

# THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

Worshipping God, Following Jesus, Sharing His Love



Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020 Trinity I

At 10am on Sunday morning there will be a service on our website <a href="https://www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk">www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk</a> so we can continue to worship God, read scripture and pray together.

Do take part where you are. We can join together at one time, even if not in one place.

Do encourage and invite people to join us.

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our website www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk, facebook page fb.me/stmichaelsledbury and twitter feed @LedburyParish for updates and information and encourage others to do so too.

Thursday is Corpus Christi

**NEXT SUNDAY 21st June is Trinity II** 

Readings for 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020: *Trinity I* 

# A Reading from: Genesis 18: 1 – 15

¹the LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, bowed himself to the earth ³and said, "O Lord, if I have found favour in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought and wash your feet and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁴And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." <sup>10</sup>The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him.

<sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year and Sarah shall have a son." <sup>15</sup>But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh", for she was afraid. He said, "No, but you did laugh."

## A Gospel Reading from: Matthew 9: 35 – 10:23

<sup>35</sup>Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. <sup>36</sup>When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest."

<sup>10</sup>:1 And He called to Him His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out and to heal every disease and every affliction. <sup>2</sup>The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee and John his brother; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, 'but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' <sup>8</sup>Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. <sup>9</sup>Acquire no gold nor silver nor copper for your belts, <sup>10</sup> no bag for your journey, nor two tunics nor sandals nor a staff, for the labourer deserves his food. <sup>11</sup>And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. <sup>12</sup>As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup>And if the house

is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup>And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup>Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgement for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

<sup>16</sup>"Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues <sup>18</sup> and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. <sup>20</sup>For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

<sup>21</sup>Brother will deliver brother over to death and the father his child and children will rise against parents and have them put to death <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

<sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

## A Reading from: Romans 5: 1 – 11

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

<sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character and character produces hope <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — <sup>8</sup>but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God.

<sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.

<sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

#### COLLECT

Holy God, God of truth and love, help us to keep Your law of love and walk in the way of truth and holiness; that we may experience Life in all its fullness in Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Eternal Father, we thank You for nourishing us with Your heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**We pray for:** Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S<sup>t</sup> Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S<sup>t</sup> John the Baptist Church, Likonde.

#### We pray for those who are sick:

Phyl SykesSteve TaylorDean JacksonMike WakefordBarbara WilliamsSheila AnthonyKate GreenallMiles OliverDon RuleFrances HollowayBarbara MorrisDoulla PittaridesPam Robinson

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

Charles 'Joe' Lewis Christopher Johnson Rose Walters Henry Cole
William 'Bill' Hunter Joan Wilce Martin Watkins Leone Griškj ne
Florence 'Peg' Bowkett Freda Rawle Christopher Davies Peter Hammersley

#### **NOTICES**

## From Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June, Churches may open for private prayer.

To begin with we will be opening on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to 4pm. Thanks to our volunteer openers and closers for making this possible. We aim to have hand sanitiser available, however, it would help if you brought and used your own; when you arrive and when you leave. The toilets will not be open. Following guidance; bibles, books, leaflets and matches for candles have been put away.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June – The Parish Away Day *will not take place*. However, we can all choose to set some time aside that day to pray for our church community, for God to help us flourish and to guide us in our 'new normal'.

CMS Coffee Morning: We may be able to hold it on SATURDAY 1st AUGUST.

**Ledbury TalkLine (01531 598 007)** is available from 9am to 9pm each day, offering a friendly voice at the end of a phone. It is run by a team of people from the churches of Ledbury. We are here during covid-19 isolation to try and help our community stay connected and cared for. Thanks to those who have volunteered.

**Daily Hope (0800 804 8044)** is the Church of England's free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers.

Young Church is suspended until further notice.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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