



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



**Sunday 11th JULY 2021
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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,
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for updates and information
and encourage others to do so too.

**NEXT SUNDAY 18th JULY
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

Readings for 11th July 2021: *Trinity 6*

Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 6: 1 – 19

¹ David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. ² And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale-judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who sits enthroned on the cherubim. ³ And they carried the ark of God on a new cart and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. And Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart, ⁴ with the ark of God and Ahio went before the ark.

⁵ And David and all the house of Israel were making merry before the LORD, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. ⁶ And when they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. ⁷ And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah and God struck him down there because of his error and he died there beside the ark of God. ⁸ And David was angry because the LORD had burst forth against Uzzah. And that place is called Perez-uzzah, to this day. ⁹ And David was afraid of the LORD that day and he said, "How can the ark of the LORD come to me?" ¹⁰ So David was not willing to take the ark of the LORD into the city of David. But David took it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. ¹¹ And the ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite for three months and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household.

¹² And it was told King David, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing.

¹³ And when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened animal. ¹⁴ And David danced before the LORD with all his might. And David was wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁵ So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the horn.

¹⁶ As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD and she despised him in her heart. ¹⁷ And they brought in the ark of the LORD and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it. And David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. ¹⁸ And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts ¹⁹ and distributed among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, a cake of bread, a portion of meat and a cake of raisins to each one. Then all the people departed, each to his house.

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 1: 3 – 14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, ⁶ to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, ⁸ which He lavished upon us,

in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of His glory.

¹³In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.

Gospel Reading: Mark 6: 12 – 29

¹² [The disciples of Jesus] went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³ And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in Him."

¹⁵ But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷ For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her.

¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee.

²² For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish and I will give it to you."

²³ And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom."

²⁴ And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵ And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

²⁶ And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷ And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸ and brought his head on a platter, gave it to the girl and the girl gave it to her mother.

²⁹ When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

COLLECT

Creator God, You made us all in Your image: may we discern You in all that we see, and serve You in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of 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:

Michael Jarrett	Frances Holloway	Dean Jackson	Mike Wakeford
Pam Robinson	Chris Nicholson	Robert Walters	Miles Oliver
Kate Greenall	Thomas Heffner	Richard Tyrrell	Harry Hemming
Elizabeth Crossley	Sheila Anthony		

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	Eileen Sandford	Nellie James	Ann Drew
Ursula Orrett	Dick Taylor		

NOTICES

When in church, please wear face coverings. Thank you.

At present covid cleaning and distancing requirements along with no congregational singing continue.

We look forward to these and other restrictions being lifted soon.

We will continue to offer hand sanitiser and plan to be supportive of those who continue to need to take covid-care.

Monday 19th July at 11am – Organ Recital featuring Vivaldi/Bach Concerto in D Saints-Saens Troisieme Fantaisie OP 157. Guest Organist Gus Orchard. Socially Distanced Seating. Retiring Collection.

Forthcoming weddings:

Saturday 17th July 1.pm	at Eastnor:	William Hill and Danica Ashman
Saturday 24th July 1:30pm	at Eastnor:	Andrew Achaam and Dorren Zhu
Saturday 24th July 2:20pm	at Ledbury:	Stephen Watson and Lorna Thompson
Saturday 31st July 1pm	at Eastnor:	Ben Brogan and Katy Lennon

LEAF Family Activity Afternoons – help please!

The Churches in Ledbury, through LEAF, are organising two activity afternoons for children and families.

They will be **JULY 24th on the Rec & AUGUST 21st**

in St Michael's churchyard, 12.30 – 4.30pm

Everyone has a part to play in helping with these! We need help with:

Prayer – for Covid restrictions to lift, for the weather to be good, for the event to be a blessing

Publicity – distribution of flyers to shops etc, displaying posters

Setting up – Gazebos, tables, chairs, signage

Face-to-face – with setting up, with crafts, games, general welcoming

Catering – to make cakes in advance or BBQ on the day

Loan of Garden Gazebos – for shelter for crafts, prayer station, picnics

Whatever help you can give will be much appreciated.

Please contact Mary Anne Keyes on 07962 -323 454 or email makeyes25@hotmail.com

Our heartfelt thanks to all who have continued their contributions to the church through the PGS, Standing Orders, Envelopes etc. you have really enabled us to survive the pandemic. Along with many others, our reserves are severely depleted and anything you can do to help restoring them will be much appreciated.

The envelopes scheme is running again. For those who use them, envelopes are on the table by the pigeon holes at the back of the church. Some donors may find that their number has changed because so many people have joined the Parish Giving Scheme; If you would consider changing, please have a word with me and I will let you have details of how to give through the PGS.

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