



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday 17th September 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 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	18 th September	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship at Pool Barn
Thurs	21st September	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S ^t Anne's)
Fri	22nd September	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
		10.30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 24th September 2017 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 9.30am S^t Michael and All Angels Patronal Festival Service
- 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

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Readings for 17th September 2017: **Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

First Reading: **Exodus 14: 19 – 31**

¹⁹The angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, ²⁰coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land and the waters were divided.

²²The people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

²³The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots and his horsemen. ²⁴And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, ²⁵clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians."

²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and upon their horsemen."

²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. ²⁹But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

³⁰Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD and they believed in the LORD and in His servant Moses.

Second Reading: **Romans 14: 1 – 12**

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains and let not the one who abstains pass judgement on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honour of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honour of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honour of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself and none of us dies to himself.

⁸For if we live, we live to the Lord and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgement on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me and every tongue shall confess to God."

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18: 21 – 35

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had and payment to be made.

²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me and I will pay you everything'. ²⁷Out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me and I will pay you.'

³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place.

³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?'

³⁴In anger his master delivered him to the jailers until he should pay all his debt.

³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into Your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship You in spirit and in truth; 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, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **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:

Dean Jackson Sheila Anthony Lois Pratt

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

John Meredith John Rooke Sylvia Bloise

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 18th September – Organ Recital from 12.30pm to 1.30pm. All welcome.

Saturday 23rd September – Men's Breakfast. The next men's breakfast will be held in the Seven Stars restaurant at 9.15am. . Price £8. We would love to see you and if you can come, please sign the sheet at the back of the church so we get some idea of how many to cater for. The speaker will be John Lindeck.

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.

Wednesday 11th October at 2.30pm Friends of Ledbury Parish Church – Annual General Meeting. After the business of the meeting Tim Keyes will be talking/ demonstrating bell ringing under the title Ringing the Changes: the loudest secret of St. Michael's. Tea, coffee and cakes will then be served in the Chapter House – all welcome

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

The Tower Illuminations this week are sponsored in loving memory of Sheila and Alec Luard by their daughters, Elizabeth, Felicity and Phoebe.

Magazine. The September 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.

A big 'thank you' to all those present at Leprosy Mission Sunday last week, for their very generous donations arising from Trevor's excellent sermon and presentation. The total banked (including extras from donation boxes and £40 from the collection plate) amounted to £313.00. While one-off donations like this are greatly appreciated, please consider making a regular donation to TLM, so that they may plan ahead for the relief of suffering and the prevention of discrimination arising. Victor and Mary Parisipogula from India will be staying with us for a few days from next Tuesday 19th for the regional Leprosy Mission function at the Bishop's Palace on 21st. Please let us know if you would like to meet them during their stay.
Ian and Jan James

PEW SHEET PRAYER: Children and Families Worker: Week 6

God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit This week we rest in you, and:

* thank You for the sure sign that we are not ready to receive this post, as You called no applicants;

* resting in the stillness of Your presence we wonder 'what next for us to share Your love with each other? What next to support the children of our church and our town, to share Your love with them?'

* please surround all of us involved in young church, baptism, Open the Book, Mums and Tots, Messy Church; Parents, Grandparents, Carers and Teachers and especially all the children, with Your love, that all of us may grow in you.

Thank You Lord

Diana Veasey for the planning group

The Worship Review and Development Group convened by the Rector has started work. It draws its members from different parts of our church. Currently, we are seeking to improve our understanding of the views and aspirations of all the congregation. To that end we are asking everyone attending to complete a short and simple survey. Please do fill that in before you leave church. In particular, please let us know what aspects of current practice help or hinder you in your Christian discipleship. There will be further opportunities in the early autumn for everyone to contribute ideas.

GROUPS @ St MICHAELS: Are you a member of a group at St Michael's? Whether you are or not, we want to find out your views on groups, be they house groups or other small groups. Please help us by filling in the questionnaire enclosed in this Pew Sheet; ask David Kirkham for a larger copy if the print is too small for you to read. It won't take more than a few minutes and what you think will tell us if we need more groups and help us to create groups that meet our needs.

On Sunday 8th October 4 - 5.30 pm there will be a **'Newcomers' tea'**; a chance for anyone relatively new to the congregation to come and meet some regulars and find out what goes on in our church. I am sending out invitations but if you haven't received one and would like to come, please let me know. Offers of cakes and sandwiches, as well as of people able to come on the day to add to our welcome, would be gratefully received. Mary Anne Keyes
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