



THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



SUNDAY 29th AUGUST 2021
THIRTEENTH 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.*

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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 5th SEPTEMBER
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Readings for 29th August 2021: *Trinity 13*

Old Testament Reading: **Psalm 45: 1 – 9**

¹My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;
I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.
²You are the most handsome of the sons of men;
grace is poured upon Your lips; therefore God has blessed You for ever.
³Gird Your sword on Your thigh, O mighty one, in Your splendour and majesty!
⁴In Your majesty ride out victoriously
for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness;
let Your right hand teach You awesome deeds!
⁵Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; the peoples fall under You.
⁶Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever.
The sceptre of Your kingdom is a sceptre of uprightness;
⁷You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.
Therefore God, your God,
has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;
⁸your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.
From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;
⁹daughters of kings are among your ladies of honour;
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

New Testament Reading: **James 1: 16 – 27**

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of His own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.
¹⁹Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.
²¹Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.
²²But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.
²⁵But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.
²⁶If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Gospel Reading: **Mark 7: 1 – 8, 14 – 23**

¹The Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of His disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders ⁴and when they come from

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the market-place, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.)⁵ And the Pharisees and the scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"

⁶ And He said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;

⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

⁸ You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."

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¹⁴ And [Jesus] called the people to Him again and said to them,

"Hear me, all of you and understand: ¹⁵ There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him."

¹⁷ And when He had entered the house and left the people, His disciples asked Him about the parable. ¹⁸ And He said to them, "Then are you also without understanding?

Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him,

¹⁹ since it enters not his heart but his stomach and is expelled?"

(Thus He declared all foods clean.)

²⁰ And He said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within and they defile a person."

COLLECT

Almighty God, You search us and know us.
May we rely on You in strength and rest on
You in weakness, now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, You feed Your children with
the true manna, the living bread from
heaven: let this holy food sustain us through
our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that
place where hunger and thirst are no more;
through 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 continue to offer hand sanitiser and will be supportive of those who continue to need to take covid-care.

A part of our covid-caring 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 11th September at 1.00pm at Eastnor: Mathew Bell and Alice Pullen

Saturday 25th September at 2.00pm at Ledbury: Alistair Worsley and Sarah Kyle

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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Facebook – The church's facebook page: fb.me/stmichaelsledbury –

Do have a look, like, follow and participate.

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