



**THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



**SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2024  
EPIPHANY III**

**8am BCP Communion *in church***

**10am Ecumenical Service for the Week of Christian Unity**  
in the Baptist church 118 The Homend, Ledbury

**5.30pm Choral Evensong**

**SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024  
EPIPHANY IV**

8am BCP Communion *in church*  
10am Parish Communion

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Readings for 21st January 2024:

*The third Sunday of Epiphany*

**Old Testament Reading:**

**Psalm 128**

<sup>1</sup>Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in His ways!  
<sup>2</sup>You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands;  
you shall be blessed and it shall be well with you.  
<sup>3</sup>Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;  
your children will be like olive shoots around your table.  
<sup>4</sup>Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.  
<sup>5</sup>The LORD bless you from Zion!  
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!  
<sup>6</sup>May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!

**New Testament Reading:**

**Revelation 19: 6 – 10**

<sup>6</sup>Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.  
<sup>7</sup>Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His Bride has made herself ready;  
<sup>8</sup>it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure”— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.  
<sup>9</sup>And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”  
<sup>10</sup>Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus! Worship God.” For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

**Gospel Reading:**

**John 2: 1 – 11**

<sup>1</sup>There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee and the mother of Jesus was there.  
<sup>2</sup>Jesus also was invited to the wedding with His disciples. <sup>3</sup>When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever He tells you.”  
<sup>6</sup>Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.  
<sup>8</sup>And He said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it.

<sup>9</sup>When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.”

<sup>11</sup>This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee and manifested His glory. And His disciples believed in Him.

### COLLECT

God of all mercy, Your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with Your Holy Spirit and set all Your people free to praise You in Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may Your people, illumined by Your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of His glory, that He may be known, worshipped and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for He is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**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	

### Year of Faith 2024

Bishop Richard calls us in 2024 to **grow together in our faith**. This invitation is offered to everyone. There are events, teaching and study days to join in and opportunities to create your own too either as a school community, church or as part of a small group, or in the quiet of your home. Key events for the Year of Faith:

As we continue to build our lives grounded in prayer we seek to encourage everyone to get to know their Bible so that we can learn to live a more

Christ like life. Being confident in our Bible marks us out as people of the Christian faith who share our light and point to the hope and love that Jesus offers to all.

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Bishop Richard will also be encouraging all churches to do the Bible Course together in the summer term after Easter, though you may choose to do this earlier in the year, perhaps as a Lent Course.

We continue to pray that across communities, villages and towns of our diocese, more lives will be transformed and that more people will come to know Christ.

Dates and events are in the 'Dates for your Diary'.

There will be a Bishop's Questions and a Bishop's Training event in Ledbury in April and July. More information later.

## Dates for your Diary

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](mailto:annielindon@gmail.com) and to (cc) [rector@stmichaelsledbury.org](mailto:rector@stmichaelsledbury.org).

Please begin your subject line with *Pewsheets*.

Thank you

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

As you will have noted, the church sound system is time expired, especially the hearing loop. We have received generous contributions to meet the cost of replacing the entire system. The diocese has approved the installation of a completely new system, which will include a new hearing loop. It will be installed between 5 and 9 February. So please be careful if in the nave or chancel over this period to avoid disturbing the contractors. It may be that parts of the church will have to be closed off to allow the contractors to complete their work.

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 [Mikellywellynjones@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Mikellywellynjones@hotmail.co.uk)

**Important contact change.** Andrew Beech's former email address, [beech100@virginmedia.com](mailto:beech100@virginmedia.com), is now defunct. If you wish to contact Andrew, please use [andrewbeech1@icloud.com](mailto:andrewbeech1@icloud.com)

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

### Services

**Thursday** 7am and midday prayers back in church.

**Friday** 10.30am Holy Communion in S<sup>t</sup> Katherine's Chapel.

**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](mailto:makeyes25@hotmail.com)). For tickets, contact Tim Keyes. ([thkeyes28@hotmail.com](mailto: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@gmil.com](mailto:cherryvabt@gmil.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](mailto:makeyes25@hotmail.com) 07962 323454

**Saturday 10 February Growing confidence in the word of God. Year. Year of Faith event.** St. Laurence's Church, Ludlow. This is a Bishop's Teaching event. Registration is through Eventbrite:

[Bishop's Teaching Event - Growing confidence in the word of God @ Ludlow Tickets, Sat 10 Feb 2024 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

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

**Wednesday 14 February Ash Wednesday** Midday Holy Communion (with ashing) 7pm Holy Communion (with ashing). The midday Holy Communion will be followed by a Soup Lunch

**Friday 1 March 2.00pm . World Day of Prayer** (Women Led, Global Ecumenical Movement). The service this year has been prepared by the Christian women in Palestine, and the theme is "I beg you, bear with one another in love". Our service will be held in Ledbury Baptist Church, The Homend. Do come and join us. Men, women and children are all welcome.

**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](mailto:wakelinghugh@gmail.com)).

**Friday 8 and Saturday 9 March Hereford Passion Play. Year of Faith event.** Hereford Cathedral:

[Easter | Hereford Cathedral](#)

**Saturday 9 March 10.00 – 12.00** St Peter's Church, Withington when we will welcome the Archdeacon Derek Chedzey and Diocesan Mission Enabler, Mark Melliush. this will be an open meeting.