



THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



SUNDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2021
FIFTEENTH 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 **Morning Worship 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 19th SEPTEMBER
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Readings for 12th September 2021:

Trinity 15

Old Testament Reading:

Psalm 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

²Day to day pours out speech and night to night reveals knowledge.

³There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

⁴Their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.

In them He has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

⁹the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever;

the rules of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

¹³Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

New Testament Reading:

James 3: 1 – 12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life and set on fire by hell.

⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water?

¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

NOTICES

Gospel Reading: Mark 8: 27 – 38

²⁷ Jesus went on with His disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way He asked His disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they told Him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.”

²⁹ And He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered Him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰ And He strictly charged them to tell no one about Him.

³¹ And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. ³² And He said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke Him. ³³ But turning and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴ And calling the crowd to Him with His disciples, [Jesus] said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul?

³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

COLLECT

Lord God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and give to Your people knowledge of Your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Keep, O Lord, Your Church, with Your perpetual mercy; and, because without You our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We pray for: Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S^t Michael and All Angels, Mtwarra and S^t John the Baptist Church, Likonde.

We pray for those who are sick:

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| 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 | |
| John Crossley | David Kirkham | | |

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

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| Ann Gladwin | Eileen Sandford | Nellie James | Ann Drew |
| Ursula Orrett | Dick Taylor | Lillian Smith | |

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 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 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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Church Office will be closed for the next two Tuesdays (14th & 21st September). The office will be open on Wednesday and Thursday morning. If you need to speak to someone urgently, please ring either of the Churchwardens. David Houghton, Churchwarden on 01531 890696 or Julian l'Anson on 01531 634543.

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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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