



# THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday 16th July 2017

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion  
(Led by *The Revd James Stewart*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry  
(Led by *The Revd William Simmonds*)  
Preacher: *The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*)
- 6.30pm Evensong  
(Led by *The Very Revd Nick Bury*)

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<sup>t</sup> Anne's Chapel at the end of the service.

### Church Diary for the week ahead

Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> July	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship at Pool Barn
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> July	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S <sup>t</sup> Anne's)
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S <sup>t</sup> Anne's Chapel
	10.30am	Holy Communion, S <sup>t</sup> Katherine's Chapel

### Next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 Sixth 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](http://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 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017: *The Fifth Sunday After Trinity*

### First Reading: **Genesis 25: 19 – 34**

<sup>19</sup>These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son:

Abraham fathered Isaac <sup>20</sup>and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife. <sup>21</sup>And Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren. And the LORD granted his prayer and Rebekah his wife conceived. <sup>22</sup>The children struggled together within her and she said, "If it is thus, why is this happening to me?" So she went to enquire of the LORD. <sup>23</sup>And the LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger."

<sup>24</sup>When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb.

<sup>25</sup>The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau.

<sup>26</sup>Afterwards his brother came out with his hand holding Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

<sup>27</sup>When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents. <sup>28</sup>Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

<sup>29</sup>Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field and he was exhausted.

<sup>30</sup>And Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!"

(Therefore his name was called Edom [which in Hebrew sounds like red]). <sup>31</sup>Jacob said,

"Sell me your birthright now." <sup>32</sup>Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" <sup>33</sup>Jacob said, "Swear to me now." So Esau swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. <sup>34</sup>Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

### Second Reading: **Romans 8: 1 – 11**

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

<sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

<sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

<sup>6</sup>For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him.

<sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 13: 1 – 9 & 18 – 23

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.

<sup>2</sup>And great crowds gathered about Him, so that He got into a boat and sat down.

The whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And He told them many things in parables, saying:

“A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup>but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>He who has ears, let him hear.”

<sup>18</sup>“Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path.

<sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup>yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.

<sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word and it proves unfruitful.

<sup>23</sup>As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty and in another thirty.”

### COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all Your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve You in holiness and truth to the glory of Your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, we beseech You, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### We pray for:

- Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners Victor & Mary Parisipogula, and S<sup>t</sup> Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S<sup>t</sup> 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  
Jacqueline Henry                      Heinrich Franz

## NOTICES

**Young Church:** today the theme will be Bible Fun.

**Tower Lights:** are sponsored by Emma Hart.

**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.

**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

**Summoned by Bells.** The Friends of St Michael's are very grateful indeed to all who supported this event, whether as sponsors, stewards, servers of refreshments, cake providers, readers, musicians or members of the audience. Your contribution to a happy and successful enterprise is much appreciated. We will announce the funds raised shortly.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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

**Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup> 10.30am -12.30pm** Coffee Morning in aid of the Church Mission Society, at 2 Park View, Oatleys Road,. Bring and Buy, Plants, Chutney, Marmalade. More details from Christabel Panter. Tel: 635597

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> September – S. Michael's Patronal Festival. Bring and Share lunch.** More information will follow. meanwhile book the day and event in your diary.