



THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



Sunday 9th August 2020
Trinity IX

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

We can take part where we 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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for updates and information
and encourage others to do so too.

NEXT SUNDAY 16th August is Trinity X
and VJ Day (15th) commemoration

Readings for 9th August 2020: *Trinity IX*

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 37: 1 – 28

Jacob lived in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan.

²These are the generations of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colours. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.

⁵Now Joseph had a dream and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more.

⁶He said to them, "Hear this dream that I have dreamed: ⁷Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered round it and bowed down to my sheaf." ⁸His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Or are you indeed to rule over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

⁹Then he dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers and said, "Behold, I have dreamed another dream. Behold, the sun, the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." ¹⁰But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow ourselves to the ground before you?"

¹¹And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.

¹²Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." And he said to him, "Here I am." ¹⁴So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock and bring me word." So he sent him from the Valley of Hebron and he came to Shechem. ¹⁵And a man found him wandering in the fields. And the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶"I am seeking my brothers," he said. "Tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock."

¹⁷The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

¹⁸They saw him from afar and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him. ¹⁹They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer.

²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him and we will see what will become of his dreams."

²¹But when Reuben heard it, he rescued him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²²And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him" — that he might rescue him out of their hand to restore him to his father. ²³So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colours that he wore. ²⁴And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵Then they sat down to eat and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm and myrrh, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh."

And his brothers listened to him. ²⁸Then Midianite traders passed by and they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt.

New Testament Reading: Romans 10: 5 – 17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?”” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or “Who will descend into the abyss?”” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him.

¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?”

¹⁷So faith comes from hearing and hearing through the word of Christ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14: 22 – 33

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. ²³And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray.

When evening came, He was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵In the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear.

²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

²⁸And Peter answered Him, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out His hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshipped Him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

COLLECT FOR PEACE

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle in the hearts of all people the true love of peace; and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity Your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT

Almighty and generous God, who sent Your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of Your Church: open our hearts to the riches of Your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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

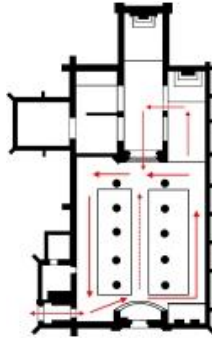
Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of Your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where You reveal the fullness of Your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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	Chris Nicholson	Robert Walters	
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

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).



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 current Church of England guidance "strongly advises" wearing face coverings in church

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

Bell Project: cleaning the bell frame

Well done Tim Keyes and the frame cleaning team! Completed sooner than expected! Many thanks to all who took part and to those supplying refreshments along the way! Next – it's painting!

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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