



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday 2nd July 2017

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
(Led by The Revd William Simmonds)
- 10.30am Baptism Service
(Led by The Revd Tony Hodder
Preacher: The Revd William Simmonds)
- 6.30pm Evensong
(Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey)

We welcome everyone visiting us in Ledbury this week. The 10.30am 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 3 rd July	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship at Pool Barn
Wed 5 th July	11.30am	S ^t Katherine's Service
Thurs 6 th July	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S ^t Anne's)
Fri 7 th July	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
	10.30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 9th July 2017 Fourth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
- 11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion

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 2nd July 2017: *Third Sunday After Trinity (from the lectionary)*

First Reading: Genesis 22: 1 – 14

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering, arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

Second Reading: Romans 6: 8 – 23

⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him.

⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations.

For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10: 40 – 42

⁴⁰“Whoever receives you receives me and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.

⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

Baptism Readings

First Reading: Matthew 28: 16-20

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw Him they worshipped Him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Second Reading: Acts 2: 32-41

³²This Jesus God raised up and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “‘The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.’

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.”

⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptised and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

COLLECT

Almighty God, You have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of Your Son into our hearts whereby we call You Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to Your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us Your glory as far as we can grasp it and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon You without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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 Gwen Kirkham Sheila Anthony
Ann Tindall

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

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

NOTICES

Young Church: today the theme will be 'Welcome'.
Next week there will be Children's Worship with Revd Tony Hodder.

Tower Lights: are sponsored this week by June McQuaid.

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

Church Barbeque TODAY: There will be a barbeque after the morning service. All very welcome.

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).

There will be no CHAPTER HOUSE COFFEE STOP on Friday 7th July owing to Poetry activities in church that day.

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.

There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of John Tate on **July 10th**, 2:30pm at St Michael's, followed by refreshments at the Feathers. Everyone is very welcome.

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 5th July 11:30am – St 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.