert Saturday 7 November.

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/>

All Souls Service (Rosemary & Remembrance) at 4.30pm. A sheet is available at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to record the name of their loved ones who may have been lost to be read out at this service.

Readings for 4th October 2026: Trinity XVIII

An Old Testament Reading from: Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

¹And God spoke all these words, saying, ²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³"You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

⁷"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. ⁸"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labour and do all your work.

¹²"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³"You shall not murder. ¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵"You shall not steal. ¹⁶"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. ¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbour's."

¹⁸Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off ¹⁹and said to Moses, "You speak to us and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we will die." ²⁰Moses said to the people, "Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin."

A New Testament Reading from: Philippians 3: 4b-14

⁴If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith- ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal, for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

A Reading from the Gospel of: Matthew 21: 33-46

³³"Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." ⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous to our eyes"?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.

⁴⁴And the one who fails on this stone will be broken into pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them.

⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen**