



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY/ THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday 17th JUNE 2018

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
Led by The Revd William Simmonds
Preacher The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
- 6.30pm Evensong
Led by The Revd James Stewart

Church Diary for the week ahead

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| Mon | 18 th June | 8.00pm | Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church |
| Thurs | 21 st June | 7-12-7 | Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7-12-7 in S' Anne's) |
| Friday | 22nd June | 9.00am | Prayer Meeting, S' Anne's Chapel |
| | | 10.30am | Holy Communion, S' Katherine's Chapel |

Next Sunday 24th JUNE 2018 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
- 11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion
- 4.00pm The 4 o'clock Worship Service

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.

Facebook – The church has a facebook page:

[fb.me/stmichaelsledbury](https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsledbury) – take a look, like and participate

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 17th June 2018: Trinity 3 Stewardship

First Reading: Psalm 20

- ¹May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble!
May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!
- ²May He send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion!
- ³May He remember all your offerings and regard with favour your burnt sacrifices!
- ⁴May He grant you your heart's desire and fulfil all your plans!
- ⁵May we shout for joy over your salvation
and in the name of our God set up our banners!
May the LORD fulfil all your petitions!
- ⁶Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed;
He will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand.
- ⁷Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.
- ⁸They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright.
- ⁹O LORD, save the king! May He answer us when we call.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6 – 17

- ⁶We are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please Him.
- ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.
- ¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart.
- ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised.
- ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard Him thus no longer.
- ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold! the new has come.

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26 – 34

- ²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground.
- ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how.
- ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.
- ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."
- ³⁰And He said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it?"

³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables He spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it.

³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to His own disciples He explained everything.

COLLECT

Almighty God, You have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of Your Son into our hearts whereby we call You Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to Your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us Your glory as far as we can grasp it and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon You without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

We pray for:

Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners and S^t Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S^t John the Baptist Church, Likonde.

Those who are sick:

Dean Jackson Revd David Price Steve Taylor

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

Annette Fox Bill Masefield Paul Jones Maureen Jones
Patricia Stroud Jeffrey Davies Rosemary Thick

NOTICES

Young Church –today the theme will be **Paul’s Letters ‘A New Perspective’**

Next week the theme will be **Paul’s Letters ‘Open Wide Your Hearts’**

Tower Lights are sponsored this week by Ian and Jan James.

Christian Aid. Many thanks to all who collected and gave to the Christian Aid Week collection. We raised £4,449.85 from the area and a very grateful. Margaret Young.

The PCC have recently given their approval to a Consent Form enabling this church to hold contact information for the congregation and other people associated with it. It is important that everyone signs one of these forms. There are forms at the back of church, or they can be obtained from Richard Thursby, Diana Veasey or Peter Veasey. Please return your completed form in a sealed envelope marked Richard in the "T" Pigeon Hole at the back of the church or give it to Diana, Peter or Richard.

Help needed with washing/clear up between 1.30pm and 2.00pm on **Wednesday afternoons**. Please contact Sue Simpson on 632989 if you are able to help.

Church Loop System: We have a loop system for those with hearing aids that can use it. Please turn your hearing aid to ‘T’. Please let us know if the loop systems works for you or if it doesn’t. In either case, saying where you sat would be helpful. If you have suggestions about how we might improve our sound in church please let us know, in the first instance please speak a member of the LMDG.

If you need or want **large print copies of our services and pewsheets**, we have a small number available each week. Please ask. If we need more, we will print more copies. When we use the screen and project the service and you use large print versions of our services, you may find it helps to sit nearer the front rather than nearer the back. If you have suggestions about how we might improve our visuals in church please let us know, in the first instance please speak a member of the LMDG.

Stewardship. There is an envelope at the back of church for everyone currently in the Stewardship scheme. It contains a letter re-launching Stewardship and a leaflet about giving. It will also include boxes of dated envelopes for those donating by this method. **Please collect your envelope today.** It would also help enormously if you could deliver to any neighbours who for some reason are unable to get to church. Thank you. *Tony Goodall (Stewardship Recorder).*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 18th June – Organ Recital at 12.30pm by Christopher Embrey.

Thursday 21st June, 7:30pm, St Anne’s Chapel - Second in a series of talks on Church Doctrine: Joe Chipper on ‘The Eucharist’

Wednesday 27th June at S^t Katherine’s Hall from 10.00am-1.00pm Coffee Morning. All very welcome

Monday 2nd July – Saturday 7th July (not Tuesday 3rd July) Eating with Words from 12.00pm to 1pm in the Chapter House. We will be hosting a series of lunches during the week of the Poetry Festival, each with a different poetic theme and some enabling those to participate if they wish. Please see the magazine for further details.

Celebrating the poetry of the prayerbook: Evening service with AV bible readings 4:30pm **Monday 2nd, Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th, Friday 6th, Saturday 7th July.**

Saturday 21st July – Men’s Breakfast from 9.15 for 9.30am the Seven Stars restaurant in the Homend. Price £8. The speaker will be Simon Cameron from the Catholic Church telling how he became a Christian. All welcome. It would be helpful if you could sign the list at the back of church.