



THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



Sunday 21st June 2020
Trinity II

At 10am on Sunday morning
there will be a service on our website
www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk
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](https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsledbury)
and twitter feed [@LedburyParish](https://twitter.com/LedburyParish)
for updates and information
and encourage others to do so too.

NEXT SUNDAY 28th June is Trinity III

Readings for 21st June 2020: *Trinity II*

A Reading from: Genesis 21: 8 – 21

⁸[Isaac] the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, laughing. ¹⁰So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not be heir with my son Isaac.” ¹¹And the thing was very displeasing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹²But God said to Abraham, “Be not displeased because of the boy and because of your slave woman. Whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for through Isaac shall your offspring be named. ¹³And I will make a nation of the son of the slave woman also, because he is your offspring.” ¹⁴So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child and sent her away. And she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba. ¹⁵When the water in the skin was gone, she put the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, “Let me not look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷And God heard the voice of the boy and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸Up! Lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make him into a great nation.” ¹⁹Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰And God was with the boy and he grew up. He lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. ²¹He lived in the wilderness of Paran and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

A Gospel Reading from: Matthew 10: 24 – 39

²⁴[Jesus said] “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. ²⁶“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. ³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father and a daughter against her mother and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person's enemies will be those of his own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

A Reading from: **Romans 6: 1 – 11**

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into His death? ⁴We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.

¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

COLLECT

Lord God, our faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to You and to Your living Word, Jesus Christ through the leading of Your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving Father, we thank You for feeding us in the supper of Your Son: sustain us with Your Spirit, that we may serve You here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

We pray for those who are sick:

Phyl Sykes	Steve Taylor	Dean Jackson	Mike Wakeford
Barbara Williams	Sheila Anthony	Kate Greenall	Miles Oliver
Don Rule	Frances Holloway	Barbara Morris	Doulla Pittarides
Pam Robinson			

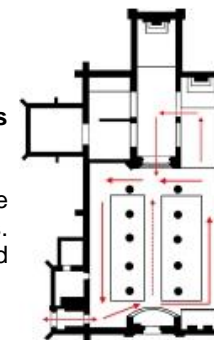
We remember those who have died and pray for those who mourn their passing:

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

S. Michael's church Ledbury is open for private prayer on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to 4pm.

Thanks to our volunteer openers and closers for making this possible. There is hand gel available. When visiting, please follow the guidance for moving around the church, which is there to protect us all. Thanks. There are copies displayed as you enter the church and dotted around inside (on a much larger scale than the one on the right here).



S. John's church Eastnor is open for private prayer everyday.

Thanks to Bev and Ruth for cleaning and preparing the church for people to visit again. Thanks too, to Julian for keeping the church grounds mown and cared for. Please be aware that work to repair and improve the tower has begun, with accompanying scaffolding and some noise. While this essential and good work is going in, the church won't be quite the tranquil idyll you may be used to! The work has been made possible through the great efforts of the Eastnor Church Tower Appeal (ECTA) team to whom we give much thanks and appreciation!

Without a doubt, the last few months have resulted in 'changes' for all of us. The theme for the July/August magazine is 'Changes' and it would be lovely to have your contributions on this theme whether it is where you have come to a crossroads, or where an event or circumstance has marked a lasting impact on your life. I look forward to receiving your unique stories. Helen l'Anson iansonjsw@yahoo.co.uk



The bells have been taken down and are now away being repaired, recast and renewed.

It's hoped the new full set of 10 will be back sometime in September. To see a short video of the lowering of the bells, you can visit: <https://youtu.be/KEHFy6YQY5M> directly or via the front page of the church website: www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk

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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Twitter – Do sign-up to S. Michael's twitter account: **@LedburyParish**