



# THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



## BIBLE SUNDAY Sunday 29th October 2017

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion  
(Led by The Revd William Simmonds)
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer for Healing  
(Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey,  
Preacher The Revd William Simmonds)
- 6.30pm 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Evening Worship – Intercessory Service  
(Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey)

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<sup>t</sup> Anne's Chapel at the end of the service.

### Church Diary for the week ahead

Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> October	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship at Pool Barn
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S <sup>t</sup> Anne's)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S <sup>t</sup> Anne's Chapel
	10.30am	Holy Communion, S <sup>t</sup> Katherine's Chapel

### Next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 10.30am Parish Communion with Prayer for Healing
- 3.00pm All Souls Service followed by refreshments
- 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](http://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 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017: *Bible Sunday*

### First Reading: Nehemiah 8: 1 – 12

<sup>1</sup>All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup>So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. <sup>4</sup>And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. Beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah and Meshullam on his left hand. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people and as he opened it all the people stood.

<sup>6</sup>Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>7</sup>Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places. <sup>8</sup>They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly and they gave the meaning, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>Nehemiah, who was the governor and Ezra the priest and scribe and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law.

<sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go on your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." <sup>11</sup>So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved."

<sup>12</sup>And all the people went on their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

### Second Reading: Colossians 3: 12 – 17

<sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved; compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness and patience, <sup>13</sup>bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other. As the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

<sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 24: 30 – 35

<sup>30</sup>Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, then all the tribes of the earth will mourn and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup>And He will send out His angels with a loud trumpet call and they will gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

<sup>32</sup>“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>33</sup>So also, when you see all these things, you know that He is near, at the very gates. <sup>34</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>35</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

### COLLECT

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience and the comfort of Your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 all grace, Your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of His life and the word of His kingdom: renew Your people with Your heavenly grace and in all our weakness sustain us by Your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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                  Pauline (Eastnor)          Phil Sykes  
Valerie Clark

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

Joan Collins                  Vera Morris                  Ian McDonald          Patricia  
Tony Sadler                  Bob Hayden                  Smith-Maxwell

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 2.15pm - Mothers' Union meeting**, at Theatre Foyer.  
Speaker - Diana Veasey on Icons.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00pm – All Souls Service.** Followed by refreshments.  
If you would like a loved one remembered in the service, please PRINT their name on the sheet at the back of church.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Ladies who Lunch.** Venue to be arranged. Further details from Sue Simpson 632989.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 11:30am** A meeting for *all church members of all Ledbury churches* at Ledbury Baptist Church. Looking at what the church in Ledbury has been doing and what we may do in the future. Do come along.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am for 9.30pm** - The next **Men's Breakfast** will be at the Seven Stars Hotel in the Homend. Price £8. The speaker will be Simon Cameron talking about Noah's Camp for families held near Ledbury for the first time last year. If you can come, please sign the sheet at the back of church so that we have some idea of the numbers for catering.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November in St. Katherine's Hall – Christmas Fayre**

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

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 10.30am until 3.30pm - Advent Quiet Day.** Waiting for God led by the Revd Michael Gallagher at Holy Trinity Church Hall, New Street, Ledbury.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 6:30pm – Light Up A Life**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Church Christmas Lunch** at Three Shires Garden Centre. Please add your name to the list at the back of church if you would like to come. Further details from Sue Simpson.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 6:30pm – Town Carol Service**

**9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> February 2018 Llangasty Quiet Weekend.** This is a reminder that The Llangasty Weekend is coming up again at the beginning of next year. Revd Elizabeth Reed will be the speaker and the theme she has chosen is “Blessings”. Further details from Cherry Bentley-Taylor 660261 Email: cherry@bently-taylor.com

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 Provisional date for a Church Awayday at Pool Barn, Priors Court.** The LMDG is organising a Church awayday. More information will follow. If you are interested, please put this in your diary.

## NOTICES

**Tower Illuminations** this week are sponsored by June Mcquaid

**Young Church:** Today the theme will be ""Love God, Love your Neighbour". Next week the theme will be "Looking Good, Speaking the Truth".

**Tuesday 31 October 5.00 – 7.00 pm A Light Party**, a fun alternative to Halloween will be held at the Church. There will be crafts and games and party food. All welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Helpers still needed. If you would like to attend or help please contact Jill on 01531 635129.'

**Magazine.** The magazine for November is now available. If you have friends who you think might appreciate a copy, please take one for them. The December/January edition will be put together by John Lindeck so please let him have any contributions by November 15th. All of us have memories of something funny or unusual which happened over Christmas. Perhaps even a disaster! We would love to know about them and get to know more about each other. Please write them down (preferably in less than 100 words) and send/email them to John Lindeck. johnmlindeck@gmail.com

**LEDBURY & THE WAR 1917** – This exhibition will be on display in St Michael's from 4th –12th NOVEMBER from 10 – 4 daily (except during services) This is the fourth in the series of exhibitions about Ledbury and the First World War. This year we concentrate on 1917, look at the work of the Y.M.C.A. at the front and at the Battle of Khuweilfe in which four Ledburians lost their lives on November 6th 1917.

**All Souls Service: 3pm Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November.** There is a list at the back of church, if you would like someone remembered at the service please PRINT the names (including their title) on the list.

**Lesson Readers Rota Advent to Trinity:** I am finalising the new Rota for issue early November, to run for the next 6 months. Each person will be scheduled to read about three times during that period. It is easy to swap if your diary changes. If anyone who has joined St Michael's recently would like to be included in this important ministry in our Church, do please see me after worship, or contact me via Sarah in our Group Office. She will pass on any messages. Thank you. Diana Veasey

**DRIVERS ROTA**- I'm delighted the Rota is now well established and has nearly completed its first year, thanks to our willing volunteers. This coming year I would like to enable passengers to attend **EVERY** Sunday. Could you be one of those to fill a gap? More details in the November Magazine, or by ringing Hilary Sharp 01531 631972.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD.** Leaflets at the back of church give details regarding the packing of shoeboxes. Given out through local churches, these boxes help share the love of Jesus with needy children overseas. Filled boxes should be left at the Heritage Centre ("Cards for Good Causes") Church Lane, between 2nd - 18th November. Thank you.

**PCC Charitable donations review:** Each year the PCC considers a list of charities put forward for the distribution of approximately 10% of its income to good causes. Last year it was decided to allocate a part of this sum for consultation to include the congregation, so I am asking you to contact either Ian James or Christabel Panter, with any suggestions. Basically, we are looking for charities that follow Christian principles of supporting the elderly, the poor and needy of society locally or worldwide. In particular we hope to find charities

where a personal relationship exists via a member of our congregation and where greatest value for money is achieved.

Please let us have your suggestions. Ian James (iandj39@talktalk.net)

## CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

The Mackenzies and the Wraggs will be cooking and serving a traditional turkey meal in the Baptist Church Hall for people who would otherwise be alone on Christmas day. If you know of such persons, please let them have their names and telephone numbers as soon as possible so that they can invite them. Bookings need to be made by 19th November.

They wish to provide transport for those who need it so are asking for volunteers to collect the guests between 12 and 12.30pm when they will be too busy cooking to do this themselves. Drivers will only be needed one way as they will be able to take them home. Please consider if you can offer this half hour of your time on Christmas day for these lonely people. Please contact Bill and Maggie on 579009 or Bruce and Ruth on 670196.

## Christmas Cards! Stop!

Before you rush out and buy lots of Christmas cards for your friends at St Michael's, remember that you can put a single card for all your friends on the board in the church. Think of the time you will save! And the money! You might like to give this to the two charities which have been chosen by the church by putting it in the container which will be at the back of the church from the beginning of December, **The Friends of St Michael's** and **Ledbury Community Action** which runs Dial a Ride and provides mobility vehicles and community transport for the town.