



THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



SUNDAY 22nd August 2021
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

At 8.00am 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
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.

Please visit
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 29th AUGUST
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Readings for 22nd August 2021: *Trinity 12*

Old Testament Reading: **Psalm 84**

¹How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

²My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

³Even the sparrow finds a home

and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
at Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

⁴Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!

⁵Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.

⁷They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.

⁸O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

⁹Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of Your anointed!

¹⁰For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

¹¹For the LORD God is a sun and shield;

the LORD bestows favour and honour.

No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

¹²O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in You!

New Testament Reading: **Ephesians 6: 10 – 20**

¹⁰... be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

¹¹Put on the whole armour of God,

that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers,
against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness,
against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

¹³Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand
in the evil day and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on
the belt of truth and having put on the breastplate of righteousness ¹⁵and, as shoes
for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish
all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation and the sword
of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer
and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication
for all the saints ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth
boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that
I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Gospel Reading:**John 6: 56 – 69**

⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him.

⁵⁷As the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me.

⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever."

⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as He taught at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in Himself that His disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offence at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe and who it was who would betray Him.) ⁶⁵And He said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

⁶⁶After this many of His disciples turned back and no longer walked with Him.

⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?"

⁶⁸Simon Peter answered Him,

"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life ⁶⁹and we have believed and have come to know, that You are the Holy One of God."

COLLECT

God of constant mercy, You sent Your Son to save us and set us free: remind us of Your goodness, increase Your grace within us, so that our [faith and] thankfulness will grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all mercy, in this eucharist You have set aside our sins and given us Your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, 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	Mike Bainton	

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

Ann Gladwin	Eileen Sandford	Nellie James	Ann Drew
Ursula Orrett	Dick Taylor		

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. A part of our covid-care for one another, we shall continue to have paper and book free services, with the liturgy projected, as has been our practice throughout covid-times. Congregational singing is allowed, so do sing if you wish.

Forthcoming weddings:

Saturday 28th August 1.30pm at Eastnor: James Tookey and Georgia Potter

Thursday 7am and midday prayers will be in person, in church.

Congregations are 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.

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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.

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Please visit our website www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk

Facebook – The church's facebook page: 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)