



THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



Sunday 16th August 2020
Trinity X

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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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 23rd August is Trinity XI

Readings for 16th August 2020: Trinity X

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 45: 1 – 15

1 [Having tested his brothers] Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, "Make everyone go out from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. 2 And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it and the household of Pharaoh heard it. 3 And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. 4 So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 For the famine has been in the land these two years and there are yet five years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. 7 And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. 10 You shall dwell in the land of Goshen and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children and your flocks, your herds and all that you have. 11 There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' 12 And now your eyes see and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. 13 You must tell my father of all my honour in Egypt and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." 14 Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept and Benjamin wept upon his neck. 15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

New Testament Reading: Romans 11: 1 – 2a and 29 – 33

1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew.

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29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. 32 For God has consigned all to disobedience, that He may have mercy on all. 33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgements and how inscrutable His ways!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15: 10 – 28

10 [Jesus] called the people to Him and said to them, "Hear and understand: 11 it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person." 12 Then the disciples came and said to Him, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?"

13 He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up.
 14 Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit."
 15 But Peter said to Him, "Explain the parable to us."
 16 And He said, "Are you also still without understanding? 17 Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? 18 But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart and this defiles a person. 19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. 20 These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone."
 21 And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.
 22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon."
 23 But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us."
 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."
 25 But she came and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, help me."
 26 And He answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."
 27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."
 28 Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

COLLECT

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please You; 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**

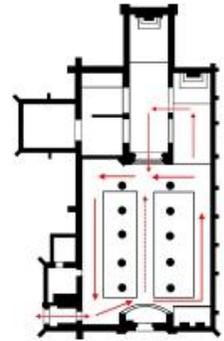
POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage, You have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in You: look upon us with Your favour that we who follow the path of Your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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).



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.

We pray for: Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S' Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S' 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
Maise Cadler			

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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