



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



**SUNDAY 7th JANUARY 2024
EPIPHANY**

8am BCP Communion *in church*

10am Parish Communion

in the church building and streamed live on the website

www.stmichaelsledbury.org

then available later on video

**SUNDAY 14th JANUARY 2024
EPIPHANY II**

8am BCP Communion *in church*

10am Morning Worship

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our website is: www.stmichaelsledbury.org

Facebook – The church’s facebook page: fb.me/stmichaelsledbury –
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X (Twitter) – Do sign-up to S. Michael’s twitter account: [@LedburyParish](https://twitter.com/LedburyParish)

Readings for 7th January 2024: *Epiphany*

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60: 1 – 6

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you and His glory will be seen upon you.
³Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising.
⁴Lift up your eyes all round and see; they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult because the abundance
of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 3: 1 – 12

¹I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles — ²assuming that you have
heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was
made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this,
you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known
to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and
prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members
of the same body and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.
⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given
me by the working of His power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints,
this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ
⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God
who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God
might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.
¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that He has realised in Christ Jesus our Lord,
¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2: 1 – 12

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold,
wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is He who has been born
king of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.” ³When
Herod the king heard this, he was troubled and all Jerusalem with him;
⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he enquired of them
where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written
by the prophet:
⁶“‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers
of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’”
⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time
the star had appeared.
⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child
and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him.”
⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way.

And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother and they fell down and worshipped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

COLLECT

O God, who by the leading of a star revealed Your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know You now by faith, may at last behold Your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

All praise to You, Almighty God and heavenly King, who sent Your Son into the world to take our nature upon Him and to be born of a pure virgin: grant that, as we are born again in Him, so may He continually dwell in us and reign on earth as He reigns in heaven, now and for ever.
Amen

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

We pray for those who are sick: we have amended the list below, but if you know of anyone who should still be included, please let the office know.

Pam Robinson	Thomas Heffner	Stacey Ross	Jenny Barber Iley
David Hicks	Peter Houghton	Elsbeth Barber Iley	Julia Matthews
Dean Jackson	Terry Dold	Andrew Hicks	Gillian Hewin
Adam Ross			

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

William Turberfield	Jane Harvey	Denis Watson	Ian Done
Angela Hooper	Kate Greenall	Colin Thorne	Ella Turner
Janet Epps	Frances Holloway	Pam Foskett	Sally Foxon
Diane Lindeck	David Harling		

NOTICES

Please provide information for our weekly pewsheets by Wednesday each week to allow finalisation and printing to take place on Thursdays. Thank you. Please email your requests to Annie Lindon annielindon@gmail.com and to (cc) rector@stmichaelsledbury.org. Please begin your subject line with *Pewsheets*. Thank you.

Thursday 7am and midday prayers in church.

Friday 10.30am Holy Communion in S' Katherine's Chapel.

Food hygiene. The PCC has now adopted a food hygiene policy, a copy of which is beside the sink, please make sure you follow it.

Parking. On Sundays is for Blue Badge holders only. The town car parks are free on Sundays.

From Sunday 7th January 2024 the 8am BCP service will be back in the church.