



**THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
ADVENT SUNDAY**

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

**10.00am Parish Communion**

**Services to be led by Rev'd Michael Gallagher**

Services in the church building and streamed live on the website

[www.stmichaelsledbury.org](http://www.stmichaelsledbury.org)

then available later on video

**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

**10.00am Parish Communion led by Bishop Richard**

**6.30pm Town Carol Service with Brass Band and Choir**

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Facebook – The church's facebook page: [fb.me/stmichaelsledbury](https://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 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025:

*Advent Sunday*

**Old Testament Reading:**

**Isaiah 2: 1 – 5**

<sup>1</sup> The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it <sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go the law and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

**New Testament Reading:**

**Romans 13: 11 – 14**

<sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

<sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**Gospel Reading:**

**Matthew 24: 36 – 44**

<sup>36</sup>But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup>For as were the days of Noah,

so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark <sup>39</sup>and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

<sup>40</sup>Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left.

<sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left.

<sup>42</sup>Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and

would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

#### COLLECT

Almighty God, as Your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet You in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of Your Son our Lord; that, when He shall appear He may not find us sleeping in sin but active in His service and joyful in His praise; 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 Linton [annielinton@gmail.com](mailto:annielinton@gmail.com) and to (cc) [churchwardens@stmichaelsledbury.org](mailto:churchwardens@stmichaelsledbury.org)

**Please begin your subject line with Pewsheets.**

**Sunday parking** is for Blue Badge holders only. Town car parks 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](mailto:val.houghton1@btinternet.com)).

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

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

#### 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 St 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](mailto:churchwardens@stmichaelsledbury.org) It's not difficult and support is available!

In clearing out the vestry for the organ work we found two new, boxed, unassisted Ikea uplighters. They are in the Chapter House and you are welcome to take them if you can use them in return for a suitable donation to the church. They are about £19 in IKEA.

We have had the sad news that Barbara Price who worshipped at St Michael's with her late husband Rev'd David Price for several years, has sadly passed away. Further details re funeral arrangements to follow.

**Giving Tree:** A Christmas tree is now in church and decorated with labels, representing 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).** **Please do not leave gifts by the Tree during the week.** The gifts are distributed during the week before Christmas as a gift from St Michael's or members of other churches in Ledbury; Recipients are determined by Ledbury Primary School and Ledbury Community Hospital.

**Advent Books.** Do have a look on the bookstall for a small selection of books which will help you through the Advent season. There are also some Christmas books for children. Recommended is "God's Book" by Andrew Ollerton. It comes highly recommended and describes itself as an "honest look at the Bible's toughest topics". Bear Grylls says "Wise answers to challenging questions. Hugely helpful". Do have a look.

**Christmas Day Lunch.** Do you know anyone who may be on their own on Christmas Day? Please tell them about the lunch held at the Baptist church, Ledbury. Transport is available and we can assure them of a warm welcome, delicious meal and good company. The telephone number to book a place is via Clare on 637374. There is an answerphone and Clare will respond.

## Dates for your Diary

**Coffee Stop Friday 5 December 10am - 12 noon.** Coffee stop - an informal time 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.**

**Praying Litter Pickers Saturday 6 December.** We will meet at **11 am** on the Recreation Car Park and pray together and collect litter in the recreation grounds. At 12.30 pm we will go to The New Market Café for warmth and refreshments, anyone who would like to join us for coffee and chat are welcome. We will each pay for our own refreshments.

For Christian witness by those in good voice, there will be **carol singing** in the town by church members, (carol sheets provided). **Friday 5 Dec starting at 5pm** at Café Mews Bouche in Homend Mews. This is the Ledbury late shopping evening. **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 5pm** in Co-op entrance lobby New Street

### **Parish Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 10 December 2025**

We have provisionally reserved 30 places for a traditional Christmas lunch at The Hop Pocket on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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: [ijandj390@gmail.com](mailto:ijandj390@gmail.com). With 'Xmas Lunch' in the heading. If you don't do emails, please call him on 01531 637376. Car sharing can be sorted if you need a lift.

LUMOS Experience, **Saturday December 27th.** A string trio will be playing music from Mozart Eine Kleine Nachtmusik and Vivaldi's Four Seasons surrounded by Candlelight. There are 2 sittings 5 - 6pm and 7 - 8pm. Tickets from: [www.lumos-experiences.com](http://www.lumos-experiences.com).

**Llangasty Quiet Weekend 2026.** 'God's Abundant Love' led by Rosa Speyer – **Friday 13 - Sunday 15 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](mailto:cherryvabt@gmail.com)

**We pray for:** Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S<sup>t</sup> Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S<sup>t</sup> 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