



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



Ninth Sunday after Trinity Sunday 13th August 2017

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
(Led by The Revd Michael Gallagher)
- 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 Joan Wakeling)

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	14th August	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship at Pool Barn
Thurs	17th August	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S ^t Anne's)
Fri	18th August	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
		10.30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 20th August 2017 Tenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
- 6.30pm BCP 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

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Readings for 13th August 2017: *Ninth Sunday after Trinity*

First Reading: **Genesis 37: 1 – 28**

Jacob lived in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan.

²These are the generations of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colours. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.

⁵Now Joseph had a dream and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more.

⁶He said to them, "Hear this dream that I have dreamed: ⁷Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered round it and bowed down to my sheaf." ⁸His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Or are you indeed to rule over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

⁹Then he dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers and said, "Behold, I have dreamed another dream. Behold, the sun, the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." ¹⁰But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow ourselves to the ground before you?"

¹¹And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.

¹²Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." And he said to him, "Here I am." ¹⁴So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock and bring me word." So he sent him from the Valley of Hebron and he came to Shechem. ¹⁵And a man found him wandering in the fields. And the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶"I am seeking my brothers," he said. "Tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." ¹⁷The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

¹⁸They saw him from afar and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him. ¹⁹They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him and we will see what will become of his dreams."

²¹But when Reuben heard it, he rescued him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²²And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him" — that he might rescue him out of their hand to restore him to his father. ²³So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colours that he wore. ²⁴And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵Then they sat down to eat and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh."

And his brothers listened to him. ²⁸Then Midianite traders passed by and they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt.

Second Reading: Romans 10: 5 – 17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?”” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or “Who will descend into the abyss?”” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him.

¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?”

¹⁷So faith comes from hearing and hearing through the word of Christ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14: 22 – 33

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. ²³And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray.

When evening came, He was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵In the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

²⁸And Peter answered Him, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.”

So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.”

³¹Jesus immediately reached out His hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshipped Him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

COLLECT

Almighty God, You sent Your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of Your Church: open our hearts to the riches of Your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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

Holy Father, You gathered us here around the table of Your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where You reveal the fullness of Your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of 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:

Veronica Land Dean Jackson Ann Tindall Sheila Anthony

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 Janet Holt William Scott
Stan Tooby

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 20th August, Eastnor Church Fete on the lawn at Eastnor Castle. Entrance fees apply. Do make this your annual visit to your local Castle and support Eastnor Church!

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 13th September 10.30am – 1.00pm Macmillan Coffee Morning at S^t Katherine’s Hall. Further details from Sue Simpson 632989.

Sunday 24th September – S. Michael’s Patronal Festival. Bring and Share lunch. This will also be ‘badge Sunday, when you will be invited to wear a badge with your name on it. Book the day and event in your diary.

Saturdays, 14th and 21st October from 3.30 - 5.30pm. This church will be running the next **(Christians Against Poverty) CAP Money Management** course in The Chapter House. *All* are welcome to participate in this excellent, free course to learn more about how to manage finances in the modern world to ensure that present outgoings are provided for and future ones planned for. It does not matter whether your income is meagre or generous, it will be of benefit to you. To find out more or to register contact: ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net or telephone Ruth Wragg on 01531 670196.

NOTICES

Tower Lights: are sponsored by Cis Smith.

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 S^t Katherine's Hall will be on **Wednesday 23rd August** from **10.00am to 12pm**. Proceeds to S^t Michael's. Further details from Sue Simpson 632989.

Drivers we need you! We want to bring people who cannot get to church by their own means to the coffee morning in The Chapter House on the first Friday of every month. Drivers would be asked just to collect at maybe 10am and do the return journey at 11.30am. Between those times drivers will be free to go where they wish, so long as they can get back for the return journey. 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.

Children and Families Worker: Appointment:

PLEASE ALL PRAY A COUPLE OF TIMES A DAY AS FOLLOWS.

Jesus Christ our teacher and guide, we thank You that even when You were tired You were glad when families and friends brought children to You for blessing and rebuked those who tried to turn them away. We humbly ask You to:-

* give each of us that same duty of care right through the Church:

* bless all involved during the long process of appointment, that each plays their part in a timely way;

* oversee the impact of the advertisement when it goes live on the websites and in the local papers this week;

Thank You, Lord.

Diana Veasey, on behalf of the planning group.

At our PCC meeting on Wednesday 26 July, it was agreed that, for an experimental period of 6 months, some changes will be made to the arrangement of S. Anne's Chapel. The bible cabinets will be moved to stand behind the communion rails. A kneeling desk with a 'starter prayer' will be placed in the gap between the communion rails (this will still allow access to the aumbry). The book of remembrance and the memorial flower table(s) will be moved to the south wall. The idea and hope is that this will give a more open feel and draw people into the chapel area as well as making the book of remembrance more obvious when people visit.

Margaret Neal has taken the S. Michael's banner away for conservation. Margaret has been quietly working away on this project for some time and has now reached the hard work part. Thanks to her for doing this and we look forward to seeing the fruit of her labours in due course.