



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER
SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

8.00am BCP Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

Services in the church building and streamed live on the website
www.stmichaelsledbury.org
then available later on video

5:30pm Choral Evensong

**SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER
CHRIST THE KING**

8am BCP Communion
10.00am Holy Communion

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Readings for 17th November 2024:

Second Sunday Before Advent

Old Testament Reading:

Daniel 12: 1 – 3

¹ “At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

New Testament Reading:

Hebrews 10: 11 – 25

¹¹ Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until His enemies should be made a footstool for His feet. ¹⁴ For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. ¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, ¹⁶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts and write them on their minds”, ¹⁷ then He adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” ¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Gospel Reading:

Mark 13: 1 – 10

¹ As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” ² And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ³ And as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and

Andrew asked Him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will these things be and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷And when you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁸For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains. ⁹“But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils and you will be beaten in synagogues and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations.

COLLECT

Heavenly Lord, You long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by Your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

We pray for: Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S^t Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S^t John the Baptist Church, Likonde

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	Adam Ross	Richard Tyrell
David Hicks	Andrew Hicks	Gillian Hewin	Stephen Vicarage
Dean Jackson	Stacey Ross	Sue Simpson	David Gates
Anne Baker	Lucy Orchard	Terry Dold	

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

Ethel Florence	Violet Jenkins	Gillian Mortimer	Sandra Murphy
Sheila Ledbury	Anthony Davis	Tony Davis	Elizabeth Dold
Geoffrey Douglas	David Kirkham	James Smith	Tony Wargent
Philip Gray	John Tyler	John Holland	Sheila Jones
Rodney Jarrett	Margaret Westwood		

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

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

LEDBURY

Services

8am Sunday BCP Communion in St Katherine's Chapel

10am Sunday morning services held in church

Thursday 7am and midday prayers in church.

Friday 10.30am Holy Communion in S^t Katherine's Chapel.

EASTNOR

Services on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11.15am.

Special or additional services or events for November and December

18 Nov the Service will be at **11am** at **Bircham's Grange.**

11 Dec Eastnor School Carol service at St Michael's.

24 Dec 4pm Eastnor Carol service, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

25 Dec 10am Christmas communion.

Please note: Queries and suggestions about repairs and maintenance should be directed to Andrew Beech. Thanks

Real Advent Calendars. This year LEAF will again be donating Real Advent Calendars to both Ledbury and Eastnor Primary schools, so that all the children have the opportunity to join in the fun of opening doors (and eating good quality Fairtrade chocolate!) in the 'countdown' to Christmas. Each class will also receive a booklet with the real story of Christmas. In this way our churches together are able to ensure that each child hears about the birth of Jesus and also gets a small gift showing that we care about them.

Coffee Rota - January to March 2025 Volunteers will be needed soon for the Sunday coffee rota in 2025. We need at least two people to set up and serve refreshments every week. I am not looking for a regular commitment but please consider whether this is something you could do occasionally. Using the coffee machine is not difficult. After the service on **Sunday 24 November** I will start collecting names for the first three months of the New Year. Anne Tattersall.

Saturday 30 November from **10.30am to 3.30pm** at the Holy Trinity Church Hall. **ADVENT QUIET DAY** - 'Come Aside and Rest Awhile'. Mary Anne Keyes will lead us in this time of quiet and meditation.

Sunday 1 December 2024 2.30 - 5.00pm, **LEAF Advent Party** Ledbury Community Hall, Lawnside Road, Ledbury. Additional volunteers would be very welcome to support the event. Support is needed in various areas, including setting up and clearing away, preparing for and running craft activities and games, cake making etc. If you would like to help please contact either Jill Jupp or Mary Anne Keyes, in Church or via jill_jupp@hotmail.co.uk or maryannekeyes@leafledbury.com. Thank you in advance for any help.

Christmas Coffee Stop Friday 6 December 10am - 12 noon. Coffee stop is an informal time for coffee, cakes, mince pies, chat and company. All welcome! Invite someone new to share with them our beautiful church. For more information Contact Sonia Bowen on 07878 173 919.

Praying Litter Pickers Saturday 7 December meet at 11 am on the Recreation Ground in the car park area. We pick up litter and pray over the ground for about 1.5 hours. Then go back to St Michael's church at 12.30 pm for bacon butties, tea and coffee and chat. All welcome.

Wednesday 11 December at 12:30 Christmas Lunch at the Hop Pocket 2 courses plus tea or coffee and mince pie £20. There are 30 places available. Please see Sue Simpson for more information and Wendy HT to pay your money.

I want to give you good advance warning of the first event of next year's programme: **A Burns Night Supper** on **Saturday 25 January** in St Katherine's Hall. I need a team of people to help plan this event. Let me know if you would like to help. Tickets will be on sale from the afternoon of the AGM onwards. They have proved to be great fun. *Basically it is removing the help for buntings bit.*

The churchwardens reminded us of the debt we owe to **volunteers in the church**. They also said that additional volunteers are needed in a number of areas of the church's work. There is a letter at the back of the church for you to pick up listing some of the areas where we need extra help. Please pick up a copy and think and pray about whether you are able to help.

St Michael's Church Ledbury

An open invitation to come and join us at our annual day of preparation for Advent

Advent Quiet Day

Led by

Mary Anne Keyes

COME ASIDE AND REST A WHILE

Meditations based on the Advent Collects

Saturday November 30th

To be held in Holy Trinity Church Hall

New Street, Ledbury

Programme:

10.30 Coffee on arrival

10.45 First Talk: Collect #1

11.45 Second Talk: Collect #2

12.45 Lunch (*please bring your own lunch; tea & coffee provided*)

1.30 Third Talk: Collect #3

2.30 Fourth Talk: Collect #4

3.00 Closing Worship

3.15 Cup of tea and depart

Please note, the short talks will start promptly and each will be followed by time for private prayer and reflection. We maintain silence between the talks.

Holy Trinity Church will be open for our use throughout the day.

St Michael's Services for Christmastide 2024

You are invited to share the joy of the Christmas season at St Michael's Parish Church

Sunday 8th December 6.30pm

Town Carol Service with Brass Band
and Come & Sing Choir

Sunday 15th December 5.30pm

Traditional service of 9 Lessons and Carols
with candlelight

Christmas Eve 24th December

4pm Christingle Service

11:30pm Midnight Communion

Wednesday 25th December

Christmas day

8am Holy Communion

10am Christmas Communion

Sunday 5th January

Epiphany

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Communion