



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday 21st May 2017

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
(Led by *The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Commissioning of ministries
(Led by *The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*
Preacher Revd John Daniels)
- 6.30pm Evensong
(Led by *Revd Michael Gallagher*)

We welcome everyone visiting us in Ledbury this week. The 9.30am service includes Prayer Ministry. If you would like to receive this ministry of the Church for yourself, or on behalf of someone else, please come to S^t Anne's Chapel at the end of the service.

Church Diary for the week ahead

Mon	22 nd May	8pm-9.30pm	Ecumenical prayer and praise, Pool Barn, Priors Court, Staplow
Wed	24 th May	6.45pm for 7pm	Evening Prayer Service, S ^t Anne Chapel
Thurs	25th May	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S ^t Anne's)
		7.30pm	Ascension Day Holy Communion
Fri	26 th May	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
		10.30am	Holy Communion, Harling Court

Next Sunday 28th May – Sunday after Ascension Day

- 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
- 11.30am Eastnor Parish Communion
- 4.00pm New Service

If you are new here, please fill in one of the blue welcome cards located at the end of each pew so that you can receive information about church activities. Yellow Gift Aid envelopes are available at the end of each pew and at the back of the church. There is a Hearing Loop in this Church. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask one of the Sidespeople.

Service Times and lectionary readings can be found posted in the church porch and on the church website www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk under the 'Services' section.

Twitter – If you use Twitter do sign-up to S. Michael's twitter account: [@LedburyParish](https://twitter.com/LedburyParish)

Parish office: phone number: 01531 631531. **Email:** ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net

Readings for 21st May 2017: *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

First Reading: Acts 17: 22 – 32

²²Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Athenians! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship — and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in hand made temples. ²⁵And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything. Rather, He Himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.

²⁶From one man He made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷God did this so that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from any one of us.

²⁸'For in Him we live and move and have our being.'

As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

²⁹"Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone — an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent.

³¹For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising Him from the dead."

³²When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, "We want to hear you again on this subject."

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 13 – 22

¹³Who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which He went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight people, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities and powers having been subjected to Him.

Gospel Reading: John 14: 15 – 21

[Jesus said:] ¹⁵If you love me, keep my commands.

¹⁶And I will ask the Father and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever – ¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

²⁰On that day you will realise that I am in my Father and you are in me and I am in you.

²¹Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father and I too will love them and show myself to them.'

COLLECT

Risen Christ, by the lakeside You renewed Your call to Your disciples: help Your Church to obey Your command and draw the nations to the fire of Your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for You, the spring of life and source of goodness, through Him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We pray for:

- Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners Victor & Mary Parisipogula, and S^t Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S^t John the Baptist Church, Likonde.

Those who are sick:

Stan Tooby	Dean Jackson	Rodney Harrison	Sheila Anthony
Ann Tindall	John Tate	Gwen Kirkham	Susan Cosker

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

Herbert Ford	Charles Taylor	Eric Pringle	Amy Rix
Hilarv Starkev	Lionel Thomas	Rodnev Harrison	

NOTICES

Young Church: today the theme will be I Will Still be With You'.

Tower Lights: are sponsored this week by Neil and Sue Brambell.

The Christian Aid Coffee Morning on Monday raised £117.50.
A big thank you to all those involved.

THY KINGDOM COME – 10 Days of prayer from Ascension Day (25 May) to Pentecost (4 June). "Join the global wave of prayer". The 10 days will begin with the Ascension Day service in the chancel at 7:30pm. See Ledbury Focus for the planned activities here in Ledbury. Booklets for daily prayer will be available. On Thursday 1 June at noon and 7pm, starting from S. Michael's there will be prayer-walking around Ledbury. On Pentecost Sunday there will be opportunity to pray together as part of the combined churches service.

Cake and Coffee in S^t Katherine's Hall will be on **Wednesday 24th May** from **10.30am to 2pm.** Proceeds to S^t Michael's. Further details from Sue Simpson 632989.

Christians Together General Election Hustings on **Thursday 1st June** at 7.30pm at Community Hall, Ledbury. The event will be run in the style of 'Question Time'. All the candidates will be present. A similar event at the last General Election proved a valuable opportunity to form a real idea of who the candidates were and what they stood for, so it is well worth coming. If you wish to ask a question, submit it by email to ledbury.churches@yahoo.co.uk or send it to the church office. **The last date for the receipt of questions is Tuesday 29th May.**

Ladies who Lunch: on Wednesday **14th June** at Blue Ginger, Cradley from 12.30pm. Please see Sue Simpson for further details.

Magazine. May's edition is now available. If you have friends who you feel might appreciate a copy, please take a spare copy from the back of church and give it to them.

Intercessions. The rota for July to December 2017 will be prepared shortly. There is always room for additional folk who would like to contribute to our regular Sunday worship in this way. If there is anybody not currently on the rota who would like to be included in future, please speak to Tony Goodall, or contact him on 635480 or gtonygoodall@aol.com.

The second FREE Ledbury **CAP Money Course** will be held on **Saturdays, 22nd and 29th July** from **3.30 to 5.30pm**, this time in **The Chapter House**. If you, or someone you know, would like to discover this proven formula for managing money, please register that interest at ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net, or by telephoning Ruth on 01531 670196. There will be *no exam* to pass but at completion of the course you will be delighted to discover that the CAP system is simple and effective; a small investment of time for peace of mind.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 31st May 7:30pm – S^t Katherine's Hall Church Meeting to pray, discuss and explore our dreams for its future uses. *What would you love to see happening at S. Katherine's? What would you come up with if money was no object?* Your ideas and suggestions are wanted. Do come and listen, speak, pray and share.

Wednesday 7th June 7:30pm – Ledbury Pastoral Scheme Completion celebration service with Bishop Richard. Cider, Hop and Ledbury & Eastnor and anyone else who'd like to join us will gather at S. Michael's, looking forward to God blessing us in this new chapter of His people in this area.

Saturday 10th June 10am until 3pm – Ledbury Community Day.
Volunteers for coffee/refreshments needed. Please contact Sue Simpson 632989.

Sunday 11th June 9:30am Community Celebration Service, following on from the community day, it's an opportunity to invite and bring friends and others.

Wednesday 28th June 7:30pm – S^t Katherine's Hall Community Meeting