



**THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**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**

**17:30 Choral Evensong  
Led by Rev'd Val Tait**

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

then available later on video

**SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

**8am BCP Communion  
Led by Rev'd Michael Gallagher**

**10:30am  
Joint Service of Christian Unity  
St Michaels**

Readings for 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026:

*Epiphany II*

**Old Testament Reading:**

**Isaiah 49: 1 – 7**

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand He hid me; He made me a polished arrow; in His quiver He hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have laboured in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD and my recompense with my God." <sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says; He who formed me from the womb to be His servant, to bring Jacob back to Him and that Israel might be gathered to Him— for I am honoured in the eyes of the LORD and my God has become my strength— <sup>6</sup>He says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." <sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and His Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

**New Testament Reading:**

**1 Corinthians 1: 1 – 9**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus and our brother Sosthenes; <sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge <sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Gospel Reading: John 1: 29 – 42

<sup>29</sup>The next day [John The Baptist] saw Jesus coming towards him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is He of whom I said ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because He was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know Him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that He might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove and it remained on Him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptise with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He who baptises with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” <sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as He walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to Him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where He was staying and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

### COLLECT

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to Your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of glory, You nourish us with Your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with Your Holy Spirit that through us the light of Your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of 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 Colin MacKenzie

**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

## 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.**

**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.

## Notices

**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.

**Consultation Meeting 31 January 10:00 to 12:30 in** the Burgage Hall, Church Lane. As part of the process of selecting our new incumbent the PCCs of Ledbury and Eastnor are seeking the views of interested people and groups within the town on the needs of the town, how these two churches should move forward to meet these needs, and what qualities we might look for in our new incumbent. The meeting will be chaired by the Ven Derek Chedzey, Archdeacon of Hereford. We hope you will be able to attend and share in the discussion.

**Coffee Stop Friday 6th February 10am - 12 noon.** Come and join us 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.**

## 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)

**The Lent Lunches** will be held at **12noon to 2pm** on the following dates:  
**25 February -** Richard & Frances Nightingale, 26 Bramley Close. Tel 01531 635301

**5th March** St Katherine's Hall Sonia Bowen. Tel 07878 173919

**7 March -** The Roman Catholic Church, New Street. Christine Walters. Tel 07816 09951

**19 March -** Methodist Church. 4A Bye St. Gillian Chowns. Tel 01531 634896

These are to raise funds for Christian Aid