



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday 24th September 2017

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
(Led by *The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*)
- 9.30am St Michael and All Angels Patronal Festival Service
(Led by: *The Revd William Simmonds*
Preacher *The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*.)
- 11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion
(Led by: *The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*)
- 4.00pm Worship Service
(Led by *Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey & Revd Tony Hodder*)

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

Church Diary for the week ahead

Mon	25 th September	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship at Pool Barn
Wed	27 th September	6.45pm for 7pm	Evening Prayer Service, St Anne Chapel
Thurs	28 th September	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in St Anne's)
Fri	29 th September	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, St Anne's Chapel
		10.30am	Holy Communion, St Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 1st October 2017 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 10.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
- 3.00pm Civic Service
- 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.

Readings for 24th September 2017:

Feast of S. Michael and All Angels

First Reading: Genesis 28: 10 – 17

¹⁰Jacob left Beersheba and went towards Haran. ¹¹And 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. ¹²He 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!

¹³And 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. ¹⁴Your 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. ¹⁵Behold, 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."

¹⁶Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place and I did not know it." ¹⁷And 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."

Second Reading: Revelation 12: 7 – 12

⁷Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world — he was thrown down to the earth and his angels were thrown down with him.

¹⁰And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹²Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

Gospel Reading: John 1: 47 – 51

⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards Him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael said to Him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree', do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

COLLECT

Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and men in a wonderful order. Grant that as Your holy angels always serve You in heaven, so, at Your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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

Keep, O Lord, Your Church, with Your perpetual mercy; and, because without You our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NOTICES

The Tower Illuminations this week are sponsored by Ian Stainburn.

Magazine. The October 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, 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 £413.00. 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 from suffering from leprosy.

Thank you to all who attended the Macmillan Coffee Morning at S^t Katherine's Hall last week. The sum raised was £318.50. A special thanks to all the helpers and to Sue Simpson for organising and running the coffee morning.

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. If you haven't already completed one, please do fill one in before you leave church. In particular, please let us know what aspects of current practice help or hinder you in your Christian discipleship.

Cake and Coffee in S^t Katherine's Hall will be on **Wednesday 4th October** from **10.30am to 1pm**. Proceeds to S^t Michael's. Further details from Sue Simpson 632989.

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 Telephone: 07962 323 454 Email: makeyes25@hotmail.com

Ladies who Lunch on **Wednesday 8th November**. Venue to be arranged. Further details from Sue Simpson 632989.

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

We pray for:

- Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners Victor & Mary Parisipogula, and S^t Michael and All Angels, Mtwarra and S^t John the Baptist Church, Likonde.

Those who are sick:

Dean Jackson Sheila Anthony

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

John Meredith John Rooke Sylvia Bloise Edna Ryan

DATES FOR 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.

Friday 13th October at 7.00pm Quiz Night in the Burgage Hall. Tickets £10-00 including Sausage and Mash Supper (bring your own wine if you wish). In aid of next years Flower Festival. Tickets from Bill and Maggie (01531 579009) or Ryc and Pauline Smith (01531 631104).

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.

Ledbury Church Leaders
Invites members of all churches
To a meeting at
Ledbury Baptist Church
On Saturday 11th November at 11.30am

The meeting will start with prayer
and should last around 1 and a 1/2 hours

The aims of the meeting are:-

- To update church members with the work of the Church in Ledbury over the past year.
- To look at the context of the local work in respect of the national (and international) perspectives on the move towards unity.
- To share and discuss the vision for the work for the foreseeable future.
- To encourage full and broad participation of all church members in the work.

John 17:20-21

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

Ephesians 4:1-6

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.