



Ledbury and Eastnor Parish Magazine JUNE 2017

'I will send a Comforter'

Rector's Letter

In April, Easter with its wonderful and, for some incredible, claim that Jesus rose from the dead and is alive, may have left some wondering if the story of the bodily resurrection of Jesus is true.

Chuck Colson, an American Politician involved in the Watergate scandal that rocked America in the 1970s wrote:

"The resurrection is a fact and Watergate proved it! How?

Because 12 men testified that they had seen Jesus raised from the dead. They proclaimed it for 40 years, never once denying it. Each of them was beaten, tortured, stoned and put in prison. They would not have endured that if it weren't true. Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in the world [at that time] – and they couldn't keep a lie for 3 weeks. You're telling me the apostles could keep a lie for 40 years?

Absolutely impossible"

Christian faith is not based on fairy tales.

It does not exist in the face of facts – But because of them!

The physical events described are witnessed and recorded by real people, talked about, written about and celebrated from when they happened!

And this month, we're going to celebrate some more facts, some more people, some more records and more importantly some more wonderful actions of God.

This time at Pentecost, 50 days after Jesus rose from the dead, God the Holy Spirit set the world on fire!

Until Pentecost Jesus' followers weren't ready to be lively witnesses to the good news of Jesus. Then, God the Holy Spirit transformed them so they not only worshipped God in private but in public too; they not only followed Jesus they shared His love with those around them. They waited prayerfully for the time when God would empower them and then they responded, with such joy that people thought they'd been partying too hard!

It's sometimes said that today's Christians have such a deep joy that it is beyond discovery; in contrast, the members of the early church had a reputation for a joyfulness that was highly infectious! They glorified God in the person of Jesus; they celebrated their fellowship; they shared what they had with their community. Individuals were drawn to follow him, one person at a time - 3000 in a day on one occasion! Filled with God's generosity, their enthusiasm and care for each other set the world alight with Christ's Light and Life and Love. What a pattern for us!

Keith Hilton-Turvey

Congratulations

to Lydia Herrington, Amy Hill, Tom Hill, Edward Huxley and Gareth and Victoria Rees
on their recent confirmation.

Our prayers go with them

and with Brian Bowers being given permission to officiate as Lay Reader.

**St Michael and All Angels, Ledbury and St John the Baptist, Eastnor
Services during June**

Sunday 4th June

Pentecost

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.30am Baptism and Christians in Ledbury Pentecost celebration
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 11th June

Community Celebration (Trinity Sunday)

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion

Sunday 18th June

First Sunday of Trinity (Stewardship Sunday)

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 25th June

Second of Trinity

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion
4.00pm Worship Service

Friday Morning Communion: while St Katherine's Chapel is being renovated, this service will be held at 10.30am at Harling Court. All are welcome.

Music in Church

3rd Monday Lunchtime Organ Recitals

19th June, 12.30-13.30 - **Peter Johnson**
17th July, 12.30-13.30 - **tba**
21st August, 12.30-13.30 - **Andrew Caskie**

Ledbury Choral Society summer concert '*An Evening Chorus*' on Saturday 17th June. Drinks reception at 6.30pm, at 7pm. and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Ledbury Parish Church in the late evening sun and a selection of light-hearted and classical choruses. available in May from Ledbury Books & Maps or on the door.

St. John the Baptist Church, Eastnor

Our fundraising Quiz Night took place on Friday 21st April and we were delighted with the response. A warm thank you to our visitors from St. Michael's, to our own Eastnor Church, Castle and Community and last but not least to the Cricket Club who allowed us to use the Pavilion room free of charge. It was lovely to see you all and I would like to thank you for your support. There was a wonderful atmosphere which made the evening great fun. Joan was an excellent Quiz Master, whilst I gave the answers and kept the score. We raised £620.00 during the evening - a good six figure number!

We have been enjoying the company of several Wedding couples and their families at our Services. It is a privilege to get to know them as they prepare for their Marriage later in the year.

As always, a warm welcome waits anyone who wishes to visit us one Sunday. Our services are every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 11:15am. We look forward to seeing you.

Beverly Jones - Churchwarden (01531 636378)

Poetry Festival

The sponsorship phase of the St Michael's poetry event will come to an end on the Community Day on June 10th to give us time to publish the booklet for the event. We urge all who have not yet sponsored a poem to turn their minds to this. Some people have said that they cannot think of a poem to sponsor, so will be printing off a large number of well known, short and accessible poems from which people can choose. These will be available after services for browsing. Remember that the published booklet will be a nice memento of the event and a chance for individuals to make a personal dedication which will also be read out during the readings in church from 4th to 8th July. For the reading sessions, will be very grateful for offers from those prepared to make cakes, to serve refreshments or to act as stewards. We shall be seeking volunteers in these areas nearer the time. We are very grateful for all the support and encouragement that we have received so far.

Tim Keyes (on behalf of the Friends of St Michael's Committee)

Fringe Concert as part of Poetry Festival

Saturday 8th July, Elaine Fleming, Jane Field, and Philip Holland present ***Shakespeare in Song***. Settings of Shakespeare and 3 arrangements for organ from Mendelssohn's incidental music for A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Thy Kingdom Come

The leaders of all the Christian Churches in Britain, led by the Archbishop of Canterbury, have asked that the period between Ascension Day and Pentecost be a special time of prayer for the nation.

With the General Election following shortly after, this seems particularly appropriate.

By the time this magazine is published we will be well into this period but it is not too late to get involved. Details of what is planned will be included in the weekly pew sheet but do come and join in.

One of the main suggestions is that, Between Ascension Day and Pentecost, we are asked to think of five people who we know and who we would like to see come to faith. We should pray for them each day. Last year a number of churches took up this challenge and had amazing results.

Why not join in?

Community Day, Ledbury on 10th June between 9.30am and 2.30pm.

The Church will be fully involved in this event.

In St Katherine's 'Churches Together' will have a table showing what they are doing and giving out pamphlets about their work. If anyone can spare an hour to help with the distribution, this would be very much appreciated. People visiting the stall will be invited to visit the Church

In Church there will be various tables letting people know how we do things such as Craft Group, Mothers Union, Friends, Young Church Flower Guild plus many more. We need helpers to man the tea/coffee table and again volunteers will be warmly welcomed. This is a once a year opportunity to show the people of Ledbury how much the Church does in the community, so please come and support us.

Please help us to make this an exciting day for all the Community here in Ledbury show how we work for unity in Christ.

At 9.30am on Sunday 11th June we will be having a Community Celebration Service, so please come along and bring someone with you.

Any inquiries and offers of help, please phone **Sue Simpson** 01531 632989 or 07742060443.

Stewardship Sunday - 18th June 2017

At St Michael's when we talk about Stewardship we mean planned or regular giving of Money, Time and Talents, all of which enable our church to carry out our mission of God's work.

Our Stewardship Scheme is relaunched annually on Stewardship Sunday.

This is an opportunity for each one of us to review our financial giving and also the giving of time and talents to help with the work of the church.

As Stewardship Recorder (jointly with Robert Waddington) I am mainly concerned with the financial giving, which comes to the church via cash in the plate, regular weekly envelopes, regular Standing Orders, Yellow envelopes, and visitor donations. An important aspect of this is the ability to reclaim tax through Gift Aid. This can be done on all money received from regular giving by envelope or Standing Order from those folk who have signed up to the Stewardship Scheme. Tax can also be reclaimed on some, but not necessarily all, of the cash in plate. Yellow envelope contributions are also eligible. We were able to claim over £19,000 Gift Aid repayment last year.

Total giving through Stewardship has been declining steadily in recent years, from over £80,000 in 2011 to £73,000 last year, and I would encourage all those who wish to contribute regularly to be part of the Stewardship Scheme. Giving through Standing Order is the easiest for us to administer; all other contributions have to be physically counted (by a devoted team led by Alan Pratt), and all Yellow envelopes have to be stored (in my loft) for 7 years in case HMRC swoop.

We will soon be trialling a system whereby those who give by Standing Order will have an opportunity to put a token in the plate, rather than ignore it, as it passes along the pews on Sundays. We will see what people think, but it is not uncommon elsewhere.

Please contact me (635480) if you have any questions about the Stewardship Scheme.

Tony Goodall

The Friends of St Michael and All Angels, Ledbury

Like many towns and villages up and down the land we are fortunate to have a beautiful Parish Church. There has been a place of Christian worship on the site here in Ledbury for over 1000 years and our building which is such a significant landmark was begun soon after that. It is a tremendously impressive building and the centuries of prayer which have soaked into its walls touch many whether a regular attender or a casual visitor with its atmosphere of serenity and tranquillity.

However, our English parish churches are not museums. In addition to regular acts of worship, both traditional and contemporary they continue to be places where everyone in the community, regular church folk or not can by right come for baptism, make their wedding vows or bring their departed loved ones for a funeral. As one who has spent nearly forty years in the ordained ministry of the church. this, for me, goes to the heart of what our church is about which is being available to serve and our churches themselves witness to that service.

So we have a situation where we have these magnificent buildings which have been passed into our stewardship by former generations. They are frequently the oldest in a community and they certainly are repositories of the communities history – the bullet holes in the north door from a skirmish in the Civil War are just one example!

The Friends of St Michael's is an organisation which seeks to raise funds to preserve the fabric which, as many of you will appreciate from the cost of maintaining your own homes, can be pretty hefty especially with an old building such as ours. The church is a community asset and I am sure that you, like me, would want to hand it onto the next generation in good shape. It is our aim to be 'ahead of the game' so that if the Rector and Parochial Church Council find that they are confronted with a massive bill such as they had recently with repairs to the tower, then those in the community who value the place will have set aside funds through The Friends so that the costs can be met.

You might not care to enter the church for worship – there is an old Anglican saying "All can, some should, none must" – but you may still feel in some sense glad that it is there playing it's part in the life of our town. If you would like to support The Friends of St Michaels you can do so via an annual subscription – for an individual that is £15 and for a family (wo at the same address) it is £20 or if you would prefer by making a donation. As we are a registered charity, if you are a UK taxpayer and are happy for us to do so we can reclaim the tax on all donations.

There will be pamphlets with further details available on Community Day, 10th June and also there are always some at the back of the church or you may like to contact the parish office on 01531 631531.

The Revd Canon C. Ryc. Smith, Chairman of the Friends of St Michael's

Flower Festival 2018

There will be a Flower Festival at St Michael's from Friday May 25th to Monday May 28th 2018 (Spring Bank holiday weekend). It is being organised by the Friends of St Michael's and St Michael's Hospice, Bartestree who will share equally any money raised. This time next year will therefore be an opportunity for us, as a congregation, to open our doors to our town, make our church even more beautiful and hopefully to meet and greet our friends and neighbours as well as people from further away. We will need help in all sorts of ways. Of course there will be stewarding at the time and help with refreshments etc. There will be requests for many, many cakes and assistance with setting up and clearing away.

I am coordinating the refreshments and am looking for a chest freezer, some pretty tea sets (not family treasures suitable for Antiques Roadshow) pretty tablecloths and cake stands. We also could do with a car/van with a tow bar and a trailer for moving tables and chairs. If you can help in any way on the catering side please speak to **Maggie Mackenzie** (579009).

*Maggie has mentioned some of the ways in which you can be involved and rather like the Easter Lily appeal, there will also be the opportunity to sponsor the cost of the flowers for the High Altar, Sanctuary and St Ann's Chapel which will be kept as a place of private prayer over the festival. We would like you all to feel you have a part to play in this exciting venture and we'll keep you abreast of any news as the planning unfolds. If you would like any more details about how to 'sponsor' flowers, please speak to **Pauline Smith** (631104).*

Three gardens open at Baynhams, Hereford Rd Ledbury (1 mile from the roundabout) **on Sunday June 18th 2.00 – 5.00pm.** We are raising money for the flower guild and the flower festival 2018. Please come and support us and enjoy the lovely views.

£5 Entry to include homemade teas, entry only £3. Car parking is available. We look forward to seeing you.

Margaret Chapman

YOUNG CHURCH ACTIVITIES MAY 2017

Young Church have had a busy programme over the last couple of months. We had a lovely morning making Mothering Sunday posies with Mothers Union in March. We participated in the Mothering Sunday Service with an Acrostic Poem around the word Mother and delivered other readings. This was followed with the serving of coffee with delicious cakes in the Chapter House for all to enjoy.

Easter was again busy with Young Church making stained glass windows and taking part in a discussion about the evidence for the Resurrection during the Service. Great fun was had afterwards with the annual Easter Egg Hunt and I noticed that several adults seemed to be participating too!

Our numbers fluctuate, which makes planning and delivering challenging but we continue on with enthusiasm, never ceasing to be amazed by the depth of the children's knowledge and the questions they ask. It is a pleasure to have visiting children, they participate joyfully whether we are making bread, playing a game or just listening quietly!

Jill Jupp

The joy of a marathon runner

On Sunday, 23rd April. I completed the 26.2 mile London marathon course in almost exactly five and a half hours. Running my first official marathon and given my age (54) and quite heavy build, I was delighted with this. From the start I had estimated this would be the sort of time I could achieve. I also did it relatively comfortably and with no injury worth speaking of. The day was one of the most wonderful days I've ever had. In particular, I will remember the moment I a corner and found myself running up the slope to Tower Bridge and the bridge, thinking to myself "Am I really here doing this, or aad reaming?" the London Marathon had always been something I dreamed of but I never thought I would or could. To do it in memory of mother and to raise money for the National Osteoporosis Society made it extra special. Thanks in no small part to the generosity of the St Michael's fellowship, over £2000 has been raised for the charity, the NOS team as a whole raising over £35k. None of this would have happened without your support and prayers. But that testimony I need to leave to some other day, as deserves more than my word count here will allow. For now though, I finish by saying that the whole experience of training and running the marathon necessitated hugely positive lifestyle changes - I haven't been so physically well in over 20 years. I shall continue doing running, striving to improve my personal best time. And if there is anyone reading this who, like me, has thought of doing a marathon but doesn't he or she could do it.... well yes you can. Go for it... John and Miranda are!

William Simmonds

Book Review

'One Lord One Spirit One Body'

Author Peter Hocken

This book is very appropriate for Pentecost and well worth reading. It takes us back to the 1904 Welsh Revival. This was soon followed by the 1906 Revival that began in a ramshackle wooden building in a poor area in Los Angeles. This impoverished chapel in Azusa Street was a remarkable choice of God's as it was led by a one-eyed black pastor, William J. Seymour, at a time when America was still licking the wounds of the Civil War with its deep rift over race and slavery.

This modern day Pentecost with its outpouring of the Holy Spirit breathed new life into dead churches and rapidly spread across the world – for example missionaries from Azusa Street took this Word of power to China, India, West and South Africa. It reached England too and the life of a largely illiterate plumber from Bradford, Yorkshire became a firebrand of the Lord – none other than Smith Wigglesworth.

Sadly, the historic Protestant, Orthodox and Catholic churches were largely ignorant of what God was doing. Nevertheless, though many (even Christians) are ignorant, the effect of this movement has been dynamic. Between 1900 and 2010 Christian numbers in sub-Saharan Africa grew from 9.1% of the population to 48.8% (7.5 million to 504 million)!!

So how can this book help us?

This Spiritual Awakening is reviving both people and churches.

There is a lovely chapter by people who testify to their discovery of the power and joy of faith which they had never previously known. When traditional churches rejected this move of God's Spirit many, wilted and even died. Today, however, more and more are discovering this glorious blessing and are being rejuvenated. It leads to the desire to be one church, healing divisions of bygone days. Here in Ledbury there is a great desire to be one and work together (for example in our prayer life).

There is so much more to read in this exciting book and we commend it to you.

Bill and Maggie

Susi James (Holy Trinity, New Street) gave our Bookstall a number of copies of the above book which, through her generosity we are selling for £2.99 – a real bargain!!

Please remember to look at the new books on the Bookstall

Killing Our Personal Goliaths

We all love the story of Goliath in 1 Samuel chapter 17. It has everything. A villain, 9ft tall and shaped like a barrel, boastful, a bully and representing all that is evil (Boo! Boo!) and a fresh faced young hero (Hurrah! Hurrah!) who manages to overcome the evil one in spite of everything. It is like a pantomime story but why is it in the bible and what does it mean to us. The usual answer is that it tells us that God will triumph, particularly when the odds seem stacked against us.

Maybe, however, it is more relevant than that. We all have our own personal Goliaths, for example bad habits which we can't overcome however much we try and which are a huge factor in our lives. They may not look like giants but they are just as dangerous. If we are to serve God as he wants, somehow we have to get the better of them. However much we try, we cannot, by ourselves, overcome our difficulty. It becomes a gigantic stumbling block, just as Goliath was to the Israelites. It colours our whole life. So what can we do about it?

Look what David did. He took four very positive steps

- He went as he was. Saul tried to dress him up as a soldier but, at this time in his life, David was nothing but a shepherd. How often do we, even in our Christian life, pretend we are something we are not?
- He used his trusty sling rather something more sophisticated which he was not used to. Who doubts that he would have been killed if he had attacked Goliath with Saul's sword? We have to use the talents we are given.
- He had faith that God would help him. He had been able to overcome the lion and the bear. He believed that he would receive the same help with Goliath. He prayed to God that this would be the case. He prayed first. He didn't decide what to do and , later, ask God to bless it.
- He went on his way praising and thanking God. He was probably terrified but he thanked God for being with him whatever happened.

God be with you in overcoming your personal Goliath.

Margaret Young talks about her Christian Journey

"How good is the God we adore, our faithful, unchangeable Friend; His love is as great as His power, and knows neither measure nor end"

Asked to write a testimony to my faith, I must first praise God for His love and faithfulness throughout life. I was taught to say a prayer on my knees by the bed each night and went to a Sunday School of perhaps 250 children, which was a wonderful start.

Thankfully I grew up in an age when we had Scripture lessons in school and I even took a School Certificate in Scripture. Later, at church Youth Fellowship, I was privileged to attend large post-war rallies in London, As time went on I recognised that I was not good enough to be a Christian without repentance of sin and commitment to Jesus as Lord.

As I trained as a nurse, the fellowship and teaching of the Nurses Christian Fellowship in hospital and the leading of senior Ward Sisters and speakers, maintained a close walk with the Lord.

I developed a lifelong habit of prayer and daily reading of the Bible, helped by Scripture Union notes. Christian friends always helped and later I received the great blessing of a Christian husband. Together we read and prayed, throughout life and, when our children came, we prayed with them, however briefly, at the breakfast table before the rush of the day. How blessed I have been.

I belonged to a church where the power house was the weekly Bible study and prayer meeting and this kept me growing in my faith. I was privileged to lead children's work over many years and to serve the elderly, watching their wonderful faith, the Lord being my Helper.

My husband and I were always concerned for overseas mission and we had many international students and visitors in the home, while Ronald's work gave him many opportunities to spread scriptures across the world, especially in Asia.

Now, in later life, my confidence is expressed in the words of the hymn I began with:

"Tis Jesus, the first and the last, His Spirit will guide me safe Home, I'll praise Him for all that is past, and trust Him for all that's to come".

Margaret Young

The Gospel in Action – Middle East Biblical Power Today

There are around 17 countries in the Middle East. The population is around 500 million and Islam is the largest religion. However thousands of people secretly believe in Jesus Christ as their Saviour and are thirsty for the Word of God. Bibles for the Mideast distributes Bibles free of cost and establishes house churches among them.

The following story may seem unbelievable to many of us in the West, but it is part of daily reality for Christians in the Suffering Middle East Church (Haroon's English is a bit shaky).

"I am Haroon (not my real name), a young Arab, born and brought up in a prominent Muslim family of the Middle East. My father was one of the top religious authorities, enforcing Sharia law to ensure proper religious behaviour in the state. I am a trained sharp shooter. I was commanding a militant wing required to protect the religion.

A few weeks ago, I got information that a Christian group was going to have a baptism service in the Arabian Sea. I picked up my men and rushed to the seashore. There were 19 members in our wing for this operation. Our ultimate aim was to kill everybody while they were still in the sea. We wanted the world to wake up hearing this as breaking news, so that Christians would fear Muslims and stop evangelising in our region.

But, by the time we arrived, the baptism service was over and the baptisers driving away in a bus. We followed and shot at it several times. Within seconds, a giant dust storm formed in front of our vehicles.... We all got down and continued shooting through the dust storm.

Suddenly we saw Christ Jesus appear in the dust storm.

With a mighty voice He told us, **'Why are you persecuting me.'** His voice produced a strong wind and we all fell down on the road. Our guns flew away from us. Somehow we managed to stand up but we were unable to speak. Our voices were lost. Jesus said again, **'I came to the world not to destroy anyone; but to save you. Go in peace'.**

He disappeared. The dust storm disappeared with Him. We experienced at the same time both terrible fear and an abundant peace. We had never had such an experience before.

We got our voices back. All of us but two started to praise and thank God. These two said "it's not from God." We had a quarrel between us and they argued with quotes from the Koran. We left the place in disagreement. I told my father what had happened. He warned me not to tell others. But after this incident, our wing was withdrawn from militant activities.

A few days later, our family had an evening bonfire in the desert. My sister Hajira was bitten by a Sahara Horned Viper, a highly poisonous snake and admitted to the hospital in a dying position. An angel appeared to her while she was sleeping and told her about Jesus, the Saviour and the Healer. She shared this with me and I became very happy. We both prayed to Jesus to save us and guide us.

Unexpectedly Pastor Paul of the 'Bibles for the Mideast' organisation came to the hospital room. He told us the same angel that had appeared to my sister had also appeared to him and asked him to visit us. Pastor called us both by our names.

He said to me, 'Haroon, during a dust storm, Lord Jesus saved me and my group from your guns after the baptism service on the seashore. He appeared to us as a Mighty and Wonderful Man, showing us His lovely, protective hands with a sweet smile. I was one among them and their leader. The pastor said again, 'So believe in Jesus as your Lord and Saviour'.

"I understood that, at the same time, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared before His own people as a Mighty Protector with sweet smile but like a blazing fire towards His persecutors. I and my sister confessed our sins and accepted Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. The pastor prayed over us and my sister was totally healed.

My father had kept in mind which I shared with him about our experience of dust storm. The healing of Hajira led him to a decision to believe in Jesus. All of my family members became believers. 17 militants, who had been with me also accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. We are praying for other two and also for the Muslim world to be saved."

The source for this article is Bible4mideast.com and it was recently included in SpeaklifeDaily (info@speaklife.org.uk)

Week of Accompanied Prayer 10th – 16th September 2017

In September 2017 a Week of Accompanied Prayer will be taking place in the Ledbury Deanery.

What is a Week of Accompanied Prayer? (WAP)

A Week of Accompanied prayer is an opportunity to develop your relationship with God. It can be a way of deepening faith and living that faith out through paying attention to God in prayer. This prayer involves using Scripture passages and is based on the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola. As a participant on such a week, you will be asked to set aside time for personal silent prayer each day – it should be a realistic amount, ideally about 30 minutes but not less than 15 minutes. Each day of the WAP you will also be given the opportunity to meet with a prayer companion for up to 30 minutes, by mutual arrangement, to share explore your experience of this time in prayer. At these meetings the conversation will explore what happened and how you felt during and after your prayer time.

What experience do I need?

None at all! It's for you 'wherever you're at'. Some people are used to praying in this way, others will never have tried it before and it will be a new experience. It's an opportunity to try it and see how you get on with it. It allows us to spend time with God in our busy lives when we might not have the time or the opportunity to go away on a residential retreat. The prayer companions are trained and experienced in their role and everything shared is confidential. They do not 'test' you and your prayer life, they are not there to judge, assess, approve or disapprove, you do not pray in front of them. They are there simply to listen and to help the person explore prayer for themselves where God is leading or where God is working – in short they are there to help with discerning listening to God.

Watch this space!

Our WAP begins on Sunday 10th September and ends on Saturday 16th September. We begin on Sunday afternoon with a gathering together of all those taking part, an opening act of worship and an opportunity to meet our individual prayer guides. Times are arranged to meet our guide each day. The week ends on the following Saturday morning with an act of worship together. Details of the venue and times will be available nearer the date, when we know how many will be taking part. We will be very grateful for a donation of £20 from each participant to help towards the travelling costs of the prayer companions, but this is optional and only if you can manage it.

Please do contact me if you'd like more information: Revd. Nicky Seabright (email: revdnick@gmail.com or phone: 01531 640252).

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For further information look on the church web site (www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk) or ring the church office.

Mothers Union. I apologise that, in the last issue, I said that the day that the Mothers Union meeting was on Wednesday. Members get together twice a month on a Thursday.
A morning communion service followed by coffee in town (3rd Thursday of each month)
An afternoon meeting (1st Thursday of the month) that can take various forms – talks, social gatherings, discussions, outings.

If any one has an item for inclusion in a future issue of the magazine, please contact John Lindeck (01531 631329, john.lindeck@btopenworld.com).