



**THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
CANDLEMAS**

**8.00am BCP Communion**

**10.00am Parish Communion**

Services in the church building are streamed live on the website  
[www.stmichaelsledbury.org](http://www.stmichaelsledbury.org)  
then available later on video

**SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY  
FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

**8am BCP Communion  
10.00am Morning Worship**

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Do have a look, like, follow and participate.

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Readings for 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025: *Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)*

**Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3: 1 – 5**

<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. <sup>5</sup>“Then I will draw near to you for judgement. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

**New Testament Reading: Hebrews 2: 14 – 18**

<sup>14</sup>Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, [Jesus] Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil <sup>15</sup>and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup>For surely it is not angels that He helps, but He helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 22 – 40**

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons”. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

<sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took Him up in his arms, blessed God and said, <sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel.” <sup>33</sup>And His father and His mother marvelled at what was said about Him. <sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” <sup>36</sup>And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin <sup>37</sup>and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon Him.

#### COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make Your home among us and present us pure and holy to Your heavenly Father, Your God and our God.

**Amen.**

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, You fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when He comes to bring us to eternal life; for He is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**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](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 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 **Friday 4 April 2025:** If anyone could help us on the day please contact Elaine Toyer or Hugh Wakeling on [wakelinghugh@gmail.com](mailto: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 **Thursday 6 March** and continue weekly through Lent.

Group Options:

- ) **Thursday** 14:30 28 Pound Meadow, Hugh Wakeling
- ) **Saturday** 10:30 Most Holy Trinity Hall, Mary Rossiter and Susi James
- ) **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

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](mailto: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.

**Shrove Tuesday 4 March Pancake Party** in The Burgage Hall.

Please put the evening in your diaries and – in preparation – please begin saving milk cartons for the batter. Gentlemen – get your frying pans and spatulas ready for action!

Home and Sick Communion – If you are sick or housebound and would like to receive home communion, please let either Keith (07796 585 407) or Val Houghton ([val.houghton1@btinternet.com](mailto:val.houghton1@btinternet.com)) know.

**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 us know.

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| Lucy Orchard     | Andrew Hicks | Gillian Hewin | Stephen Vicarage |
| Annee Kettle     | Stacey Ross  | David Gates   | Terry Dold       |
| Elizabeth Watson |              |               |                  |

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

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|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 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   |
| Jim Loveridge      | Elizabeth Haynes  |                 |               |

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Come and join us preparing for Easter

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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.

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- 1 Select your first two choices from the list below.
- 2 Contact Joan by email: [revdjwakeling@gmail.com](mailto: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  |