



THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



Sunday 2nd August 2020
Trinity VIII

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 encourage and invite people to join in

Do take part where you are.
We can join together at one time,
and since 12th July,
we also gather in S. Michael's
in smaller numbers than pre-covid,
as we seek to care for one another
by observing social distancing and hygiene guidance

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our website www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk,
facebook page [fb.me/stmichaelsledbury](https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsledbury)
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for updates and information
and encourage others to do so too.

NEXT SUNDAY 9th August is Trinity IX

Readings for 2nd August 2020: *Trinity VIII*

An Old Testament Reading from: Genesis 32: 22 – 32

²²The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And He said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked Him, "Please tell me your name." But He said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there He blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, [*Peniel means the face of God*] saying, "For I have seen God face to face and yet my life has been delivered." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. ³²Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because He touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

A New Testament Reading from: Romans 9: 1 – 5

I [Paul] am speaking the truth in Christ — I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit — ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Gospel of: Matthew 14: 13 – 21

¹³When Jesus heard [about John the Baptist's death], He withdrew from [where He was] in a boat to a desolate place by Himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed Him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When He went ashore He saw a great crowd and He had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a desolate place and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸And He said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass and taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

COLLECT

Everlasting God, Almighty Lord and Heavenly Father we implore You to direct, sanctify and govern our hearts, minds and bodies in the ways of Your laws and the works of Your commandments; that through Your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

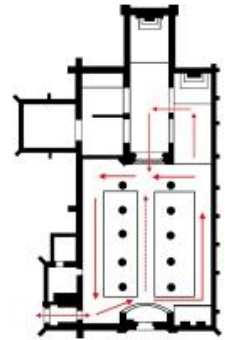
POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard Your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung Your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of Your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with Your body be refreshed with the fullness of Your life; glory to You for ever. **Amen.**

NOTICES

S. Michael's church Ledbury is open for private prayer on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to 4pm (unless temporarily closed for cleaning following services).

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).



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	Chris Nicholson		

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

Florence 'Peg' Bowkett	Freda Rawle	Christopher Davies	Peter Hammersley
Vera Smith	Kathleen Moore	Ralph Rich	Jenifer Pierotti

S. Michael's church restarted Church services from Sunday 12 July.

For the first week or so, we're looking to keep numbers to 30-40 (counting households as 1) and will review how it works each week. The church has been set up to help us maintain appropriate social distancing. This may mean that should you attend a service, you may not be able to sit where you were used to! Please fill in from the front rather than the back. It may not have been usual Anglican practice for most, so you may wish to think of it as part of the adventure! We will continue to provide online services and the service in church will be a 'live' version of the online service, so we all continue to worship together.

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. 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!

S. John's Eastnor restarted 11:15am services from 26th July.

Services will be on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. It is planned to project the services as there will not be orders of service. Alternate pews are closed, to aid distancing. There will not be refreshments after the service. We shall see how the first few services work and review afterwards.

The latest Church of England guidance (23 July) 'strongly advises' the wearing of face coverings in church

Ann and David Tombs have decided to retire from coordinating and unlocking and locking the church. David has kindly said he's happy to be a backup when needed. Thanks to them both for their years of service. Philip Weaver has taken over the job of coordinator, thanks to him and thanks too, to the small team who open and close the church.

Thanks to John Crossley for his faithful care of the garden of remembrance. John has decided it's now the time to hang up his shears and spade. John and Nina Hainsworth have agreed to take on looking after the garden and the two Julians have offered to help them. Thanks to John, Nina, Julian and Julian. If you're interested in helping, please have a word with John and Nina.

Please note: The church office is currently only open on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Bell Project: Volunteers needed to help clean and paint the bell frame

We can save over £5,000 if we scrape down and then paint the bell frame ourselves. The work will take place in the first two weeks of August. We need a team of about 12 -15 people that we can split into groups of 4-5 who could do a 3 hour shift for either scraping / wire-brushing or painting whilst being properly socially-distanced. The cleaning will be messy work (wire brushes doing most of the work) but we will provide gloves and masks (unless you wish to provide your own). You should bring your own overalls.

We expect that each of the two operations will take up to three days. We will paint the frame with primer once it is cleaned. The final coat will need to wait until September when the extra bits of frame needed for the new bells have been added.

Would you be able to help us? Below is a picture of the bell frame to give you some idea of the challenge! We hope that all those involved will be able to feel a sense of pride that they played an active part in this major project for the church. Lots of pictures will be taken for posterity!

Please phone or email Tim Keyes (01531 579021 / thkeyes28@hotmail.com) if you feel able to help or want to find out more.



CMS Coffee Morning: We *now aim* to hold it on **SATURDAY 5th September**

Young Church remains suspended.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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