



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



CHRIST THE KING

Sunday 26th November 2017

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
(Led by The Revd Bill Mackenzie)
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
(Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
Preacher The Revd Bill Mackenzie)
- 11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion
(Led by Revd Joan Wakeling)
- 4.00pm The 4 o'clock Worship Service
(Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
and The Revd Tony Hodder)

Church Diary for the week ahead

Mon 27 th November	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship at Pool Barn
Thurs 30 th November	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S ^t Anne's)
Friday 31 st November	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
	10.30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 3rd December FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 10.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
- 6.30pm Light up a Life Service (for S^t Michael's Hospice)

If you are new here, please fill in one of the blue welcome cards located at the end of each pew so that you can receive information about church activities. Yellow Gift Aid envelopes are available at the end of each pew and at the back of the church. There is a Hearing Loop in this Church. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask one of the Sidespeople.

Service Times and lectionary readings can be found posted in the church porch and on the church website www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk under the 'Services' section.

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Readings for 26th November 2017:

Christ The King

First Reading: Ezekiel 34: 7 – 24

⁷“Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:

⁸As I live, declares the Lord GOD, surely because my sheep have become a prey and my sheep have become food for all the wild beasts, since there was no shepherd and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves and have not fed my sheep, ⁹therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ¹⁰Thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, I am against the shepherds and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep. No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed and I will bind up the injured and I will strengthen the weak and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

¹⁷“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 15 – 22

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power towards us who believe, according to

the working of His great might ²⁰that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And He put all things under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 31 – 46

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in His glory and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. ³²Before Him will be gathered all the nations and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And He will place the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left.

³⁴Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’

³⁷Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

⁴¹“Then He will say to those on His left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’

⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’

⁴⁵Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’

⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

COLLECT

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that He might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep Your Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace and bring the whole created order to worship at His feet; who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people; that they, bountifully bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by You be abundantly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We pray for:

) Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners Victor & Mary Parisipogula, and S^t Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S^t John the Baptist Church, Likonde.

Those who are sick:

Dean Jackson Sheila Anthony Pauline (Eastnor) Phil Sykes
Valerie Clark Margaret Riley

We remember those who have died and pray for those who mourn their passing:

Bob Hayden Andrew Pickup

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 2nd December 10.30am until 3.30pm - Advent Quiet Day. Waiting for God, led by the Revd Michael Gallagher at Holy Trinity Church Hall, New Street, Ledbury.

Saturday 2nd December at 7.00pm - Ledbury Choral Society A Christmas Fantasia. Tickets from Ledbury Books & Maps or members of the society £10. To include Vaughan Williams, Pearsall, Bach, Mozart and your well-loved Christmas anthems and hymns.

Sunday 3rd December from 2.30pm – 5.00pm Community Advent Party at Ledbury Community Hall, Lawnside Road, Ledbury. Advent, crafts, games, carols, bring and share tea. All children to be accompanied by adults. Helpers needed. If you would like to attend or help, please contact Jill on 01531 635129.

Sunday 3rd December 6:30pm - Light Up A Life.

Wednesday 13th December - Church Christmas Lunch at Three Shires Garden Centre. Please add your name to the list at the back of church if you would like to come. Further details from Sue Simpson.

Sunday 16th December from 7.30pm Choral Concert of Christmas Music with the celebrated Bath Chorus. Free Admission with a retiring collection for the work of S^t Michael's in the community.

Sunday 17th December 6:30pm – Town Carol Service

Sunday 21st January 2018 10:30am – Service of Christian Unity

February 9th-11th 2018 Llangasty Quiet Weekend. This is a reminder that The Llangasty Weekend is coming up again at the beginning of next year. Revd Elizabeth Reed will be the speaker and the theme she has chosen is “Blessings”. Further details from Cherry Bentley-Taylor 660261 Email: cherry@bently-taylor.com

Saturday 3rd March 2018 Church Awayday at Pool Barn, Priors Court. The LMDG is organising a Church awayday. The Revd. Dr. John Daniels will be leading the day. If you are interested, please put this in your diary.

2018 Lent Lunches. Raising funds for a school bus for kindergarten children in Mtwara. **Saturday 24th February** at Ashperton Village Hall and **Thursday 22nd March** at S^t Katherine's Hall More dates to follow. We hope to raise £1000, watch this space.

Saturday 14th April 2018 – Advance Notice. The Ledbury Choral Society present Bob Chilcott's *Requiem*. see www.ledburychoral.btck.co.uk

NOTICES

Tower Illuminations this week are sponsored by Sue Simpson.

The new list of dates for sponsoring the tower lighting is now available at the back of church. Thank you to all who signed up for this year. If you have not paid the sponsorship money, please give it to a churchwarden.

Young Church: The theme today is "Judgement Call".

Next Sunday will be Advent Children's Worship with The Revd Tony Hodder.

Christmas Cards! Stop!

Before you rush out and buy lots of Christmas cards for your friends at St Michael's, remember that you can put a single card for all your friends on the board in the church. Think of the time you will save! And the money! You might like to give this to the two charities which have been chosen by the church by putting it in the container which will be at the back of the church from the beginning of December, **The Friends of St Michael's** and **Ledbury Community Action** which runs Dial a Ride and provides mobility vehicles and community transport for the town.

TODAY we shall be taking orders for your Bible reading notes for 2018. Please see Bill or Maggie at coffee time to put in your order. Thank you.

Magazine. The December/January edition is now available. If you feel that there is someone who would appreciate a copy but does not come to church, please take a copy for them. The February copy will be compiled by Brian Bowers and contributions should be sent to him by 15th January. Contact details - by Email at blizbowers.10@gmail.com or by phone at 631306.

Food Bank: we are holding our AGM on **Wednesday November 29th** at 7pm in S^t Katherine's Hall. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served. A huge "Thank you!" to all who have so generously given us food and donations, and to those of you who have worked so hard. Without all of you and your gifts and help we could not keep feeding those in need. We need your feedback and comments, about getting more donations, more volunteers and more food; even more important is how do we reach those in need who have yet to visit us. All are welcome.

Thursday Group: a new small group will be meeting on Thursdays at 10.30am in the **Chapter House**, to look at the Bible, pray together and share general fellowship; anybody is welcome. It is being led by Joe and Chrissie Chipper and will meet on 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. If you are interested in coming along, talk to Joe, Chrissie or David Kirkham.

Intercessions. The rota for January to June 2018 will be prepared shortly. There is always room for additional folk who would like to contribute to our regular Sunday worship in this way. If there is anybody not currently on the rota who would like to be included in future, please speak to Tony Goodall, or contact him on 635480 or gtonygoodall@aol.com.

DRIVERS ROTA - I'm delighted the Rota is now well established and has nearly completed its first year, thanks to our willing volunteers. This coming year I would like to enable

passengers to attend **EVERY** Sunday. Could you be one of those to fill a gap? More details in the November Magazine, or by ringing Hilary Sharp 01531 631972.

PCC Charitable donations review: Each year the PCC considers a list of charities put forward for the distribution of approximately 10% of its income to good causes. Last year it was decided to allocate a part of this sum for consultation to include the congregation, so I am asking you to contact either Ian James or Christabel Panter, with any suggestions. Basically, we are looking for charities that follow Christian principles of supporting the elderly, the poor and needy of society locally or worldwide. In particular we hope to find charities where a personal relationship exists via a member of our congregation and where greatest value for money is achieved.

Please let us have your suggestions. Ian James (iandj39@talktalk.net)

Traidcraft stall: Elizabeth Bendle will be running her Traidcraft stall next Sunday 3rd December after the 10.30am service.

Giving Tree – This will be launched on **TODAY**, a week before Advent Sunday, to allow time for gifts for local families, the elderly etc. to be brought in and distributed by the Health Visiting Team, Ledbury Primary School and to be taken to the Community Hospital and Ledbury Nursing Home

The Travelling Crib will begin its journey on Advent Sunday. The list will be at the back of the Church.

Information relating to both of these will be by the Giving Tree and at the back of the Church or see Jill in Young Church for further information.