

ST MICHAEL
& All Angels
LEDBURY



AN INVITATION TO JOIN
THE FRIENDS *of* ST MICHAEL'S

PATRON: THE DEAN OF HEREFORD

THE CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL & All Angels LEDBURY

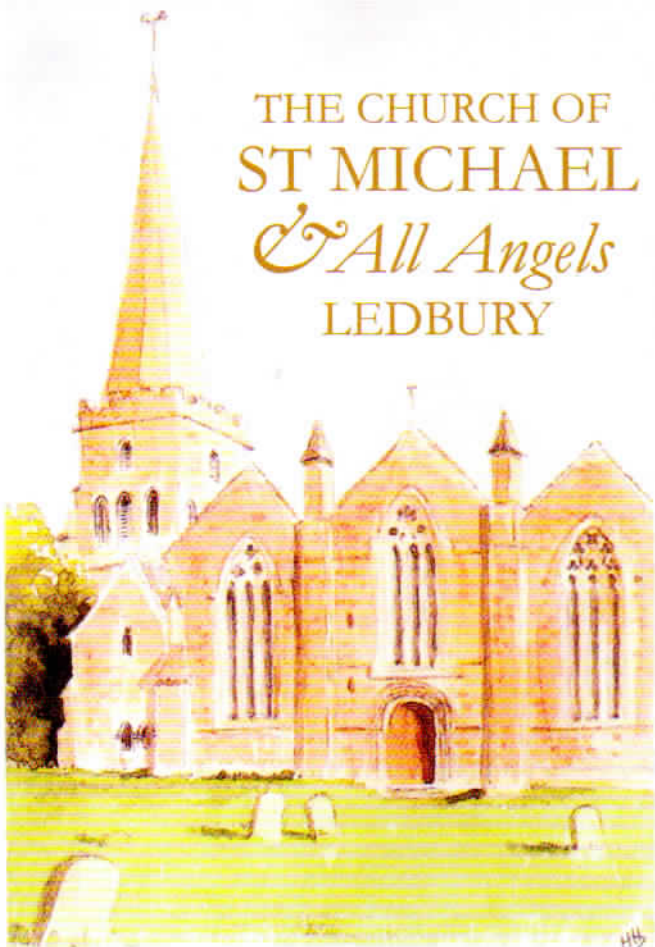


Illustration by Hilda Hawcutt

WELCOME TO LEDBURY, and to this Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels. There has been a church on this site for well over 1,000 years and as you look round, you will discover architecture, monuments a wealth of interesting features – some dating from past centuries and some very modern. In a certain sense the Church is a museum, but it is one which is alive with the history of the countless people who have worshipped and met here down the centuries, and still do today.

Every year St Michael's plays host to great community occasions, as well as to many concerts and exhibitions. There are special services which fill the Church but above above all, St Michael's is a place of daily prayer and worship – a



holy place to which people can return to receive new strength from God, and from which they can go out in Christian witness to the world.

Visitors to St Michael's come from all over the world: some are revisiting a place special in their memories; some are interested in church architecture; some come to pray; and some are just filling time! All are welcome – and may become Friends. *Why not you?*

Top: Detail from the Skynner family tomb on the south side of the chancel.

Right: The Heaton memorial window was presented by Stuart Heaton and made by John K. Clark, installed in 1991.

Below: The Church was originally much smaller. Gargoyles were intended only to appear on the outside of the Church (to ward off demons) but these examples are found on columns inside.



Can you imagine Ledbury without its Parish Church?

- No focal point
- No familiar landmark
- No Church!



THE FRIENDS *of* ST MICHAEL'S

The aim of The Friends is to bring together all those with an interest in this historic and venerable building and with their support to help the Parochial Church Council to maintain it in good repair and provide it with necessary facilities.

Why not join us and join the many thousands of people whose spiritual journey has been helped by the building over the 900 years that the good folk of Ledbury have cared for it?

Front cover image: *Stained glass window of St Michael in the Church.*

JOINING THE FRIENDS

Becoming a Friend entitles you to:

- Attend and vote at the AGM.
- Make suggestions about the use of the Friends' money: especially about the preservation of the Church fabric.
- To receive invitations to social functions organised by the Friends.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

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| Welcome Steward | n/a |
| Individual members | £15 |
| Family membership (two at the same address) | £20 |

If you are able to pay more, the additional amount will be warmly appreciated as a donation.

APPLICATION FORM

(Please use BLOCK CAPITALS)

Title: _____ First name: _____

Surname: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post code: _____

I enclose a Banker's Order (*overleaf*) / Cheque

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Cheques should be made payable to
The Friends of Ledbury Parish Church

Please complete and send to:

The Secretary
The Friends of St Michael and All Angels
Parish Office
Worcester Road,
Ledbury HR8 1PL



STANDING ORDER

Donor's bank: _____

Address: _____

A/C No: _____ Sort Code: _____ - _____ - _____

Please pay to the account of The Friends of Ledbury
Parish Church, Ledbury HR8 1PL

A/C No: 01493427 • Sort Code: 30-94-14

The sum of £ _____

In words: _____

On the ____ / ____ / ____

And every year on the same day until further notice.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Name (*please print*): _____

Address: _____

_____ Post code: _____

The completed form should be sent on to:

The Secretary

The Friends of St Michael and All Angels

Parish Office

Worcester Road

Ledbury HR8 1PL

Gift Aid Declaration

I wish The Friends of Ledbury Parish Church to reclaim tax on all donations I make to them until I notify them otherwise. I understand that I must pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the amount to be reclaimed.

Signed: _____

Date: _____