



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday 9th September 2018

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by The Very Revd Nick Bury
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
Led by The Revd William Simmonds
Preacher The Revd Tony Hodder
- 11.15am Eastnor Morning Prayer
Led by Brian Bowers

Church Diary for the week ahead

Mon	10 th September	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Weds	12 th September	7.00pm	Evening Prayers
Thurs	13 th September	7-12-7	Prayers
Friday	14 th September	9.00am 10.30am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 16th September 2018 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8:00am BCP Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
- 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.

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 9th September 2018:

Trinity 15

First Reading: Psalm 125

¹Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides for ever.

²As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds His people, from this time forth and for evermore.

³For the sceptre of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.

⁴Do good, O LORD, to those who are good and to those who are upright in their hearts!

⁵But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers! Peace be upon Israel!.

Second Reading: James 2: 1 – 17

¹Show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place", while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there", or, "Sit down at my feet", ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which He has promised to those who love Him? ⁶But you have dishonoured the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honourable name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfil the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself", you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For he who said, "Do not commit adultery", also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty.

¹³For judgement is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgement.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food

¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled", without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7: 24 – 37

²⁴Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet He could not keep His presence secret. ²⁵In fact, as soon as she heard about Him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at His feet. ²⁶The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

²⁷'First let the children eat all they want,' He told her, 'for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.'

²⁸'Lord,' she replied, 'even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.'

²⁹Then He told her, 'For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.'

³⁰She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³²There some people brought to Him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk and they begged Jesus to place His hand on him.

³³After He took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put His fingers into the man's ears. Then He spat and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, 'Ephphatha!' (which means 'Be opened!'). ³⁵At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosed and he began to speak plainly.

³⁶Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more He did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷People were overwhelmed with amazement. 'He has done everything well,' they said. 'He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.'

COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.**

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	Steve Taylor	Helen Lawson-Smith	Doreen Somerfield
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We remember those who have died and pray for those who mourn their passing:

Judy Westcott	Jim King	Michael Clueit	Barrie Jones
Ivor Stephens	Jenny Masefield		

NOTICES

Please note: there is **no parking** in the churchyard **until 22nd September** due to building work at the Church.

Tower Lights – are sponsored this week by Joyce and Julien Potter.

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

Magazine: The September edition of the magazine is now available at the back of the church, please help yourselves to a copy. The editors for the October edition are Andrew and Cath Beech. Please send them your contributions by **September 23rd** at the latest. Andrew and Cath's email address is beech100@virginmedia.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 11th September – **Coffee Morning** at S^t Katherine's Hall **10am to 1.00pm.**

Friday 14th September - **Coffee Evening at Coffee 1 from 5.30pm-7.30pm.** Do come along and enjoy time socialising with friends and enjoying some light background music.

Monday 17th September – **Organ Recital at 12.30pm** by David Chandler.

Saturday 22nd September - **Men's Breakfast** at **9.15am for 9.30am** at the Seven Stars restaurant in the Homend. Price £8. The speaker will be Joe Chipper. Those who come to these events find them enjoyable and valuable in deepening their faith. If you haven't been, why not give it a go? If you have come, why not invite a friend to come too? If you are proposing to come, please sign the sheet at the back of church so that we get rough numbers for catering.

Wednesday 26th September **Ledbury PCC.** Prayer **at 7pm**, meeting **at 7:30pm**

Friday 28th September 7.30pm **Quiz Night at Eastnor Castle.** Please reserve a table for your team of 4 by calling Beverly Jones 01531 636378. Thank you very much for your support.

Saturday 29th September 10am **Lesson readers' training and refresher morning** in church. If you read lessons, please come along for a training and encouraging session so we can all improve our reading and our experience as listeners.

Saturday 29th September – **David Wood-Robinson's 90th Birthday Celebration,** please see the insertion included in the pew sheet this week.

Sunday 30th September 9:30am Patronal Festival Service

Sunday 30th September 3:30pm Community Civic Celebration

Saturday 6th October – **Tea Dance from 3.30pm to 6.30pm** in S^t Katherine's Hall.

Friday 12th October Sausage and mash Quiz night. More details in September magazine.

Saturday 13th October in the morning: Meeting to discuss our Christian response, welcome, invitation and outreach to the new housing developments.

Wednesday 17th October – **The AGM of The Friends of Ledbury Parish Church** take place **at 2.30pm.** Following the usual business there will be an illustrated talk by Mr Gareth Davies on **The Coming of the Railways and the role of Railway Chaplains.** The meeting will conclude with refreshments.

Wednesday 12th December – **Christmas Lunch** at Three Shires Garden Centre. For more information see Sue Simpson.

**Please join us in celebrating
David Wood Robinson's**

**90th Birthday!
Saturday 29th September 2018**

We will be having afternoon tea at The Burgage Hall, Church Street, Ledbury from 3pm till 5pm.
We really hope you can share this special occasion with us.

To help us with catering, perhaps you could let us know if you hope to come, and any dietary requirements you may have by September 22nd.

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