



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER
FIRST SUNDAY OF 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

**SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8am BCP Communion

10.00am Morning Worship

6:30pm Town Carol Service

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Readings for 1st December 2024:

Advent Sunday

Old Testament Reading:

Jeremiah 33: 14 – 16

¹⁴“Behold! The days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David and He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

New Testament Reading:

1 Thessalonians 3: 8 – 13

⁸For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. ⁹For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹Now may our God and Father Himself and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 21: 25 – 36

[Jesus said] ²⁵“There will be signs in sun and moon and stars and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹And He told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place and to stand before the Son of Man.”

COLLECT

Almighty God, as Your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet You in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of Your Son our Lord; that, when He shall appear He may not find us sleeping in sin but active in His service and joyful in His praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We pray for: Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & St Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and St 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:

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	Richard Gladwin	Doreen Selwyn

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 St 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

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.

Ledbury Choral Society will sing Handel *Messiah*, with orchestra and professional soloists, in Saint Michael and All Angels church, **on Saturday 14 December at 7.00pm.** Tickets £16, available from Ledbury Books & Maps and on the door. Under 18s free. Interval with mulled wine, wine and soft drinks.

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.*

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 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).

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

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.

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