



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday 9th July 2017

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
(Led by *The Revd Tony Hodder*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
(Led by *The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*
Preacher: *The Revd Michael Gallagher*)
- 11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion
(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 10 th July	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship at Pool Barn
Wed 12 th July	6.45pm for 7pm	Evening Prayer Service, S ^t Anne Chapel
Thurs 13 th July	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S ^t Anne's)
Fri 14 th July	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
	10.30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 16th July 2017 Fifth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
- 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](https://twitter.com/LedburyParish)

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Readings for 9th July 2017:

The Fourth Sunday After Trinity

First Reading:

Genesis 24: 34 – 67

³⁴...“I am Abraham's servant. ³⁵The LORD has greatly blessed my master and he has become great. He has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male servants and female servants, camels and donkeys. ³⁶And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old and to him He has given all that he has. ³⁷My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell, ³⁸but you shall go to my father's house and to my clan and take a wife for my son.’ ³⁹I said to my master, ‘Perhaps the woman will not follow me.’ ⁴⁰But he said to me, ‘The LORD, before whom I have walked, will send His angel with you and prosper your way. You shall take a wife for my son from my clan and from my father's house. ⁴¹Then you will be free from my oath, when you come to my clan. And if they will not give her to you, you will be free from my oath.’

⁴²“I came today to the spring and said, ‘O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now You are prospering the way that I go, ⁴³behold, I am standing by the spring of water. Let the virgin who comes out to draw water, to whom I shall say, ‘Please give me a little water from your jar to drink’ ⁴⁴and who will say to me, ‘Drink and I will draw for your camels also’, let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.’

⁴⁵“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, behold, Rebekah came out with her water jar on her shoulder and she went down to the spring and drew water. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ ⁴⁶She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, ‘Drink, and I will give your camels drink also.’ So I drank and she gave the camels drink also. ⁴⁷Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms. ⁴⁸Then I bowed my head and worshipped the LORD and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to take the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. ⁴⁹Now then, if you are going to show steadfast love and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left.”

⁵⁰Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, “The thing has come from the LORD; we cannot speak to you bad or good. ⁵¹Behold, Rebekah is before you; take her and go and let her be the wife of your master's son, as the LORD has spoken.”

⁵²When Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed himself to the earth before the LORD. ⁵³And the servant brought out jewellery of silver and of gold, and garments, and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave to her brother and to her mother costly ornaments.

⁵⁴And he and the men who were with him ate and drank and they spent the night there. When they arose in the morning, he said, “Send me away to my master.” ⁵⁵Her brother and her mother said, “Let the young woman remain with us a while, at least ten days; after that she may go.” ⁵⁶But he said to them, “Do not delay me, since the LORD has prospered my way. Send me away that I may go to my master.” ⁵⁷They said, “Let us call the young woman and ask her.” ⁵⁸And they called Rebekah and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will go.” ⁵⁹So they sent away Rebekah their sister and her nurse, and Abraham's servant and his men.

⁶⁰ And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

“Our sister, may you become thousands of ten thousands and may your offspring possess the gate of those who hate him!”

⁶¹Then Rebekah and her young women arose and rode on the camels and followed the man. Thus the servant took Rebekah and went his way.

⁶²Now Isaac had returned from Beer-lahai-roi and was dwelling in the Negeb.

⁶³And Isaac went out to meditate in the field towards evening. And he lifted up his eyes and saw and behold, there were camels coming. ⁶⁴And Rebekah lifted up her eyes and when she saw Isaac, she dismounted from the camel ⁶⁵and said to the servant, "Who is that man, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. ⁶⁷Then Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother and took Rebekah and she became his wife and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Second Reading: Romans 7: 14 – 25

¹⁴...We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11: 16 – 30

¹⁶"To what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to their playmates,

¹⁷"We played the flute for you and you did not dance;

we sang a dirge and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking and they say, 'He has a demon.'

¹⁹The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at Him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'

Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

²⁰Then [Jesus] began to denounce the cities where most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. ²¹"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²²But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgement for Tyre and Sidon than for you.

²³And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgement for the land of Sodom than for you."

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us Your mercy; that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord 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

Eternal God, comforter of the afflicted and healer of the broken, You have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of Your Son 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:

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 will be Children's Worship with Revd Tony Hodder. Next week there will be Bible Fun.

Tower Lights: are sponsored by the Bass Family for Christine Dennington.

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.

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

Cake and Coffee in S^t Katherine's Hall will be on **Wednesday 12th July** from **10.00am to 12pm**. Proceeds to S^t Michael's. Further details from Sue Simpson 632989.

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.

Thanks and Well Done to Tim Keyes and the team for all the hard work that made **Summoned By Bells** such a success! So much so that BBC Radio 4 felt the call, coming to record both bells and poetry.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 15th July 9:15am – Men's Breakfast at the Seven Stars. The speaker will be Brian Bowers on the subject of '**Christianity with its sleeves rolled up**'

Saturdays 22nd and 29th July, 3pm to 5:30pm – CAP Money Course in The Chapter House.

Sunday 23rd July – 4pm The 4 O'clock Worship Service

Sunday 30th July – 6:30pm Evening Service with The Malvern Christian Witness Choir. Music and hymns will include: His love is eternal, All my days, Shine on us, The splendour of the king, You raise me up, Hallelujah, Get Happy! Gaelic Blessing

Sunday 6th August 10:30am – Mary Anne Keyes will be licensed as a reader during our morning communion service. Revd John Daniels will license and preach.

Sunday 3rd September 10:30am – Trevor Grant of the Leprosy Mission will be visiting and speaking. The focus of the morning communion service will be on The Leprosy Mission.

Sunday 24th September – S. Michael's Patronal Festival. Bring and Share lunch. More information will follow, meanwhile book the day and event in your diary.