



THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**  
**FOURTEENTH 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](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 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

Readings for 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021:

*Trinity 14*

**Old Testament Reading:**

**Psalm 125**

<sup>1</sup>Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides for ever.

<sup>2</sup>As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds His people, from this time forth and for evermore.

<sup>3</sup>For the sceptre of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.

<sup>4</sup>Do good, O LORD, to those who are good and to those who are upright in their hearts!

<sup>5</sup>But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers! Peace be upon Israel!.

**New Testament Reading:**

**James 2: 1 – 17**

<sup>1</sup>Show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

<sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in <sup>3</sup>and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place", while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there", or, "Sit down at my feet", <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

<sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which He has promised to those who love Him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonoured the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honourable name by which you were called?

<sup>8</sup>If you really fulfil the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself", you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

<sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. <sup>11</sup>For he who said, "Do not commit adultery", also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

<sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty.

<sup>13</sup>For judgement is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgement.

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food

<sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled", without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

<sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

## Gospel Reading:

## Mark 7: 24 – 37

<sup>24</sup>Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet He could not keep His presence secret. <sup>25</sup>In fact, as soon as she heard about Him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at His feet. <sup>26</sup>The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

<sup>27</sup>'First let the children eat all they want,' He told her, 'for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.'

<sup>28</sup>'Lord,' she replied, 'even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.'

<sup>29</sup>Then He told her, 'For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.'

<sup>30</sup>She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>There some people brought to Him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk and they begged Jesus to place His hand on him.

<sup>33</sup>After He took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put His fingers into the man's ears. Then He spat and touched the man's tongue. <sup>34</sup>He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, 'Ephphatha!' (which means 'Be opened!'). <sup>35</sup>At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosed and he began to speak plainly.

<sup>36</sup>Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more He did so, the more they kept talking about it. <sup>37</sup>People were overwhelmed with amazement. 'He has done everything well,' they said. 'He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.'

## COLLECT

Merciful God, Your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in Your mercy and know Your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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:

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

## NOTICES

**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 11<sup>th</sup> September at 1.00pm at Eastnor:

Mathew Bell and Alice Pullen

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm at Ledbury:

Alistair Worsley and Sarah Kyle

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

### Congregations are singing 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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Do have a look, like, follow and participate.

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