



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday 25th JUNE 2017

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
(Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey)
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
(Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
Preacher: The Revd David Wood-Robinson)
- 11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion
(Led by The Revd Joan Wakeling)
- 4.00pm The 4 O'clock Worship Service
(Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey and
The Revd Tony Hodder)

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

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| Mon 26 th June | 8.00pm | Ecumenical Worship at Pool Barn |
| Wed 28 th June | 6.45pm for 7pm | Evening Prayer Service, S ^t Anne Chapel |
| Thurs 29 th June | 7-12-7 | Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S ^t Anne's) |
| Fri 30 th June | 9.00am | Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel |
| | 10.30am | Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel |

Next Sunday 2 July 2017 Third Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.30am Baptism Service
6.30pm Evensong

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

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Readings for 25th June 2017: *Second Sunday After Trinity*

First Reading: Genesis 12:1 – 4

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you and him who dishonours you I will curse and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:13 – 24

¹³Do not be surprised, brethren, that the world hates you. ¹⁴We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

¹⁶By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before Him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart and He knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him. ²³And this is His commandment; that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as He has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps His commandments abides in God and God in him. And we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10.24 – 39

²⁴The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for students to be like their teachers and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

²⁶So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. ²⁸Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. ³⁰And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

³¹So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

³²Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

First Reading: 1 Kings 18: 16 – 39

¹⁶Obadiah went to meet Ahab and ... Ahab went to meet Elijah.

¹⁷When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, "Is it you, you troubler of Israel?"

¹⁸And he answered, "I have not troubled Israel, but you have and your father's house, because you have abandoned the commandments of the LORD and followed the Baals.

¹⁹Now therefore send and gather all Israel to me at Mount Carmel and the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."

²⁰So Ahab sent to all the people of Israel and gathered the prophets together at Mount Carmel. ²¹And Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him." And the people did not answer him a word.

²²Then Elijah said to the people, "I, even I only, am left a prophet of the LORD, but Baal's prophets are 450 men. ²³Let two bulls be given to us and let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it in pieces and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood and put no fire to it.

²⁴And you call upon the name of your god and I will call upon the name of the LORD and the God who answers by fire, He is God."

And all the people answered, "It is well spoken."

²⁵Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many and call upon the name of your god, but put no fire to it."

²⁶They took the bull that was given them and they prepared it and called upon the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, "O Baal, answer us!" But there was no voice and no one answered. And they limped round the altar that they had made.

²⁷At noon Elijah mocked them, saying, "Cry aloud, for he is a god. Either he is musing, or he is relieving himself, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened." ²⁸And they cried aloud and cut themselves after their custom with swords and lances, until the blood gushed out upon them. ²⁹As midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice. No one answered; no one paid attention.

³⁰Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." And all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that had been thrown down.

³¹Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD came, saying, "Israel shall be your name" ³

²and with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD. He made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two seahs of seed. ³³And he put the wood in order and cut the bull in pieces and laid it on the wood. He said, "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood."

³⁴And he said, "Do it a second time." And they did it a second time.

And he said, "Do it a third time." And they did it a third time.

³⁵The water ran round the altar and filled the trench also with water.

³⁶At the time of the offering of the oblation, Elijah the prophet came near and said, "O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and that I am your servant and that I have done all these things at Your word.

³⁷Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that You, O LORD, are God and that You have turned their hearts back."

³⁸Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust and licked up the water that was in the trench.

³⁹And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, "The LORD, He is God; the LORD, He is God."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 10 – 16

¹⁰These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

¹⁵The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one.

¹⁶"For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11: 25 – 30

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father and no one knows the Son except the Father and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him.

²⁸Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

COLLECT

Lord, You have taught us that all our doings without love are worth nothing: send Your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before You. Grant this for Your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving Father, we thank You for feeding us at the supper of Your Son: sustain us with Your Spirit, that we may serve You here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **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:

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| Stan Tooby | Dean Jackson | Sheila Ledbury | Sheila Anthony |
| Ann Tindall | Gwen Kirkham | | |

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

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| Lionel Thomas | Eric Pringle | Rodney Harrison | Sylvia Jones |
| Susan Cosker | Jean Jackson | John Tate | |

NOTICES

Young Church: today the theme will be 'Do not be Afraid'.
Next week the theme will be 'Welcome'.

Tower Lights: are sponsored this week by Keith Francis.

Magazine. The July/August 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.

The Open Gardens Event 18th June - A huge thank you to all who came to support us, also to members of the Flower Guild and the husbands who valiantly stayed and helped to make the afternoon an enjoyable occasion despite the blistering heat. Fortunately shade was on hand. With your support we raised £548 – a wonderful outcome.
THANK YOU SO MUCH. Margaret Chapman

Cake and Coffee in S^t Katherine's Hall will be on **Wednesday 28th June** from **10.30am to 2pm**. Proceeds to S^t Michael's. Further details from Sue Simpson 632989.

Church Barbeque Sunday 2nd July: Lucy Huxley is organising a barbeque after the morning service. It will be outside the chapter house enabling us to be inside if wet and outside if dry. See Lucy Huxley if you can help set up, cook, clean up or take down (or all four). Please phone 07748128063 for further details. *There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church to show you're coming.* (This is to help with catering)

Sponsored Poetry Event (4th to 8th July). We are at the point of needing volunteers to make cakes (we need to cover 10 sessions), serve refreshments and act as stewards, so it may need quite a large team depending on how many of the ten sessions each person might be able to manage. If you can help, please contact Tim Keyes (thkeyes28@hotmail.com / 07577 720154).

Summer Fayre/Summoned by Bells Saturday 8th July 2017 It has been decided to cancel the Summer Fayre and instead concentrate on St. Michael's contribution to the Poetry Festival. It was felt that the church community should rally round Tim's request for stewards and cakes and that it would be difficult to cover both events. If anyone is willing to make cakes or steward at the Festival please contact Tim Keyes on 07577720154.

Men's Breakfast: The next men's breakfast will be at the Seven Stars restaurant in the Homend on Saturday 15th July at 9.15 for 9.30am. Price £8. The speaker will be Brian Bowers on the subject of '**Christianity with its sleeves rolled up**'. He will describe his experiences as a helper in various projects in West Africa with Christian Aid. If you are planning to come, please sign the sheet at the back of church so that we get some indication of numbers for catering.

The second FREE Ledbury **CAP Money Course** will be held on two consecutive **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 to prevent getting into debt, 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.

Stewardship Letters. If you have not already done so, please collect your letter from the boxes at the back of the south aisle. Any questions contact Tony Goodall 635480.

Ledbury In Bloom. Volunteers are needed to help water the tubs and baskets that help make the town look so good. For more information or to offer to help, please speak to Robin Hiseman or phone Sharon on 01531 641817

Thank you to all the collectors and contributors in Christian Aid Week, which, together with Wellington Heath and the earlier Tesco collection, enabled £5,687.45 to go for relief of the world's most needy. Thank you, one and all.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

An opportunity for individuals and groups in our community to explore and suggest ideas and dreams for what might take place in S. Katherine's in the future. How could we make more of our great community resource? Light refreshments will be available.

Wednesday 5th July 11:30am – S^t Katherine's Service. There will be a service celebrating the refurbishment and reopening of S. Katherine's Chapel, followed by light refreshments in S. Katherine's Hall.

Thursday 6th July, 3pm – Mothers' Union Garden Party at Ridgeway, Woodleigh Road. Please bring a chair if you can manage to do so. There will also be a raffle and Bring and Buy for MU causes.