



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 16th NOVEMBER
SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

8am BCP Communion to be held in St Katherine's Chapel

10.00am Parish Communion

5.30pm Choral Evensong

Services in the church building and streamed live on the website

www.stmichaelsledbury.org
then available later on video

**SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER
CHRIST THE KING**

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10.00am Parish Communion

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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 16th November 2025:

2nd Sunday Before Advent

First Reading:

Malachi 4: 1 – 2

¹“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze,

says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.

²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

Second Reading:

2 Thessalonians 3: 6 – 15

⁶Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

¹³As for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good. ¹⁴If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed. ¹⁵Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 21: 5 – 19

⁵While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ⁷And they asked Him, “Teacher, when will these things be and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸And He said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am He!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

¹⁰Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives.

COLLECT

Heavenly Lord, You long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by Your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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 us know.

Elizabeth Watson	Andrew Broughton	Stephen Vicarage	Terry Dold
Richard Green	Christabel Panter	Peter Tattersall	Ann Blandford

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

Hilda Hawcutt	David Gates	Ann Williamson	Alex Desir
Lucy Orchard	Mary Parisipogola	Eileen Wall	Roy Mills
Jean Gabb	Olive Bramley	Jean Hosegood	Val Hale
Glenda Dixon	Sandra Thomas	Ann Roberts	Louis Lock
Bryan Turner			

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) churchwardens@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.

Home and Sick Communion – If you are sick or housebound and would like to receive home communion, please let Val Houghton know. (val.houghton1@btinternet.com).

Prayer Chain. Please let Val or one of the wardens or know if you would like to receive prayer chain messages. If you have a request for prayer please use the same contacts.

We have closed the 'prayer@' email address as it was not being used much. There remains an email list of those who have committed to pray; if you would like to join it please contact one of the wardens. In future, please pass your prayer requests to a housegroup leader or warden.

Queries and suggestions about **repairs and maintenance** should be directed to Andrew Beech. Thanks

LEDBURY Services

8am Sunday BCP Communion held in St Katherine's Chapel

Please note that the 8am service has moved to St Katherine's Chapel until further notice

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.

Notices

We need more people to operate the sound system on Sundays so we would like to set up a session to explain what is needed. If you are interested in helping, either regularly or occasionally please let one of the wardens know churchwardens@stmichaelsledbury.org It's not difficult and support is available!

Additional volunteers would be very welcome to support the following LEAF Family Fun events. Support is needed in various areas, including setting up and clearing away, craft activities and games, cake making etc. If you would like to help please contact either Jill Jupp or Mary Anne Keyes, in Church or via jill_jupp@hotmail.co.uk or maryannekeyes@leafledbury.com. If you are unable to help but can pop along for some time during these afternoons to say hello, share a cup of tea and cake with families and be a friendly face that is very welcome too.

) **LEAF Advent Party** – Sunday 30 November 2025 2.30 – 5.00 pm,
 Ledbury Community Hall, Lawnside Road, Ledbury

Advent Calendars. Through LEAF I will soon be ordering '**Real Advent Calendars**' to be given to the classes at our local primary schools. We have done this for several years and it is much appreciated: all the children will hear the true story of Christmas from the storybook included as well, of course, as enjoying the fairly traded chocolate sweets! These calendars are only available online at <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/christmas>) but as I will be ordering in bulk postage is free. If anyone would like to order calendars (or other gifts from the company) for personal use, or maybe to donate to the Food Bank, please let me know. The likely cost is £5.95 per calendar. If anyone would like to make a donation to LEAF to help with the cost of this project it would be most welcome. Thank you. Mary Anne Keyes maryannekeyes@leafledbury.com

Giving Tree: On **Sunday, 23 November 2025**, a Christmas tree will appear in the Church near the entrance. The Tree is decorated with labels, each of which represents a child or individual who might appreciate a gift at Christmas. No names are given, just a description of the person's age, gender and any particular circumstances. Any member of the congregation can take a label, provide a suitable gift, and return it (with the original label attached) to be placed at the foot of the tree on the Sundays during Advent. **(The final Sunday for return this year will be Sunday 7 December, to allow time for distribution of gifts).** Each time a gift is returned, a decoration is added to the tree. Please do not leave gifts by the Tree during the week. The gifts are distributed during the week before Christmas. We do not know who receives our gift, and they do not know who provided it, other than that it is a gift from St Michaels or members of other churches in Ledbury. The recipients of the gifts are determined by Ledbury Primary School and Ledbury Community Hospital and only they know the names of the people concerned. We only have a reference number and the details to help us decide on a suitable gift.

Dates for your Diary

Coffee Concert. St Michael and All Angels, Ledbury

Coffee and cake at both concerts from 10.30 am

22nd November – 11am: Vierne's 5th Organ Symphony recital on the newly repaired organ by Iain Simcock.

Advent Quiet Day Saturday 29 November 10am - 3.30pm. This year for our traditional joint churches' time of quiet prayer and contemplation we are invited to join the Cider churches for a day to be led by Rev William Simmonds. The venue is the usual one, at the Catholic church of the most Holy Trinity in New Street. Programme to follow. More information from Mary Anne Keyes.

Parish Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 10 December 2025

Get your taste buds ready for Christmas?

Continuing the precedent set by Sue Simpson, we have provisionally reserved 30 places for a traditional Christmas lunch at The Hop Pocket on Wednesday 10th December. Cost : main only £20, two courses £25, three courses £30 (drinks extra). Small portions of mains can be arranged.

Please let Ian James know as soon as possible if you wish to come. A £10 deposit will be required; Ian will give information on how to pay this. Pre-order will be nearer the time. The capacity at The Hop Pocket is limited for groups so we can only accept the first 30 to confirm a booking.

email to: landj390@gmail.com. With 'Xmas Lunch' in the heading. If you don't do emails, please call him on 01531 637376. No doubt car sharing can be sorted if you need a lift.

The Cider Benefice together with
The Joint Churches of Ledbury

*Invite you to come and join us at our annual day of
preparation for Advent*

Advent Quiet Day

Led by

William Simmonds

*A series of readings, music and meditations in
preparation for Advent*

Saturday November 29th

**To be held in Holy Trinity Church Hall
New Street, Ledbury**

Programme:

10.30 Coffee on arrival

10.45 First Session: *Pregnant with Expectation*

12.15 Lunch (please bring your own lunch; tea & coffee provided)

1.00 Second Session: *The Next Advent*

2.30 Closing Worship

2.45 Cup of tea and depart

Times may vary slightly after 10.30, but the day will conclude by
3.15

Please note: *it is intended that the first session of the day will start promptly. Each session contains periods of silence for private prayer and reflection.*

Holy Trinity Church will be open for our use throughout the day.

Further information from: maryannekeyes@leafledbury.com