THEPARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

Worshipping God,
Following Jesus,
Sharing His Love

SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER
The Second Sunday before Advent

8:00am BCP Communion
Led by Revd Bill MacKenzie

10:00am Parish Communion &
Baptism Led by Revd Bill MacKenzie

5:30pm Choral Evensong
Led by Val Tait

SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER
The Sunday Next Before Advent

8:00am BCP Communion
Led by The Revd Sarah Hillman

10:30am Joint Benefice Service
Led by The Revd Sarah Hillman

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Our website is:
www.stmichaelsledbury.org
Facebook – The church's facebook page: fb.me/stmichaelsledbury – Do have a look, like, follow and participate.

Please provide information for our weekly pew sheet by Wednesday each week. Thank you. Please email to churchwardens@stmichaelsledbury.org and admin@stmichaelsledbury.org

Sunday parking is for Blue Badge holders only.

Pastoral Care. The Pastoral Team consists of: Sue Cooper, Sue Simpson, Richard Nightingale and Val Houghton. If you have any Pastoral issues, or help is needed then please contact Val Houghton. (val.houghton1@btinternet.com).

Prayer Chain. Please let Val or one of the wardens know if you would like to receive prayer chain messages If you have a request for prayer please use the same contacts.

Repairs and maintenance queries should be directed to Andrew Beech.

SERVICES

LEDBURY Services
8am Sunday BCP Communion

10am Sunday Parish Communion (2nd Sunday Morning Worship)
Prayer Is available after the 10am Service in St Anne's Chapel

Thursday 7am and midday prayers in church

Friday 10.30am Holy Communion in St Katherine's Chapel

Third Sunday Choral Evensong 5.30pm

EASTNOR Services on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11.15am

NOTICES

Please send any items for the Pew sheet to churchwardens@stmichaelsledbury.org and admin@stmichaelsledbury.org.

Flower Guild. Over recent years, the Flower Guild at St Michaels has reduced in numbers. Chris Lynch, who leads the group and Gill Romanowski plan to step down at the end of this year thus leaving only 2 members. We would like to thank both Chris and Gill for their many years of quiet, devoted service. Before she goes, Chris is keen to pass on her knowledge and experience to others so that the Flower Guild can rebuild.
If you, or someone you know, would like to get involved with the flowers in church, whether in learning how to arrange flowers, providing flowers or foliage from the garden or contributing financially to the Flower Guild, please contact Chris on 07794 934 091 or email her at chris.lynch54@btinternet.com. Both men and women are welcome. There will be a meeting on 23 November at 10:30am in the Chapter House to plan the way forward.

Advance notice – Morning Service on 22nd November will be a joint benefice service with Eastnor to celebrate the arrival of our new Rector. The service will be at the later time of 10:30 and take place in St Michael's.

WE PRAY FOR:

Our link CMS Mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners and Hereford Diocesan Links with Tanzania.

The new Rector –The Rev Sarah Hillman

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.
David Hicks Tony Harris Ian James Christabel Panter David Wall

We remember those who have died and pray for those who mourn their passing:
Andrew Broughton Mary Cooper Joyce Mason Barbara Morris Roger Jackman Jan James Elizabeth Watson

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 18th November at 6.30pm A short reflective service to remember the last day of the Battle of the Somme. More soldiers from the county were killed that day with three men from Ledbury losing their lives. After the short reflective service, we go down to the War Memorial to lay sprigs of Rosemary for remembrance.

Charity Concert Friday 20th November 7.30pm
Pavilion Rooms, Ledbury Rugby Club.
Bromyard Wind Band will present an evening of music and songs from films and musicals, including Les Misérables. Founded in Bromyard in the 1980s, the band recently celebrated its 40th anniversary and now has 42 brass, woodwind and percussion players from Herefordshire and surrounding counties—promising a fabulous concert!
Tickets are £10 from Kevin and Ruth Hewison or Three Counties Bookshop. Phone 07973 964885 or email khbandtickets@gmail.com.
Parking, bar and raffle available. All profits go to St Michaels for future building improvements.

Saturday 28th November, Advent Quiet Day The annual joint churches Advent Quiet Day will take place, hosted by Holy Trinity Church and led by Father Thomas Regan. Details nearer the time.

Wednesday 9th December 5 - 6pm Christmas performance by Suckley Primary School and members of Cradley Singers: Christmas songs, carols and audience participation! All welcome.

The last of our Thursday talks for this season is on **Thursday 19th November**, when Hilary Norris, Director of Music at Leominster Priory will speak on 'Celestial Spheres-Music as a liturgical vehicle for doctrine.' The talk will be illustrated with music and therefore will take place in the church. It will start with coffee at the earlier time of 5:00.

FRENCH CHORAL SPLENDOURS Poulenc Gloria, Verne Messe Solennelle Ledbury Choral Society
Saturday November 28th at 7.30 pm St. Michael's & All Angels Church, Ledbury

Readings for 15th November 2026: Second Sunday before Advent
An Old Testament Reading from: Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18

7Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests. 12At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who
are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do ill.' 13Their goods
shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though
they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." 14The great day of the Lord is near, near and
hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. 15A day of wrath is
that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of
clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the
lofty battlements. 17I will bring distress on mankind, so that they shall walk like the blind, because they have

sinned against the Lord; their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. [18]Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them on the day of the wrath of the Lord. In the fire of his jealousy, all the earth shall be consumed; for a full and sudden end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

A New Testament Reading from: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

[1]Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. [4]But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. [5]For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. [6]So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. [7]For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A Reading from the Gospel of: Matthew 28: 16-20

[16]Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. [17]And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. [18]And Jesus came and said to them "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19]Go therefore and make disciples of nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20]teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

COLLECT

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen