



**THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026  
BAPTISM OF CHRIST  
FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

**8am BCP Communion  
Led by Rev'd Bill MacKenzie**

**10am Morning Worship**

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

**SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

**8am BCP Communion  
Led by Rev'd William Simmonds**

**10am Parish Communion  
Led by Bishop Richard**

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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 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026:

*The Baptism of Christ*

**Old Testament Reading:**

**Isaiah 42: 1 – 9**

<sup>1</sup>Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up His voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed He will not break and a faintly burning wick He will not quench; He will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged till He has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for His law. <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the former things have come to pass and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

**New Testament Reading:**

**Acts 10: 34 – 43**

<sup>34</sup>So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised Him on the third day and caused Him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name."

## Gospel Reading:

## Matthew 3: 13 – 17

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptised by him.

<sup>14</sup>John would have prevented Him, saying, “I need to be baptised by You and do You come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptised, immediately He went up from the water and behold! the heavens were opened to Him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; <sup>17</sup>and behold! a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

## COLLECT

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed Him to be Your Son anointing Him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as Your adopted children; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all time and eternity, You opened the heavens and revealed Yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus Your beloved Son: by the power of Your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## 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 Dodd  
Peter Tattersall Christabel Panter

**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 Alison Williams

**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.

## SERVICES

### LEDBURY Services

**8am Sunday BCP Communion held in church**

**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

**February 14, 9.30 – 12.30 Church spring clean.** Bring your own dusters, brushes and brooms and sense of humour. Refreshments provided - more details from the wardens

**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)

## Notices

### **Christmas Lunch 2025**

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's lunch such a happy day. Thanks to those who gave financial donations, those who gave food and drink, those who cooked in advance, those who made flower decorations and thanks to The Feathers and Tesco who gave us Christmas puddings and all the vegetables.

On the day thanks to those who organised and transported our guests and delivered them safely home and for the entertainment between courses. We were about 42 in number of guests and helpers. Thank you to all our helpers who cooked on the day, served on the day and welcomed and looked after our guests. All went home with Christmas cake for their tea. This is a joint effort by a large team and a great thing to be part of. Happy New Year to all. Maggie

**Vanessa Skelton** has kindly agreed to take on producing the intercessions rota. This is a very important ministry within the church, if you feel you would like to join the rota please have a word with Vanessa.