



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



**Sunday 30th May 2021
TRINITY SUNDAY**

At 10am on Sunday morning
there will be a service in our church building
and on our website
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,
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 6th JUNE
FIRST SUNDAY OF TRINITY**

Readings for 30th May 2021: *Trinity Sunday*

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6: 1 – 8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. ²Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face and with two he covered his feet and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" ⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of Him who called and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold! This has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." ⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

New Testament Reading: Hebrew 11: 1 – 8

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the Word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

Gospel Reading: John 3: 1 – 21

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you,

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.

Trinity Sunday is 30th May.

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

Saturday 19th June at 11am – Organ Recital featuring Widor Symphony No.4. Guest organist Greg Abrahams. Socially distanced seating. Retiring collection.

Clevedon Organs are currently working on the organ. The Chapter House will be out of bounds for at least three weeks, and the vestry will also be out of bounds on weekdays whenever the workpeople are in there taking out, or reinstalling, organ pipes.

Ecclesiastical Insurance, which provides the churches insurance, in inviting people to nominate a church or charity to receive a grant of £1000. If you would like to join in nominating St Michaels you can do so by visiting movementforgood.com and click on 'nominate now'. Our charity registration number is 1132846 and we are not an exempt charity. The closing date is 13th June.

One of the brass memorials in St Michael's is to Lt. George Martin, who was killed in battle in what is now Pakistan in 1908. The memorial incorporated (or rather did incorporate) his two medals. The first of these is the Indian General Service Medal 1908. The second one, which has disappeared, is the African General Service Medal 1902-04, with a clasp commemorating Lt. Martin's participation in the Battle of Jidballi in Somaliland in 1904.

If any reader knows when this medal disappeared, the PCC would like to know. Even better, does anyone know where it is? Had it been stolen, it would seem likely that both medals would have been taken. So it may well have fallen out, and been put somewhere for safe keeping. If so, it would be helpful to know where it is, so that the monument could be conserved. If you know anything about where this medal might be, or the circumstances of its disappearance, could you please let Andrew Beech know? Thank you."

National Garden Scheme Garden at Sheepcote, Ledbury, HR8 2RD.

We, Tim and Julie, open our garden on **Sunday 30th May** for the National Gardens Scheme between 1pm and 5.30. We would enjoy welcoming you, but please don't ask too many technical questions of Tim!

There are many quality plants, shrubs and trees. We have Topiary holly, box, hawthorn, privet and yew formalise the varied plantings around the croquet lawn and gravel garden; beds with heathers, azaleas, lavender surrounded by herbaceous perennials and bulbs; small ponds; kitchen garden with raised beds.

The garden is well signed from the A438 at Pool End, there is a "drop off" with parking 100 yards beyond. Contactless payment is available for entry (£5, children under 16 free) and teas. Sadly, it is not suitable for wheelchair users.

Proceeds from entry go to the NGS who, in 2019, donated £3 million to charities including Macmillan, Marie Curie and Parkinson's.

The Tea proceeds go to Putley Church.

'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?"

¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony.

¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe; how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

¹⁸Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgement: the light has come into the world and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

COLLECT

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of Your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of Your love, that we may truly worship You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed Yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know You in all Your ways and evermore rejoice in your external glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.. **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:

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:

Barbara Watson	Ken Tomlinson	Molly Gibbons	Alan Pratt
Phyl Sykes	Lorraine Gray	Kerry Barentsen	Richard Thursby
Jennifer Douglas	Ken Brooke	Roy Whiting	Oliver Tritton
Ann Gladwin			

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