



THE PARISHES OF
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*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



Sunday 13th September 2020
Trinity XIV

At 10am on Sunday morning
there will be a service on our website
www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk
so we can continue to worship God,
we read scripture, praise 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,
We can also gather
in S. Michael's church building
though 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 20th September is Trinity XV

Readings for 13th September 2020:

Trinity XIV

Old Testament Reading:

Exodus 14: 19 – 31

¹⁹The angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, ²⁰coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land and the waters were divided.

²²The people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

²³The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots and his horsemen. ²⁴And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, ²⁵clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians."

²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and upon their horsemen."

²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. ²⁹But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

³⁰Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD and they believed in the LORD and in His servant Moses.

New Testament Reading:

Romans 14: 1 – 12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions.

²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains and let not the one who abstains pass judgement on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honour of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honour of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honour of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself and none of us dies to himself.

⁸For if we live, we live to the Lord and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgement on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God;

¹¹for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 18: 21 – 35

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”

²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had and payment to be made.

²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me and I will pay you everything’. ²⁷Out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me and I will pay you.’

³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.

³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place.

³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’

³⁴In anger his master delivered him to the jailers until he should pay all his debt.

³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into Your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship You in spirit and in truth; 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 God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We pray for: Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S^t Michael and All Angels, Mtwarra 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	Phyllis Brothers
Michael Jarrett			

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	Audrey Edge	George Foxon	Michael Paul
William Pennington	Karen Robb		

NOTICES

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

The current Church of England guidance is that congregations are to wear face coverings in church.

Good News!

The latest government rules do not affect church services, so we can continue holding services as we have.

We can look forward to the bishop’s visit for a short prayer service at 11am on Saturday (19TH September)

We can continue to plan and look forward to our patronal festival on 27th September.

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

We’re looking to keep numbers to 40-50 (counting households as 1) and are keeping this under review. The church has been set up to help us maintain appropriate social distancing. Please fill in from the front rather than the back.

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 Eastnor restarted 11:15am services from 26th July.

Services will be on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. 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.

S. John’s Eastnor has launched its excellent new website: <http://www.eastnorchurch.org.uk/> Many thanks to all who have worked so hard to develop and produce it. Do visit.

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