



**THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**8.00am BCP Communion**

**10:00 Morning Worship**

Services in the church building and streamed live on the website

[www.stmichaelsledbury.org](http://www.stmichaelsledbury.org)

then available later on video

**6:30pm Town Carol Service**

**SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8am BCP Communion

10.00am Holy Communion

**5.30 Traditional Service of 9 Lessons and Carols**

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Readings for 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024:

*Advent 2*

**Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3: 1 – 4**

<sup>1</sup>“Behold! I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight; behold! He is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of His coming and who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

**New Testament Reading: Philippians 1: 3 – 11**

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 3: 1 – 6**

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.’ <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low and the crooked shall become straight and the rough places shall become level ways <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

## COLLECT

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when Your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive Him, who is our Lord and our God.

**Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven, who sent Your Son to redeem the world and will send Him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate Him in the humility and purity of His first coming that, when He comes again, we may be ready to greet Him with joyful love and firm faith; 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	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
Elizabeth Crossley	Gwen Kirkham		

**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)

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

**Please begin your subject line with *Pewsheet*.** 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

**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's *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.

'A big thank you to everyone who helped at last Sunday's LEAF Community Family Advent Party, by offering craft activities, games, carol singing, puppets, organising tea etc. Around 50 children plus accompanying adults attended and had lots of fun making angels, stars, nativity crafts, glitter tattoos, Christmas Crackers, playing games etc. There was a lovely atmosphere and the event was a great example of the local churches working together'.

**Christingle making** - The LEAF children's team would like you to join us to make Christingles! We'll meet at **10am** in the Chapter House on **Monday 23 December** for about an hour - the more the merrier (and quicker!). Adults and children welcome, hot drinks and mince pies will be provided. Any questions please contact Mary Anne Keyes or Jill Jupp.

**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 579009. 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.*

**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.

People may wish to know that Elizabeth Crossley's memorial service will be at 11:30am on Wednesday 18 December and that Gwen Kirkham's memorial service will be on Friday afternoon 3 January (the time has yet to be agreed).

# 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