



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



SUNDAY 14th JANUARY 2024 EPIPHANY II

8am BCP Communion *in church*

10am Morning Worship

in the church building and streamed live on the website

www.stmichaelsledbury.org

then available later on video

SUNDAY 21st JANUARY 2024 EPIPHANY III

8am BCP Communion *in church*

10am Ecumenical Service for Week Of Christian Unity

5.30pm Choral Evensong

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Readings for 14th January 2024:

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Old Testament Reading:

1 Samuel 3: 1 – 20

Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. ² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. ⁶ And the LORD called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for Your servant hears.” ¹¹ Then the LORD said to Samuel, “Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. ¹² On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³ And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴ Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering for ever.” ¹⁵ Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶ But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹⁷ And Eli said, “What was it that He told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that He told you.” ¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, “It is the LORD. Let Him do what seems good to Him.” ¹⁹ And Samuel grew and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

New Testament Reading:

Revelation 5: 1 – 10

¹ Then I [John] saw in the right hand of Him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ² And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it ⁴ and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵ And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that He can open the scroll and its seven seals.” ⁶ And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ And He went and took the scroll from the right hand of Him who was seated on the throne. ⁸ And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are You to take the scroll

and to open its seals, for You were slain and by Your blood You ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,¹⁰ and You have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”.

Gospel Reading:

John 1: 43 – 51

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards Him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael said to Him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree’, do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And He said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

COLLECT

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to Your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of glory, You nourish us with Your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with Your Holy Spirit that through us the light of Your glory may shine in all the world. **Amen**

We pray for: Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S' Michael and All Angels, Mtwara 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	Gillian Hewin
Dean Jackson	Terry Dold	Andrew Hicks	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	Julia Matthews	

NOTICES

Please provide information for our weekly pewsheet 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 *Pewsheet*. Thank you.

Thursday 7am and midday prayers in church.

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

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

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

Important contact change. Andrew Beech's former email address, beech100@virginmedia.com, is now defunct. If you wish to contact Andrew, please use andrewbeech1@icloud.com

"You may have noticed that the **church noticeboard** at the entrance to the churchyard is empty. It has gone away to the signwriters to be updated. We expect it to be gone for another month or so."

Our Reader, Michael Llywelyn Jones will be delivering his course **Digging Deeper: Exploring the Bible** starting in **January or February 2024**. If you would like to join it, or simply to hear more about it before making a commitment please email Michael direct on mikellywelynjones@hotmail.co.uk

26 Jan, 7.00pm, St Katherine's Hall. Quiz Night. Friends of Ledbury Parish Church. Please consider coming (teams of 6, but we will find a team for you if you are coming as a single or a pair). It is a great church social event which also brings a number of guests into our number. Supper is included in the ticket price of £12.00, Chilli (mild) and Veg alternatives. Bring your own drink Do use this opportunity to invite friends and neighbours. We need a little help: cooking baked potatoes / making a tray bake / helping to serve during the interval. If you can offer yourself to do any of these, please let Mary Anne Keyes know (makeyes25@hotmail.com). For tickets, contact Tim Keyes. (thkeyes28@hotmail.com) 07577 720154

Tuesday 4 February at 7.00pm, in the hall behind the Catholic Church on New Street, there will be meeting to plan the Lent Groups for this year. Do come along to find out what we will be studying and to put your name down for a group'

9th -11th February The Llangasty Retreat The weekend will be led by Revd.Nicky Seabright. To book a place please contact Cherry on 01531 660261 or by email cherryvabt@gmail.com

Saturday 10 February 11.00am – 1.00pm will be the next **LEAF event for children a Forest Fun session** with Becky Davis at Ledbury Primary School. This involves Forest 'School' activities with snacks provided. Becky will devise and lead the activities and all the children are accompanied by parents or carers, but we need some additional volunteers to help welcome and register and also to prepare and serve refreshments. Please publicise to any young families you know, and let me know if you can help. Mary Anne Keyes makeyes25@hotmail.com 07962 323454

Tuesday 13 February at 6:30pm, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party in S. Katherine's.

Mtwara Lent Lunches: So far we have one Lent Lunch booked for Fri 8 march at S. Katherine's Hall. If you would like to host a lunch please contact Elaine Toyer or Hugh Wakeling (wakelinghugh@gmail.com).