



**THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

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

**8am BCP Communion to be held in St Katherine's Chapel  
Service to be led by Bill MacKenzie**

**10.00am Parish Communion  
Service to be led by Bishop Richard**

**6:30 Town Carol Service**

Services in the church building and streamed live on the website

[www.stmichaelsledbury.org](http://www.stmichaelsledbury.org)  
then available later on video

**SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**8am BCP Communion to be held in St Katherine's Chapel  
Service to be led by William Simmonds**

**10.00am Morning Worship**

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Facebook – The church's facebook page: [fb.me/stmichaelsledbury](https://fb.me/stmichaelsledbury) –

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Readings for 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025:

*Advent II*

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 11: 1 – 10**

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what His eyes see, or decide disputes by what His ears hear, <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness He shall judge the poor and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth and with the breath of His lips He shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of His waist and faithfulness the belt of His loins.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples — of Him shall the nations enquire and His resting-place shall be glorious.

**New Testament Reading: Romans 15: 4 – 13**

<sup>4</sup>For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

<sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

<sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy.

As it is written, "Therefore I will praise You among the Gentiles and sing to Your name."

<sup>10</sup>And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people."

<sup>11</sup>And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles and let all the peoples extol Him."

<sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even He who arises to rule the Gentiles; in Him will the Gentiles hope."

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 3: 1 – 12**

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,

<sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." <sup>3</sup>For this is He who was spoken of by

the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight.'"

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt round his waist and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him <sup>6</sup>and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

<sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not presume to say to yourselves; 'We have Abraham as our father', for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>"I baptise you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in His hand and He will clear His threshing floor and gather His wheat into the barn, but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire."

## 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, unassembled 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 for several years, has sadly passed away. Barbara's funeral will take place on **Tuesday 9th December at 11.00am** at Eastnor Church, followed by refreshments in the Burgage Hall. Everyone is welcome.

**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.

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](mailto:annielindon@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 or 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 S<sup>t</sup> Katherine's Chapel**

**EASTNOR Services**  
on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11.15am.

**We pray for:** Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S<sup>t</sup> Michael and All Angels, Mtwarra 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	Andrew Broughton	Stephen Vicarage	Terry Dold
Georgina Hicks	Christabel Panter	Peter Tattersall	Ann Blandford

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

Lucy Orchard	Mary Parisipogola	Eileen Wall	
Jean Gabb	Olive Bramley	Jean Hosegood	Roy Mills
Glenda Dixon	Sandra Thomas	Ann Roberts	Val Hale
Bryan Turner	Richard Green	Barbara Price	Louis Lock

## Dates for your Diary

**Sunday 21 December 5:30 in St Michaels – traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols**

**Christmas Eve 4 pm Christingle service. A family orientated service to celebrate the light of Jesus**

It is much sorrow that we record the death on 27<sup>th</sup> November of Keith (Wilf) Francis, a long term member of our congregation at St Michaels until the last few years. Keith moved to the area in the 1970s and was a well-known member of the Ledbury community, being twice Mayor of the town and a stalwart of the local Silurian Morris Men. We understand he wished to have a private funeral.

For Christian witness by those in good voice, there will be **carol singing** in the town by church members, (carol sheets provided) on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 5pm** in Co-op entrance lobby New Street

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

We have reserved 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. If you would like to come but have not yet reserved a place please contact Ian Jame: [landj390@gmail.com](mailto:landj390@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)

**Ledbury Choral Society** A Celebration for Christmas 6pm **Saturday 13th December**. Refreshments from 5.30 pm. Tickets £16 from Ledbury Books & Maps or on the door. Under 18's free.