



**THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**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 at  
St Michaels**

Services in the church building are often streamed live on the website

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

**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2026  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY  
CANDLEMASS**

**8am BCP Communion  
Led by Rev'd Bill MacKenzie  
Mary Anne Keyes Preaching.**

**10:30am  
Parish Communion  
Led by Rev'd Bill MacKenzie  
Mary Anne Keyes Preaching.**

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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 Readings for 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026:

*Epiphany III*

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9: 1 – 4**

<sup>1</sup>But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time He brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time He has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation; You have increased its joy; they rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of his burden and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10 – 18**

<sup>10</sup>I [Paul] appeal to you, brethren by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brethren. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul", or "I follow Apollos", or "I follow Cephas", or "I follow Christ." <sup>13</sup>Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptised none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one may say that you were baptised in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptise also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptised anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the gospel and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 4: 12 – 25**

<sup>12</sup>When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee. <sup>13</sup>And leaving Nazareth He went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup>"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — <sup>16</sup>the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." <sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." <sup>18</sup>While walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And He said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. <sup>21</sup>Going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father,

mending their nets and He called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him. <sup>23</sup>And [Jesus] went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. <sup>24</sup>So His fame spread throughout all Syria and they brought Him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics and paralytics; and He healed them. <sup>25</sup>Great crowds followed Him from Galilee and the Decapolis and from Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan.

### COLLECT

God of all mercy Your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with Your Holy Spirit and set all Your people free to praise You in Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world, may Your people, illuminated by Your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of His glory, that He may be known, worshipped and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for He is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**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  
Colin MacKenzie

## SERVICES

### LEDBURY Services

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

**10am Sunday Parish Communion held in church (Except 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Morning Worship)**

**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.

**The Flower Guild** is responsible for arranging flowers in the church at festivals times – Easter, Patronal, Harvest and Christmas. Previously, we maintained a rota for a fortnightly pedestal at the north door. However, due to the small number of members, this has now ceased. We are keen to re-instate this arrangement, and invite new members to join us. No experience is necessary - just a keenness to learn and enjoy flowers! If you have a well-stocked garden, or can help with a particular event, we'd love to hear from you too.

Please contact Chris Lynch, Flower Guild Coordinator for more details:  
[Chris.lynch54@btinternet.com](mailto:Chris.lynch54@btinternet.com) or phone 01531 670037/mobile 07794934091.

Thank you

## Dates for your Diary

**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 Rev'd Derek Chedzey, Archdeacon of Hereford. We hope you will be able to attend and share in the discussion.

**LEAF - Charity Quiz Night in aid of LEAF** on **Sunday 1 February 7pm** at the Oak Inn at Staplow. £5.00 per head to book call 01531 640954

**Wed 4 Feb 2026, 2.30pm: 75 minute Tour of the bell tower.** The general tour of the tower includes the history of the tower, major work carried out the bells and about the art of bell ringing. Maximum number 20. Places must be booked in advance. ([thkeyes28@hotmail.com](mailto:thkeyes28@hotmail.com) / 07577 720154). Tickets £5.00 / £4.00 for members.

**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.

**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)

**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

**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

**Saturday 7 March 2026, 7.00pm: Quiz Night and supper.** St Katherine's Hall. Teams of 6 (max). Bring your own drink. Supper provided. Tickets £14.00 must be purchased in advance. ([thkeyes28@hotmail.com](mailto:thkeyes28@hotmail.com) / 07577 720154)