



THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021**  
**SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE**

At 8am on Sunday  
there will be a BCP Communion service  
in our church building

At 10am on Sunday  
there will be a Communion service in our church building  
streamed live 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  
in person and online.

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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 1st AUGUST**  
**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

Readings for 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021: *James The Apostle*

**Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 45: 1 – 5**

<sup>1</sup> The word that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Baruch the son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a book at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah: <sup>2</sup>“Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: <sup>3</sup>You said, ‘Woe is me! For the LORD has added sorrow to my pain. I am weary with my groaning and I find no rest.’ <sup>4</sup>Thus shall you say to him, Thus says the LORD: Behold, what I have built I am breaking down and what I have planted I am plucking up — that is, the whole land. <sup>5</sup>And do you seek great things for yourself? Seek them not, for behold, I am bringing disaster upon all flesh, declares the LORD. But I will give you your life as a prize of war in all places to which you may go.”

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 20: 20 – 28**

<sup>20</sup> Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to [Jesus] with her sons and kneeling before Him she asked Him for something. <sup>21</sup>And He said to her, “What do you want?” She said to Him, “Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in Your kingdom.” <sup>22</sup>Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?” They said to Him, “We are able.” <sup>23</sup>He said to them, “You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.” <sup>24</sup>And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. <sup>25</sup>But Jesus called them to Him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>26</sup>It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant <sup>27</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, <sup>28</sup>even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

**New Testament Reading: Acts 11:27 – 12:2**

<sup>27</sup> Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup>And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). <sup>29</sup>So the disciples determined, everyone according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. <sup>30</sup>And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul. <sup>12:1</sup> About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. <sup>2</sup>He killed James the brother of John with the sword <sup>3</sup>and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread.

## COLLECT

Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he has, was obedient to the calling of Your Son Jesus Christ and following Him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer Your call without delay; 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

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent Your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to Your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of Your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## NOTICES

**We are encouraged, when in church, to continue wearing face coverings.  
We continue to have four rows of pews at the back set out for those who need or wish to keep social distancing.**

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

**From this Sunday, congregational singing is allowed – or should that be aloud?!**

Forthcoming weddings:

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July 1pm** at Eastnor: Ben Brogan and Katy Lennon

**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:**

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	Mike Bainton	

### **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		

**From Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July 7am and midday prayers will be in person, in church.**

**CMS Coffee Morning Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August** from 10.00am to 12.00 noon at The Croft, Woodleigh Road. Coffee, bring & buy cakes, preserves and plants. Proceeds to Church Mission Society.

### **At last we are being allowed to sing again!**

I am planning to start a community choir to help lead the singing at the St. Michael's 10am service on the first Sunday of every month and hope you might be interested in coming to sing. It would involve a 9.15am rehearsal in the church, no sight reading ability necessary - although great if you can! - just an ear for a tune and a love of making music with others.

The first one will be 1st August, so let me know if you'd like to be involved and I'll send you some music links.

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**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.

*David Kirkham*

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