



THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



Sunday 23rd August 2020
Trinity XI

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 30th August is Trinity XII

Readings for 23rd August 2020: Trinity XI

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 1:8 – 2:10

8 Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. 9 And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us.

10 Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land."

11 Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens.

They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. 12 But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. 13 So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves 14 and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.

15 Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 16 "When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live."

17 But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live. 18 So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and let the male children live?" 19 The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous

and give birth before the midwife comes to them." 20 So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. 21 And because the midwives feared God, He gave them families. 22 Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

2 Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman.

2 The woman conceived and bore a son and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. 3 When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. 4 And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. 5 Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman and she took it. 6 When she opened it, she saw the child and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said,

"This is one of the Hebrews' children." 7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter,

"Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" 8

And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the girl went and called the child's mother. 9 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him.

10 When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

New Testament Reading:

Romans 12: 1 – 8

1 I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship
2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.
3 For by the grace given to me I say to every one among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually members one of another. 6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 16: 13– 20

13 When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” 14 And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” 17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.
18 And I tell you, you are Peter and on this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”
20 Then He strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that He was the Christ.

COLLECT

O God, You declare Your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of Your grace, that we, running the way of Your commandments, may receive Your gracious promises and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasure; 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

Lord of all mercy, we Your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel, preserve us from all sin and fill us with Your joy; through 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	

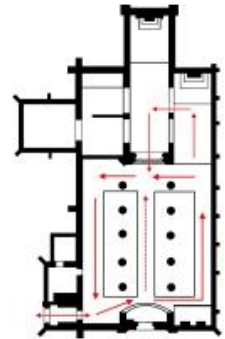
We remember those who have died and pray for those who mourn their passing:

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

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!

Next Sunday is Philip Holland's last Sunday as our organist. We wish him a very happy retirement.

CMS Coffee Morning: sadly due to current restrictions, we have decided to postpone this until next Spring.

Young Church remains suspended.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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