



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus,
Sharing His Love*

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

**8:00am BCP Communion
Led by Revd Elizabeth Reed**

**10:00am Harvest Morning Worship
Led by the Second Sunday Team**

**SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**8:00am BCP Communion
Led by Revd Bill MacKenzie**

**10:00am Parish Communion
Celebrating Luke the Evangelist.
Led by Revd Canon Stuart Currie**

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."

Church 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 lead inside the northernmost of the two water spouts on the west front of the church has rotted, leading to some erosion of the stonework. Scaffolding to allow for this to be repaired is already in place, and repair work will start this week.

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.

Revd Canon Sarah Hillman's Installation Revd Canon Sarah Hillman's induction in on 3rd 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.

Revd Canon 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 – Morning 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 and take place 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 Joyce Mason Barbara Morris Roger Jackman Jan James Elizabeth Watson

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 11th October. 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/>

Sunday 1st November. All Souls Service (Rosemary & Remembrance) at 3.30pm. A sheet is available at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to record the name of a loved one who has passed away, to be read out at this service

Saturday 7 November . Coffee Concert Saturday.

Friday & Saturday 6th & 7th November. The Long Trick (Market Theatre Ledbury, Nov 6th and 7th): A number of people from St Michael's are taking part in this play about the life of John Masefield. It is part of the *Masefield Matters* project which aims to raise awareness of the life and works of the poet who is Ledbury's most famous son. The play combines drama, narration, dramatic readings and music in a brisk journey through the extraordinary life of our very own Poet Laureate. Please book your tickets direct through the Market Theatre box office.

Saturday 28th November, Advent Quiet Day The annual joint churches Advent Quiet Day will take place, hosted by Holy Trinity Church and led by Father Thomas Regan. Details nearer the time.

Readings for 11th October 2026: **Trinity XIX**

An Old Testament Reading from: Exodus 32: 1-14

¹When the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, "Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him". ²So Aaron said to them, "Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD." ⁶And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.

⁷And the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. ⁸They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁹And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a still-necked people. ¹⁰Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you." ¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.'" ¹⁴And the LORD relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

A New Testament Reading from: Philippians 4:1-9

¹Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

²I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. ³Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have laboured side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

A Reading from the Gospel of: Matthew 22: 1-14

¹And again Jesus spoke to them in parables saying, ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast."' ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

COLLECT

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**