



**THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

At 10am on Sunday morning  
there will be a service in our church building  
and on our website  
[www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk)  
so we can continue to worship God,  
reading scripture, praising and praying together.

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

We can take part where we are.  
We can join together at one time,

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our website [www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk](http://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 9th MAY  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Readings for 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021: *Easter Five*

**Old Testament Reading: Psalm 22: 23 – 31**

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise Him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!

<sup>24</sup>For He has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted  
and He has not hidden His face from him, but has heard, when he cried to Him.

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear Him.

<sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him shall praise the LORD!  
May your hearts live for ever!

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD  
and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

<sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs to the LORD and He rules over the nations.

<sup>29</sup>All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;  
before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

<sup>30</sup>Posterity shall serve Him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

<sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn,  
that He has done it.

**Gospel Reading: John 15: 1 – 8**

<sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine and my Father is the vine dresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch in me that does not  
bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear  
more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

<sup>4</sup>Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides  
in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches.

Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me  
you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch  
and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned.

<sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be done  
for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove  
to be my disciples.

**New Testament Reading: Acts 6: 26 – 40**

<sup>26</sup>Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go towards the south to the road  
that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup>And he rose and went.

And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians,  
who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship

<sup>28</sup>and was returning, seated in his chariot and he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>29</sup>And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran to him  
and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what  
you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?”

And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

<sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

## NOTICES

The church office is currently open on Tuesdays & Wednesdays only.

The church is closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

When the church is open, please wear face coverings in church. Thank you.

**Ascension Day is on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May.**

We shall be celebrating with a service of **Holy Communion at 7pm** in church.

**Pentecost Sunday is 23<sup>rd</sup> May.**

We shall be celebrating with a service of **Holy Communion at 10am** in church.

We are hoping to hold an ecumenical service in the afternoon in the churchyard, where we are allowed to sing! More information to follow.

**Trinity Sunday is 30<sup>th</sup> May.**

We shall be celebrating with a service of **Holy Communion at 10am** in church.

You may like to know that Churches insurers, Ecclesiastical, will donate £130 to the church for each new household or car insurance policy taken out. The PCC think you should be aware of this, but cannot, of course, recommend any company above others.

There are a collection of books for inspection in the choir vestry. Please observe COVID-19 regulations by distancing and hand sanitising. A donation of at least a £1 per book will be appreciated. This will go to St Michael's Church.

*David Gates*

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he opens not his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup>And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>And as they were going along the road they came to some water and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptised?” <sup>38</sup>And he commanded the chariot to stop and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch and he baptised him.

<sup>39</sup>And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away and the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing.

<sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

### COLLECT

Risen Christ, Your wounds declare Your love for the world and the wonder of Your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is The Way, The Truth and the life: grant us to walk in His way, to rejoice in His truth and to share His risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**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:**

Michael Jarrett	Frances Holloway	Dean Jackson	Mike Wakeford
Pam Robinson	Chris Nicholson	Robert Walters	Miles Oliver
Kate Greenall	Kat Costello	Thomas Heffner	Richard Tyrrell

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

Paul Rees	Elizabeth Meredith	Bob Sharp	Roger McDonald
Barbara Watson	Ken Tomlinson	Molly Gibbons	Alan Pratt
Phyl Sykes	Lorraine Gray	Kerry Barentsen	Richard Thursby
Jennifer Douglas			

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