



# THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion <i>(Led by The Revd William Simmonds)</i>
9.30am	Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry <i>(Led by: The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey Preacher: The Revd William Simmonds)</i>
11.15am	Eastnor Parish Communion <i>(Led by: The Revd Joan Wakeling)</i>
4.00pm	The 4 o'clock Worship Service <i>(Led by: Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey/Mary Anne Keyes)</i>
6.00pm	Farewell Service for Revd Deborah Cornish

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' Anne's Chapel at the end of the service.

### Church Diary for the week ahead

Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> July	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship at Pool Barn
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> July	6.45pm for 7pm	Evening Prayer Service, S' Anne Chapel
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> July	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S' Anne's)
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S' Anne's Chapel
	10.30am	Holy Communion, S' Katherine's Chapel

### Next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017 Seventh Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
6.30pm	Evening Service with the Malvern Christian Witness Choir

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  
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Readings for 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017: *The Sixth Sunday After Trinity*

### First Reading: **Genesis 28: 10 – 22**

<sup>10</sup>Jacob left Beersheba and went towards Haran. <sup>11</sup>And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup>And he dreamed and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!

<sup>13</sup>And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. <sup>14</sup>Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. <sup>15</sup>Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

<sup>16</sup>Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place and I did not know it." <sup>17</sup>And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God and this is the gate of heaven."

<sup>18</sup>So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19</sup>He called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

<sup>20</sup>Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, <sup>21</sup>so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God <sup>22</sup>and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house. And of all that You give me I will give a full tenth to you."

### Second Reading: **Romans 8: 11 – 25**

<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.

<sup>12</sup>So then, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

<sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

<sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

<sup>16</sup>The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

<sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

<sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

<sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 13: 24 – 30 & 36 – 43**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying,

“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also.

<sup>27</sup>And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’

<sup>28</sup>He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’

So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’

<sup>29</sup>But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

<sup>36</sup>Then [Jesus] left the crowds and went into the house.

And His disciples came to Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup>He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.

<sup>38</sup>The field is the world and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send His angels and they will gather out of His kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers

<sup>42</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

He who has ears, let him hear.

#### **COLLECT**

Merciful God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You in all things and above all things, may obtain Your promises which exceed all that we can desire; 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**

God of our pilgrimage, You have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of 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                      Ann Tindall                      Sheila Anthony  
Veronica Land

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

Susan Cosker                      Jean Jackson                      John Tate                      Brian Morgan  
Jacqueline Henry                      Heinrich Franz

### **NOTICES**

**Tower Lights:** are sponsored by Elizabeth Dickson

**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.

**LMDG** met on Wednesday evening and confirm that Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September will be Badge Sunday. Standing Order tokens which people can put in the plate will be available next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July.

**The Revd Deborah Cornish** is leaving Ledbury this week and everyone is invited to S<sup>t</sup> Katherine's Hall this afternoon from 4.30pm to her leaving tea, followed by a Farewell Service at 6.00pm in S<sup>t</sup> Michael Church.

**Cake and Coffee** in S<sup>t</sup> Katherine's Hall will be on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July** from **10.00am to 12pm**. Proceeds to S<sup>t</sup> Michael's. Further details from Sue Simpson 632989.

### **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> Coffee Morning in aid of the Church Mission Society**, at 2 Park View, Oatleys Road, 10.30am -12.30pm. 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.