



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



Tenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday 20th August 2017

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
(Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey)
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
(Led by: The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
Preacher: The Revd William Simmonds)
- 6.30pm BCP Evensong
(Led by The 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	21st August	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship at Pool Barn
Thurs	24th August	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S ^t Anne's)
Fri	25th August	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
		10.30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 27th August 2017 Eleventh 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 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 20th August 2017: *Trinity Ten*

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:1 – 16

¹Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: "It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman." ²But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. ³The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. ⁴For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. ⁵Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. ⁶Now as a concession, not a command, I say this. ⁷I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another.

⁸To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single as I am. ⁹But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

¹⁰To the married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord): the wife should not separate from her husband ¹¹(but if she does, she should remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband) and the husband should not divorce his wife.

¹²To the rest I say (I, not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her. ¹³If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him. ¹⁴For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. ¹⁵But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace. ¹⁶For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?

Second Reading: Matthew 22: 23 – 30

²³The Sadducees, who say that there is no resurrection asked [Jesus] a question, ²⁴saying, "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies having no children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.'" ²⁵Now there were seven brothers among us. The first married and died and having no children left his wife to his brother. ²⁶So too the second and third, down to the seventh. ²⁷After them all, the woman died. ²⁸In the resurrection, therefore, of the seven, whose wife will she be? For they all had her."

²⁹But Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God. ³⁰For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 12: 46 – 50.

⁴⁶While [Jesus] was still speaking to the people, behold, His mother and His brothers stood outside, asking to speak to Him. ⁴⁸But He replied to the man who told Him, "Who is my mother and who are my brothers?" ⁴⁹And stretching out His hand towards His disciples, He said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ⁵⁰For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

COLLECT

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please You; 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 willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in You: look upon us with Your favour that we who follow the path of Your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES

Tower Lights: are sponsored by David and Barbara Price

Roman Chapter 8 Sermons, A number of people asked that the short series of sermons on Romans chapter 8 be made available on the church's website. The sermons are now available on 'The Recent Notice Sheets' page in the July section.

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.

Stan Tooby's funeral will be on **Thursday 24th August at 2.00pm** in S^t Michael's. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Veronica Land's funeral will be on **Thursday 31st August at 2:30pm** in S^t Michael's. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

THANK YOU to those who have volunteered to drive folks to the monthly Coffee Stop. Any further offers will be appreciated. The next Coffee Stop will be on Friday, 1st September. **NOW NEEDED** the names and phone numbers of those people who would like a lift. Tel: Ruth Wragg on 01531 6701976.

Children and Families Worker

PLEASE ALL PRAY A COUPLE OF TIMES A DAY AS FOLLOWS

Holy Spirit who blows where you will, please breathe gently on us and:

* raise the awareness of those who come across our advertisement and have the interest, skills and drive to do this work amongst us, that they feel moved to apply when they see/hear your call;

* enable us to answer any queries about the role with care and courtesy;

* stir up amongst all of us a determination to meet this new challenge with joy and positivity, and find out, as time goes on, how I/we can help.

Thank you, Lord.

Diana Veasey on behalf of the planning group.

The Worship Review and Development Group was convened by the Rector and draws its members from different parts of our church. We are seeking to clarify our present patterns of worship and discover those aspects which help or hinder people in their Christian discipleship. There will be opportunities in the early autumn for everyone to contribute ideas.

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:

Dean Jackson Sheila Anthony Ann Tindall Lois Pratt

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

Geoffrey Fletcher William Scott Stan Tooby Veronica Land

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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. At the 10.30 service Trevor Grant, The Leprosy Mission regional manager will preach on Christ's teaching and the work of the Leprosy Mission. Trevor will illustrate his talk and mention his recent trip to India about improving facilities at Purulia hospital. This TLM hospital (north of Calcutta), treats around 30-40,000 people every year from West Bengal and neighbouring states. Later in September Victor Parisipogula of Brighter Future will also be here for a reception at the Bishop's Palace in Hereford.

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.

Sunday 8th October – Sponsored Dog Walk

Perry Street (English Setter) invites his dog friends to join him on a walk to raise money for next year's Flower Festival at St Michael's Church. The walk will start at the Market House at 2pm on Sunday 8th October. Please contact Judy Street on 01531-635404 or e-mail nigel.j.street@gmail.com for more details and a sponsor form.

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.