



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 26th JANUARY
THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

8.00am BCP Communion

**10.00am Christian Unity Service
at Ledbury Baptist Church**

Services in the church building are streamed live on the website
www.stmichaelsledbury.org
then available later on video

**SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY
CANDLEMAS**

8am BCP Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

Church office: phone number: 01531 631 531.

Email: ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net

our website is: www.stmichaelsledbury.org

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 26th January 2025:

Epiphany 3

Old Testament Reading:

Nehemiah 8: 1 – 12

¹ And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ² So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³ And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

⁴ And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah and Maaseiah on his right hand and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah and Meshullam on his left hand. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people and as he opened it all the people stood.

⁶ And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁷ Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places.

⁸ They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly and they gave the meaning, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law.

¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go on your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." ¹¹ So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved."

¹² And all the people went on their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

New Testament Reading:

1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 31

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body", that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body", that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as He chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be?

²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”, nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable ²³ and on those parts of the body that we think less honourable we bestow the greater honour and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴ which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honour to the part that lacked it, ²⁵ that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together.
²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating and various kinds of tongues.

²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?

³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

³¹ But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 4: 14 – 22

¹⁴ Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee and a report about Him went out through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. ¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was His custom, He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day and He stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to Him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.”

²⁰ And He rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

²¹ And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

²² And all spoke well of Him and marvelled at the gracious words that were coming from His mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph's son?”

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of Your saving presence: renew Your people with Your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may Your people, illumined by Your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of His glory, that He may be known, worshipped and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for He is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We pray for: Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S' Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S' 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
Jim Loverage

David Kirkham
John Tyler
Margaret Westwood
Gwen Kirkham
Richard Tyrell
Elizabeth Haynes

James Smith
John Holland
Richard Gladwin
Judy Street
Pam Robinson

Tony Wargent
Sheila Jones
Doreen Selwyn
Hilary Sharpe
John Sutton

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.

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

Lent Lunch in St Catherines Hall in aid of Christian Aid: If anyone could help us on the day (date still to be agreed) please contact Elaine Toyer or Hugh Wakeling on wakelinghugh@gmail.com

Can You Help? Sonia Bowen's Ukrainian friend Alla has emailed with a request for a mother with 3 boys (ages 14, 14 and 10) - back in Ukraine - who is urgently looking for a host/sponsor who can provide a safe place for them in Herefordshire. The host/sponsor must be UK resident and be able to provide room for the mother and children for 6 months. This may suit someone who has a vacant holiday home, for example, or a large home with spare rooms. Alla has explained that there is good support locally for the administration and logistics of such a sponsorship. Please contact Sonia on 07878 173 919 in the first instance if you think you may be able to help. Thank you.

Coffee Stop Friday 7 February 10am - 12 noon. Come and join us for coffee, cakes, chat & company. All welcome! Invite someone new to share with them our beautiful church. For more information Contact Sonia Bowen on 07878 173 919.

Ledbury Lent. Come and join us preparing for Easter EVERYONE WELCOME **Sign up by 21 February.** Lent groups begin in the week beginning Monday 24 February and continue weekly through Lent.

Group Options:

) **Monday**, 19:30 Lavender Cott, Bridge St, Peter and Diana Veasey

) **Tuesday** 14:30 Methodist Church, Gillian Chowns

) **Wednesday** 19:30 28 Pound Meadow, Joan Wakeling

) **Thursday** 14:30 28 Pound Meadow, Hugh Wakeling

) **Saturday** 10:30 Most Holy Trinity Hall, Mary Rossiter and Susi James

To book a place on the series of meetings for Ledbury Lent, select your options and whether these are your first or second choice, then contact Joan by email, revdjwakeling@gmail.com or phone 01531 6331883. Leave your own contact email and phone number, state your first and second choice of group, keep a note for yourself of your choices and when groups are finalised your group leader will contact you to confirm your place and any other details.

See poster on following page.

Ledbury Lent

Come and join us preparing for Easter

EVERYONE WELCOME

Sign up by 21.02.25



A Passion For Christ

Michael Baughen

Join a group: study / discuss / worship

Various times and venues on offer. For details - see back.

email: revdjwakeling@gmail.com

phone: 01531 633188

Ledbury Lent

Come and join us preparing for Easter

EVERYONE WELCOME

Sign up by 21.02.25

To book a place on the series of meetings for Ledbury Lent:-

- 1 Select your first two choices from the list below.
- 2 Contact Joan by email: revdjwakeling@gmail.com or phone: 01531 633188
- 3 Leave your own contact email and phone number
- 4 State your first and second choice of group
- 5 Keep a note for yourself of your choices.
- 6 When groups are finalised your group leader will contact you to confirm your place and any other details.

GROUP OPTIONS		Please circle first and second choice		
DAY	TIME	VENUE	LEADER	CHOICE
Mon	19:30	Lavender Cott, Bridge St.	Peter + Diana Veasey	1 / 2
Tues	14:30	Methodist Church	Gillian Chowns	1 / 2
Weds	19:30	28 Pound Meadow	Joan Wakeling	1 / 2
Thurs	14:30	28 Pound Meadow	Hugh Wakeling	1 / 2
Sat	10:30	Most Holy Trinity Hall	Mary Rossiter + Susi James	1 / 2