



**THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
CHRIST THE KING**

**8.00am BCP Communion**

**10.30am Holy Communion**

Services in the church building and streamed live on the website  
[www.stmichaelsledbury.org](http://www.stmichaelsledbury.org)  
then available later on video

**SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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Readings for 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024:

*Christ The King*

**Old Testament Reading:**

**Daniel 7: 9 – 14**

<sup>9</sup>“As I looked, thrones were placed and the Ancient of Days took His seat; His clothing was white as snow and the hair of His head like pure wool; His throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. <sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued and came out from before Him; a thousand thousands served Him and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him; the court sat in judgement and the books were opened. <sup>11</sup>“I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. <sup>12</sup>As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. <sup>13</sup>“I saw in the night visions and behold! With the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man and He came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. <sup>14</sup>And to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations and languages should serve Him; His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away and His kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

**New Testament Reading:**

**Revelation 1: 4b – 8**

<sup>4b</sup>Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before His throne <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and the ruler of kings on earth. To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Behold! He is coming with the clouds and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of Him. Even so. Amen. <sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

**Gospel Reading:**

**John 18: 33 – 37**

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” <sup>35</sup>Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You over to me. What have You done?” <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” <sup>37</sup>Then Pilate said to Him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You

say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world — to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

### COLLECT

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in His service, whose kingdom has no end; for He reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

**Amen.**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by You be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**We pray for:** Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S<sup>t</sup> Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S<sup>t</sup> 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  
David Hicks  
Dean Jackson  
Anne Baker

Thomas Heffner  
Andrew Hicks  
Stacey Ross  
Lucy Orchard

Adam Ross  
Gillian Hewin  
Sue Simpson  
Terry Dold

Richard Tyrell  
Stephen Vicarage  
David Gates

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

Ethel Florence  
Sheila Ledbury  
Geoffrey Douglas  
Philip Gray  
Rodney Jarrett

Violet Jenkins  
Anthony Davis  
David Kirkham  
John Tyler  
Margaret Westwood

Gillian Mortimer  
Tony Davis  
James Smith  
John Holland

Sandra Murphy  
Elizabeth Dold  
Tony Wargent  
Sheila Jones

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

**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<sup>t</sup> 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**

**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.

**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](mailto:jill_jupp@hotmail.co.uk) or [maryannekeyes@leafledbury.com](mailto:maryannekeyes@leafledbury.com).  
Thank you in advance for any help that can be offered.

**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 and 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.

**Christmas Day Lunch.** As in previous years, a Christmas Day Lunch is being organised for people who will be on their own on Christmas day. Please think about anyone you know who may be alone at Christmas and encourage them to book a place. Phone Maggie on 01531 57900 Thank you.

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 and put on this event. Let me know if you would like to be on the team. Tickets will be on sale from the afternoon of the AGM onwards. This will be our third Burns Night Supper. They have proved to be great fun. *Basically it is removing the help for buntings bit.*

**Future role of the Flower Guild.** Following a recent meeting of the Guild it was agreed that we can no longer sustain the fortnightly flower rota owing to the small number of arrangers available. This means there will be no welcoming display at the North door on a regular basis. However, we will still decorate the church at festival times and honour current memorial flower requests.

Arrangements for Christmas will be in place on 21 December and dismantled at New Year. The Lily sponsorship scheme is popular and will continue, with details to follow at the start of Lent to help fund flowers and palms for Easter. There is capacity for ad hoc flowers should you be celebrating a special occasion or want to remember someone. Please contact Chris Lynch, Guild Coordinator on 01531 670037 or email [chris.lynch54@btinternet.com](mailto:chris.lynch54@btinternet.com)

**Bookstall: Advent Books.** There is a small selection of books on the bookstall for personal study in the build up to Christmas. In early December there will be some Children's books very suitable for Grandchildren. The free church diaries have arrived, do take them and give to neighbours and friends.

**Giving Tree:** *On Sunday, 24 November 2024, a Christmas tree will appear in the Church near the entrance. The Tree is decorated with labels, each of which represents a child or individual who might appreciate a gift at Christmas. No names are given, just a description of the person's age, gender and any particular circumstances. Any member of the congregation can take a label, provide a suitable gift, and return it (with the original label attached) to be placed at the foot of the tree on the Sundays during Advent. (The final Sunday for return this year will be Sunday 8 December, to allow time for distribution of gifts). Each time a gift is returned, a decoration is added to the tree. Please do not leave gifts by the Tree during the week.*

*For more information please contact Jill [jill\\_jupp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jill_jupp@hotmail.co.uk) or 07531 311 991 (if anyone prefers to make a cash donation instead of purchasing a gift I am very happy to do the shopping.*



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