



THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**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 Rev'd William Simmonds

10.00am Morning Worship  
Service to be led by The Second Sunday Team

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

**SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8am BCP Communion to be held in St Katherine's Chapel  
Service to be led by Rev'd Joan Wakeling

10.00am Parish Communion  
Service to be led by the Venerable Derek Chedzey, Archdeacon of  
Hereford

5.50pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

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our website is: [www.stmichaelsledbury.org](http://www.stmichaelsledbury.org)

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

**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.

**Ledbury Primary School Christmas Concert** – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm in St Michael's. All are welcome to this event

**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.

## **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

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	Andrew Broughton	Stephen Vicarage	Terry Dold
Georgina Hicks	Christabel Panter	Peter Tattersall	

**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
	Ann Blandford	Barbara Meikle	

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35: 1 – 10**

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup>And a highway shall be there and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. <sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy and sorrow and sighing shall flee away

**New Testament Reading: James 5: 7 – 11**

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brethren, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brethren, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 11: 2 – 11**

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples

<sup>3</sup>and said to Him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?"

<sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see:

<sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear and the dead are raised up and the poor have good news preached to them.

<sup>6</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John:

"What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

<sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing?

Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

<sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see?

A prophet? Yes, I tell you and more than a prophet.

<sup>10</sup>This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you."

<sup>11</sup>Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist.

Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

**Collect for Third Sunday of Advent**

O Lord Jesus Christ,

Who at your first coming sent your messenger

to prepare your way before you:

grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries

may likewise so prepare and make ready your way

by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just

that at your second coming to judge the world

we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;

for you are alive and reign with the Father

in the unity of the Holy Spirit

one God, now and for ever

**Post Communion Prayer**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;

kindle in us the fire of your Spirit

that when your Christ comes again

we may shine as lights before his face;

who is alive and reigns now and for ever