



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday 1st October 2017

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
(Led by *The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*)
- 10.30am Morning Worship with Prayer Ministry
(Led by *The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*
Preacher *The Revd Tony Hodder*)
- 3.00om Civic Service
(Led by *The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*
Speaker *The Revd Dr Matthew Clark*)
- 6.30pm BCP Evensong
(Led by *Revd Canon Ryc Smith*)

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 2 nd October	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship at Pool Barn
Thurs 5 th October	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S ^t Anne's)
Fri 6 th October	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
	10.30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 8th October 2017 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harvest Thanksgiving
11.15am Eastnor Harvest Thanksgiving

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 1st October 2017: *Trinity XVI*

First Reading: Exodus 17: 1 – 7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

²Therefore the people quarrelled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"

⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, you shall strike the rock and water shall come out of it and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarrelling of the people of Israel and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 1 – 13

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Third Reading: Matthew 21: 23 – 32

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to Him as He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

²⁴Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John; from where did it come? From heaven or from man?"

And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven', He will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'" ²⁶But if we say, 'From man', we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know."

And He said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹And he answered, 'I will not', but afterwards he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir', but did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him.

COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech You mercifully to hear the prayers of Your people who call upon You; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Almighty God, You have taught us through Your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love You with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through 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, Mtwarra and S^t John the Baptist Church, Likonde.

Those who are sick:

Dean Jackson Sheila Anthony Pauline (Eastnor) Phil Sykes

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

John Meredith John Rooke Sylvia Bloise Edna Ryan
Joan Collins Vera Morris

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Thursday 5th October 10am-12noon Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust Annual Coffee Morning (raises funds to provide grants to help Herefordshire churches maintain buildings) in the Town Hall, Hereford. Please support.

Thursday 5th October 2.15pm MU meeting Market Theatre, talk by Judy Street on being a magistrate

Friday 6th October 'Coffee Stop' in the Chapter House 10am-12noon. If you or someone you know, would like a lift to the Chapter House, please ring Ruth on 670196 who will arrange a lift.

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. Please contact Judy Street on 635404 or email 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 (579009) or Ryc and Pauline (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

NOTICES

Young Church: The theme today will be 'Preparation for Harvest'. Next week there will be Children's Worship with Revd Tony Hodder.

The Tower Illuminations this week are sponsored by Elizabeth Bendle.

Bells: Apologies for there being no ringing today, many people are away, several of them on the area ringers' annual ringing week's holiday. Back to normal next Sunday, we hope!

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. For the November edition all material should be sent to Tim Keyes: thkeyes28@hotmail.com

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