



**THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS  
HOLY INNOCENTS**

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

**10am Parish Communion**

Services in the church building and streamed live on the website

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

then available later on video

**SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026  
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

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

**10am Parish Communion**

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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 28th December 2025: *Holy Innocents*

**Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31: 15 – 17**

<sup>15</sup> Thus says the LORD: "A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more." <sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD: "Keep your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears, for there is a reward for your work, declares the LORD, and they shall come back from the land of the enemy. <sup>17</sup> There is hope for your future, declares the LORD, and your children shall come back to their own country.

**New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 26 – 29**

<sup>26</sup> Consider your calling, brethren: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> And because of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 2: 13 – 18**

<sup>13</sup> Now when [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and His mother and flee to Egypt and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy Him." <sup>14</sup> And he rose and took the child and His mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." <sup>16</sup> Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: <sup>18</sup> "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

## COLLECT

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family,

and draw us into Your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help Your Church to live as one family united in love and obedience and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**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](mailto:annielindon@gmail.com) and to (cc) [churchwardens@stmichaelsledbury.org](mailto:churchwardens@stmichaelsledbury.org) **Please begin your subject line with *Pewsheet*.**

**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.**

## 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!

Please note, the next **Thursday prayers** will be on the **Thursday 8 January 2026.**

## Dates for your Diary

**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:**

Jean Gabb	Olive Bramley	Jean Hosegood	Val Hale
Glenda Dixon	Sandra Thomas	Ann Roberts	Louis Lock
Bryan Turner	Richard Green	Barbara Price	Ann Blandford
Barbara Meikle			