



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday Sunday 8th October 2017

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
(Led by *The Revd Michael Gallagher*)
- 9.30am Harvest Thanksgiving
(Led by *The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*
Preacher *The Revd Michael Gallagher*)
- 11.15am Eastnor Harvest Thanksgiving
(Led by *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 9th October	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship at Pool Barn
Weds 11 th October	6.45pm for 7pm	Evening Prayer Service, S ^t Anne Chapel
Thurs 12th October	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S ^t Anne's)
Fri 13th October	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
	10.30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 15th October 2017 Luketide

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer for Healing
- 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
Parish office: phone number: 01531 631531. Email: ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net

Readings for 8th October 2017: *Harvest Thanksgiving*

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8: 6 – 20

⁶You shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in His ways and by fearing Him. ⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰And you shall eat and be full and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land He has given you.

¹¹“Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His rules and His statutes, which I command you today, ¹²lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them ¹³and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then your heart be lifted up and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, ¹⁶who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. ¹⁷Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.’ ¹⁸You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may confirm His covenant that He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. ¹⁹And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. ²⁰Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.

Second Reading: Luke 12: 16 – 20

¹⁶And [Jesus] told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸He said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’

²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’

²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich towards God.”

²²And He said to His disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.”

Third Reading:

2 Corinthians 9: 6 – 15

⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

⁹As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; His righteousness endures for ever.”

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

¹²For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission flowing from your confession of the gospel of Christ and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!

COLLECT

Creator God, You made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank You for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, we pray that Your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayer from Today’s Sermon

Thank You Lord, that though our situation may not change, Your grace is enough to change us in our situation.

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 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 Ian McDonald

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TODAY – 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 & 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 year’s Flower Festival. Tickets from Bill and Maggie (579009) or Ryc and Pauline (631104).

Wednesday 18th 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.

Wednesday 18th October at 7.30pm RIDING LIGHTS is coming to **S^t Matthew’s Church Cheltenham** with their current production **GOSPEL STREET**. Tickets cost £10 or £8 for concessions. David Kirkham will purchase them, please see him for further details. **Gospel Street** is a powerful mix of theatre, music, comedy and spoken work – a collaboration between award-winning writers, including hip-hop artist Testament. *Riding Lights* is doing what it does best: bringing everyone together to hear some good news with wisdom, laughter, energy and insight

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

Saturday 18th November - “Flanders & Swann Revisited” by Michael Lunts at Market Theatre. All proceeds to go to Ring & Ride. For more information see Roger Gates.

NOTICES

Young Church: Today the children will be taking part in our Harvest Thanksgiving service. Next week the theme will be ‘Actions Speak Louder than Words’.

The Tower Illuminations this week are sponsored by Alan Meikle

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

TODAY from 4 - 5.30pm 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. Further details from Mary Anne Keyes Telephone: 07962 323 454 Email: makeyes25@hotmail.com

Prisons Week begins today. For over 40 years this national ecumenical initiative has promoted a week of prayer for our prison communities. You will receive a copy of the prayer leaflet at our services this morning. Please do take it home with you and use it in your prayers through the week and then keep it by you as a reminder through the months ahead.