



THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 12th JANUARY
BAPTISM OF CHRIST
FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

8.00am BCP Communion

10.00am Morning Worship

Services in the church building and streamed live on the website

www.stmichaelsledbury.org
then available later on video

**SUNDAY 19th JANUARY
SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

8am BCP Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

5.30pm Evensong

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Facebook – The church’s facebook page: fb.me/stmichaelsledbury –

Do have a look, like, follow and participate.

X (Twitter) – Do sign-up to S. Michael’s twitter account: ‘St Michael’s Ledbury’ @LedburyParish

Readings for 12th January 2025:

Baptism Of Christ

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 139: 1 – 6

¹O Lord, You have searched me and known me! ²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar. ³You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. ⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me. ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

New Testament Reading: Acts 8: 14 – 17

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, ¹⁵who came down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶for He had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading: Luke 3: 15 – 18 & 21 – 2

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptise you with water, but He who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in His hand, to clear His threshing floor and to gather the wheat into His barn, but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ...

²¹Now when all the people were baptised and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

COLLECT

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan You revealed Jesus as Your Son: may we recognise Him as our Lord and know ourselves to be Your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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 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.

Parish Walk Tuesday 14 January 2025 if you need a lift meet at the church 10am, or meet at Haugh Wood Forestry Commission car park at 10.20am. Please let Anne Tattershall know if you want a lift 01531 632021.

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 are on sale. 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
Dean Jackson
Lucy Orchard
Annee Kettle

Thomas Heffner
Andrew Hicks
Stacey Ross
Sally Harling

Adam Ross
Gillian Hewin
Sue Simpson

Stephen Vicarage
David Gates
Terry Dold

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
John Sutton

