



THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020**  
**Bible Sunday**

At 10am on Sunday morning  
there will be a service

**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*

and on our website

[www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk)

so we can continue to worship God together,

taking part where we are,

joining together at one time,

**Do encourage and invite people to join in**

Please visit

our website [www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk](http://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 1st November is All Saints Day**

Readings for 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020: *Bible Sunday*

**Old Testament Reading:**

**Nehemiah 8: 1 – 12**

<sup>1</sup>All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup>So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. <sup>4</sup>And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. Beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishaël, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah and Meshullam on his left hand. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people and as he opened it all the people stood.

<sup>6</sup>Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>7</sup>Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places. <sup>8</sup>They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly and they gave the meaning, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>Nehemiah, who was the governor and Ezra the priest and scribe and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go on your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." <sup>11</sup>So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved."

<sup>12</sup>And all the people went on their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

**Gospel Reading:**

**Matthew 24:30 – 35**

[Jesus said] <sup>30</sup>Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, then all the tribes of the earth will mourn and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup>And He will send out His angels with a loud trumpet call and they will gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

<sup>32</sup>"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>33</sup>So also, when you see all these things, you know that He is near, at the very gates. <sup>34</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>35</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

**New Testament Reading:**

**Colossians 3:12-17**

<sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved; compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness and patience, <sup>13</sup>bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other.

As the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

<sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

### COLLECT

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience and the comfort of Your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our 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

God of all grace, Your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of His life and the word of His kingdom: renew Your people with Your heavenly grace and in all our weakness sustain us by Your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**We pray for:** Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S<sup>t</sup> Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S<sup>t</sup> John the Baptist Church, Likonde.

#### **We pray for those who are sick:**

Phyl Sykes	Steve Taylor	Dean Jackson	Mike Wakeford
Barbara Williams	Sheila Anthony	Barbara Morris	Miles Oliver
Pam Robinson	Frances Holloway	Robert Walters	Doulla Pittarides
Michael Jarrett	Chris Nicholson	Phyllis Brothers	

#### **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	Richard Holland	Gwen Taylor

## NOTICES

Please note:

**The church is open from 10am to 4pm  
on Sundays, Mondays ... Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.**

**The church office is currently open on Wednesdays and Thursdays only.**

**Please wear face coverings in church. Thank you.**

**Following changes to government guidance and rules**, as you enter church and within, you will see NHS track and trace posters which have qrcodes on them, for use with the NHS app on your smartphone (if you have one and if you have the app on your phone). We are asking newcomers and visitors to either use that or to make themselves known to the churchwardens who will ensure your details are recorded.

**On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November, All Saints Day,  
we shall celebrate Holy Communion at our 10am service.**

**Our CMS Mission Partners** have offered to hold a Zoom Meeting with us at 10.30 am on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November. If you would like to join this Zoom Meeting please contact Hugh Wakeling on wakelinghugh@gmail.com

**Ledbury Deanery Mtwara Link.** The Committee have agreed to send £1,000 to Mtwara: £500 as our usual donation for food for the poor at Christmas, and £500 for the kindergarten children who are fed at the school. Our fund-raising activities have been restricted this year and we have not been able to top up our Deanery account.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>All Saints &amp; All Souls</b>
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Remembrance</b>
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Christ The King</b>
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Advent Sunday</b>

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**Facebook – The church's facebook page:** [fb.me/stmichaelsledbury](https://fb.me/stmichaelsledbury) –  
Do have a look, like, follow and participate.  
**Twitter** – Do sign-up to S. Michael's twitter account: [@LedburyParish](https://twitter.com/LedburyParish)

**Following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
the following people are on the PCC.**

**Keith Hilton-Turvey**  
(Rector)

**Christine Bainton**  
**Julian I'Anson**  
(Churchwardens)

**David Houghton**  
**Sue Simpson**  
**Peter Tattersall**  
**Richard Thursby**  
(Assistant Wardens)

**William Hopkinson**  
**Christabel Panter**  
**Peter Veasay**  
(Lay Members of the Deanery Synod)

**Andrew Beech**  
**Catherine Beech**  
**Benjamin Hilton-Turvey**  
**Ian James**  
**Peter Scull**  
**Diana Veasay**  
(Lay Members of the Parochial Church Council)