



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus,
Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER
LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**8.00am BCP Communion
Led by Rev'd Bill MacKenzie**

**10.00am Parish Communion
Led by Rev'd Bill MacKenzie**

**SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER
ALL SAINT'S DAY**

**8:00am BCP Communion
Led by Revd William Simmonds**

**10:00am Parish Communion
Led by Revd William Simmonds**

3.30 pm All Souls Service of Thanksgiving & Remembrance

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 pew sheet 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 Pew sheet to churchwardens@stmichaelsledbury.org and admin@stmichaelsledbury.org.

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 waterspouts 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.

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 can 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 joint 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 Michael's.

A message from Ledbury Foodbank- St Michaels has given the Foodbank a delightful amount of goods and £195.20 in cash. This is just to say thank you so much for both donations. They are so welcome. As the weather becomes cold and wet, people seek more help, as I am sure you know only too well. Your food donations have no doubt been handed out already, and the cash will go towards our ever increasing Sainsbury's grocery bills. Thank you for thinking of us this Harvest Festival.

LEAF Light Party

The annual family friendly alternative to Halloween will take place in St Michael's on 31st October from 3 - 5.15 pm. Do spread the word to friends and family. Helpers welcome!

Please contact Jill Jupp for further information.

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 Ian James

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 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

Coffee Stop Friday 6th November. 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.

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.

Charity Concert Friday 20th November 7.30pm

Pavilion Rooms, Ledbury Rugby Club.

Bromyard Wind Band will present an evening of music and songs from films and musicals, including *Les Misérables*. Founded in Bromyard in the 1980s, the band recently celebrated its 40th anniversary and now has 42 brass, woodwind and percussion players from Herefordshire and surrounding counties—promising a fabulous concert!

Tickets are £10 from Kevin and Ruth Hewison or Three Counties Bookshop. Phone 07973 964885 or email khbandtickets@gmail.com.

Parking, bar and raffle available. All profits go to St Michaels for future building improvements.

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.

Friends of Ledbury Parish Church AGM: The Friends AGM will be on Wed 4th November at 2.30 pm in the church. We shall have the usual business meeting and then Andrew Beech will give us an update on recent and proposed projects that the PCC has been overseeing. Tea will be provided after the event. The papers for the meeting are being sent by email to all members to save paper. There will be a few printed copies at the back of the church.

Readings for 25th October 2026: Last Sunday after Trinity

An Old Testament Reading from: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴And the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." ⁵So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigour unabated. ⁸And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. ⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹²and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

A New Testament Reading from: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

¹For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. ²But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. ³For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. ⁶Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

A Reading from the Gospel of: Matthew 22: 34 - 46

³⁴But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴²saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴“The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet””? ⁴⁵If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” ⁴⁶And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.