



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday 30th July 2017

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
(Led by *The Revd Bill Mackenzie*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
(Led by: *The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*
Preacher: *The Revd Bill Mackenzie*)
- 6.30pm Evening Service with Malvern Christian Witness Choir
(Led by *The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*
and *Revd William Simmonds*)

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

Mon 31st July	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship at Pool Barn
Thurs 3 rd August	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S ^t Anne's)
Fri 4 th August	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
	10.30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 6th August 2017 Eighth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 10.30am Parish Communion with Licensing of Mary Anne Keyes
- 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

Parish office: phone number: 01531 631531. **Email:** ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net

Readings for 30th July 2017: *The Seventh Sunday After Trinity*

First Reading: **Genesis 29: 15 – 30**

¹⁵Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?"

¹⁶Now Laban had two daughters. The name of the older was Leah and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance. ¹⁸Jacob loved Rachel. And he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." ¹⁹Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." ²⁰So Jacob served seven years for Rachel and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

²¹Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." ²²So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast.

²³But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob and he went in to her. ²⁴(Laban gave his female servant Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her servant.)

²⁵And in the morning, behold, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?"

²⁶Laban said, "It is not so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷Complete the week of this one and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years."

²⁸Jacob did so and completed her week. Then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife. ²⁹(Laban gave his female servant Bilhah to his daughter Rachel to be her servant.) ³⁰So Jacob went in to Rachel also and he loved Rachel more than Leah and served Laban for another seven years.

Second Reading: **Romans 8: 26 – 39**

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

²⁷And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.

²⁹For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers.

³⁰And those whom He predestined He also called and those whom He called He also justified and those whom He justified He also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

³²He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died —

more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.
³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13: 31 – 33 & 44 – 52

³¹[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. ³²It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³He told them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.”

⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes.” ⁵²And He said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

COLLECT

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true faith, nourish us with all goodness and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving Himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of His death and passion that, in His saving cup, we may share His glory and be made perfect in His love; for He is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We pray for:

- Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners Victor & Mary Parisipogula, and St Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and St 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		

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TODAY – 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 5th, 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 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.

Friday 1st September at 7.30pm: Dean’s Delight. An evening of song, music and reminiscence by the Dean of Hereford in support of the Friends of Ledbury Parish Church. Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine. Tickets available from Ann Davies (01531 631873) or from the Parish Office. Do come along to enjoy this Delight and support the Friends.

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.

Wednesday 20th September 10.30am – 1.00pm Macmillan Coffee Morning at St Katherine’s Hall. Further details from Sue Simpson 632989.

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.

NOTICES

Tower Lights: are sponsored by C Flynn.

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.

Cake and Coffee in St Katherine’s Hall will be on **Wednesday 2nd August** from **10.00am to 12pm**. Proceeds to St Michael’s. Further details from Sue Simpson 632989.

Chapter House Coffee Stop (St Michael’s) on **Friday 4th August** 10am-12noon. Come and bring friends, relations, neighbours and visitors to Ledbury.

Drivers we need you! We want to bring people who cannot get to church by their own means to the monthly coffee morning in The Chapter House. Drivers would be asked just to collect at maybe 10am and do the return journey at 11.30am. Especially needed are drivers who are able to lift a wheelchair into their cars. Please consider whether you can help as getting out means so much to housebound people. If you can, please contact Ruth Wragg on 01531 670196 or ruthwragg@hotmail.com.