



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 24th OCTOBER
BIBLE SUNDAY**

At 8.00am

**we shall have a BCP Communion service
in our church building**

At 10am

**we shall have a Holy Communion service
in our church building**

with guest speaker Revd. Alex Jacob

and

streamed live on our website

www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk

then available later on video

**Do encourage and invite people to join in
in person and online.**

**NEXT SUNDAY 31st OCTOBER
ALL SAINTS DAY**

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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)

Readings for 24th October 2021:

Bible Sunday

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 55: 1 – 11

¹ “Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for He has glorified you.

⁶ “Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

New Testament Reading:

2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4:4

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead and by his appearing and his kingdom:

² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions

⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

Gospel Reading:

John 5: 36b – 47

[Jesus said to them] ³⁶...The works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me.

³⁷And the Father who sent me has Himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, His form you have never seen ³⁸and you do not have His word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom He has sent.

³⁹You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, ⁴⁰yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

⁴¹I do not receive glory from people. ⁴²But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. ⁴³I have come in my Father's name and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him.

⁴⁴How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? ⁴⁵Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope.

⁴⁶For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me.

⁴⁷But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

COLLECT

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that, through patience and the comfort of Your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all grace, Your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of His life and the word of His kingdom: renew Your people with Your heavenly grace and in all our weakness sustain us by Your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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	Jacqui Bryan
John Crossley	David Kirkham	Joan Wakeling	

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	Lillian Smith	Betty Jeffries
Jean Barber	Ann Crook	Len Moss	

NOTICES

We continue to have 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 – and encouraged!

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

Sunday 31st October. As a family-friendly alternative to Halloween LEAF are holding a Light Party from 4-6pm on 31st October in the Chapter House at St Michael's church. Lots of crafts and games followed by tea. All are welcome but please let Jill Jupp know numbers. If you are able to help during the event, or with setting up or clearing away, or by making cup-cakes for tea, please let Jill or Mary Anne know. Contact Jill on 07531 311 991 or Mary Anne at makeyes25@hotmail.com.

Starting on Tuesday 2nd November at 6:30pm a Kintsugi Hope, Wellbeing course. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

2.30 pm Wednesday 3rd November Friends "Tour of the Tower".

This event is open to anyone but must be pre-booked as numbers are restricted to 18. You will be able to learn all about the tower's history and what bellringing is, and to visit all 5 levels of the tower so long as you have the stamina and mobility needed! To book your place, please contact Tim Keyes (thkeyes28@hotmail.com / 07577 720154). £5.00 (£4.00 for members).

Friday 5th November, 10-12noon Coffee Stop at St Michael and All Angels Church. For 'Coffee, Cake and a Chat'. Come and join us. All are Welcome.

Sunday 7th November at 3pm we will hold our annual **All Souls Service**, remembering those we have loved and lost. If you would like someone remembered in the service, please print their name on the sheet at the back of church.

Wednesday 10th November 2.30 pm, Friends of Ledbury Parish Church AGM.

This meeting is open to members only. If you wish to become a member, please take a form from the back of church and return it to the Church Office. The agenda is displayed in the church porch. The meeting takes place in the church. The guest lecturer will be Bob Vaughan on the topic "John Masfield and bells". Tea will be provided after the event. In November, the PCC will be looking at charitable donations for 2022. If you have any suggestions for recipients, please let Cath Beech, Christabel Panter or Ian James know.

Friday 19th November 7.00 pm, Friends "Quiz Night", St Katherine's Hall

One of the highlights of the church social calendar. All welcome. Test your knowledge and skills on a range of topics and challenges. Teams of 4 but if you do not have a team, we can allocate you to one. Bangers and Mash supper. Bring your own drinks. Tickets (£10.00) must be booked in advance but may be paid for on the night. Contact Tim Keyes (thkeyes28@hotmail.com / 07577 720154)



You are warmly invited to:



Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Course

At Ledbury Baptist Church in the Homend

Every Tuesday for 12 weeks
beginning November 2nd 2021 at 6.30 – 8.00pm

As the stress and demands of modern living are taking their toll on our **mental health** and **wellbeing**, joining a group with others who are experiencing similar challenges can make us feel less alone.

The Wellbeing Group is a safe and supportive space:

-) for people who feel or have felt overwhelmed.
-) providing tools for self-management.
-) in a facilitated peer mentoring style setting.

The 12 week program looks at issues including: disappointment, loss, anxiety, anger, perfectionism, shame and resilience.

Within the Group people can experience:

-) Safety and support where there is no shame and embarrassment in struggling
-) An increase in self-worth, confidence and wellbeing
-) A deeper understanding of the reality of God's love
-) Clear pathways to receive additional support if needed.

-) **'Kintsugi'** is a Japanese technique for repairing broken pottery with seams of gold in a way that makes the object more beautiful and unique than it was prior to being broken. Instead of hiding the scars it makes a feature of them. In the same way there can be beauty in our brokenness too.

Contact your Church Leader or Tony Hodder (leafledbury@gmail.com)
for more details on how to book your place