



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY EPIPHANY

8.00am BCP Communion

10.00am Holy Communion

Services in the church building and streamed live on the website

www.stmichaelsledbury.org
then available later on video

SUNDAY 12th JANUARY BAPTISM OF CHRIST FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

8am BCP Communion
10.00am Morning Worship
5.30pm Holy Communion

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5th January 2025:

Epiphany

Old Testament Reading: **Isaiah 60: 1 – 6**

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you and His glory will be seen upon you. ³Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴Lift up your eyes all round and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

New Testament Reading: **Ephesians 3: 1 – 12**

¹I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles — ²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of His power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that He has realised in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 2: 1 – 12

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.” ⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother and they fell down and worshipped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

COLLECT

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by Your light discern the glory of Your presence in Your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.

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

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.

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	Thomas Heffner	Adam Ross	Stephen Vicarage
Dean Jackson	Andrew Hicks	Gillian Hewin	David Gates
Lucy Orchard	Stacey Ross	Sue Simpson	Terry Dold
Annee Kettle			

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

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	Judy Street	Hilary Sharpe
Jim Large	Richard Tyrell	Pam Robinson	John Sutton