



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER
CHRIST THE KING**

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

10.00am Parish Communion

Services in the church building and streamed live on the website

www.stmichaelsledbury.org

then available later on video

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

Do have a look, like, follow and participate.

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Readings for 23rd November 2025:

CHRIST THE KING

Old Testament Reading:

Jeremiah 23: 1 – 7

¹“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. ²Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and I will bring them back to their fold and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who will care for them and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord. ⁵“Behold, the days are coming”, declares the Lord, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch and He shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In His days Judah will be saved and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which He will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’” ⁷“Therefore, behold, the days are coming”, declares the Lord, “when they shall no longer say, ‘As the Lord lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt’”.

New Testament Reading:

Colossians 1: 11 – 20

¹¹May you be strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷And He is before all things and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be pre-eminent. ¹⁹For in Him all the fullness of God was

pleased to dwell ²⁰and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 23:33 – 43

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified [Jesus] and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. ³⁴Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments. ³⁵The people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due Reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." ⁴³And [Jesus] said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

COLLECT

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in His service, whose kingdom has no end; for He reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by You be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We pray for: Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S^t Michael and All Angels, Mtwarra 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
Georgina Hicks

Andrew Broughton
Christabel Panter

Stephen Vicarage
Peter Tattersall

Terry Dold
Ann Blandford

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

Lucy Orchard
Jean Gabb
Glenda Dixon
Bryan Turner

Mary Parisipogola
Olive Bramley
Sandra Thomas
Richard Green

Eileen Wall
Jean Hosegood
Ann Roberts
Barbara Price

Roy Mills
Val Hale
Louis Lock

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) churchwardens@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.

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

We have had the sad news that Barbara Price who recently moved to Cheltenham, and worshipped at St Michael's for several years, has sadly passed away in Gloucester Hospital following a short illness. Further details re funeral arrangements to follow.

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

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: iandj390@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.

Llangasty Quiet Weekend 2026. 'God's Abundant Love' led by Rosa Speyer – **Friday 13th - Sunday 15th February 2026.** Booking Forms with information will be available at the end of November. or if you wish to secure a place now, please contact Cherry on 01531 660261 or email cherryvabt@gmail.com

**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