



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

8.00am BCP Communion

10.00am Holy Communion
(no service streaming)

**SUNDAY 5th JANUARY
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

8am BCP Communion
10.00am Holy Communion

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Readings for 29th December 2024:

First Sunday After Christmas

Old Testament Reading:

1 Samuel 2: 18 – 21 & 26

¹⁸Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy clothed with a linen ephod. ¹⁹And his mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the LORD give you children by this woman for the petition she asked of the LORD.” So then they would return to their home. ²¹Indeed the LORD visited Hannah and she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the young man Samuel grew in the presence of the LORD. ²⁶The young man Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and also with man.

New Testament Reading:

Colossians 3: 12 – 17

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one Another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 2: 41 – 52

⁴¹[Jesus’] parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when He was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing Him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for Him among their relatives and acquaintances ⁴⁵and when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for Him. ⁴⁶After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. ⁴⁸When His parents saw Him, they were astonished. And His mother said to Him, “Son, why have you treated

us so? Behold! Your father and I have been searching for You in great distress.”⁴⁹ And He said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?”⁵⁰ And they did not understand the saying that He spoke to them.⁵¹ And He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And His mother treasured up all these things in her heart.⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man.

COLLECT

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into Your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help Your Church to live as one family united in love and obedience and bring us all at last to our home in heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

David Hicks
Dean Jackson
Lucy Orchard
Annee Kettle

Thomas Heffner
Andrew Hicks
Stacey Ross

Adam Ross
Gillian Hewin
Sue Simpson

Terry Dold
Stephen Vicarage
David Gates

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

Geoffrey Douglas
Philip Gray
Rodney Jarrett
Elizabeth Crossley
Jim Large

David Kirkham
John Tyler
Margaret Westwood
Gwen Kirkham
Richard Tyrell

James Smith
John Holland
Richard Gladwin
Judy Street
Pam Robinson

Tony Wargent
Sheila Jones
Doreen Selwyn
Hilary Sharpe

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 and to (cc) 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^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 December

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

The PCC agreed to donate the spare pew that has been stored in the Chapter House for a number of years to the Peace and Hope Trust, a charity that was a personal favourite of James Smith. The Trust has written to thank us all for our donation. If you would like to know more about the work of the Peace and Hope Trust visit www.peaceandhope.org.uk.

Man Chat. The next Man Chat will be at The Market House Cafe, Ledbury on **Thursday 23 January 2025 at 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm.** This will once again be an informal time for men to eat a meal together and talk about things they enjoy doing as well as things that concern them. Full details are shown on the poster in the church porch, or have a word with David Houghton.

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.*

There will be no Coffee Stop in January. The next Coffee Stop will take place on **Friday 7 February 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.