



## THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday 10th December 2017

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion  
(Led by *The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry  
(Led by *The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*  
*Preacher Brian Bowers*)
- 11.15am *Eastnor Baptism Service*  
(Led by *The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*  
and *The Revd Tony Hodder*)

#### Church Diary for the week ahead

Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> December	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship at Ledbury Baptist Church
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> December	6.45pm for 7pm	Evening Prayer Service, S <sup>t</sup> Anne Chapel
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> December	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S <sup>t</sup> Anne's)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S <sup>t</sup> Anne's Chapel
	10.30am	Holy Communion, S <sup>t</sup> Katherine's Chapel

### Next Sunday 17th December 2017 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
- 6.30pm Town Carol Service

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](http://www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk) under the 'Services' section.

**Facebook – The church has a facebook page:**

[fb.me/stmichaelsledbury](https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsledbury) – take a look, like and participate

**Twitter** – If you use Twitter do sign-up to S. Michael's twitter account: @LedburyParish

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Readings for 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017:

*Second Sunday of Advent*

#### First Reading: Psalm 85

- <sup>1</sup> LORD, You were favourable to your land; You restored the fortunes of Jacob.  
<sup>2</sup> You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin. Selah  
<sup>3</sup> You withdrew all Your wrath; You turned from Your hot anger.  
<sup>4</sup> Restore us again, O God of our salvation and put away Your indignation towards us!  
<sup>5</sup> Will You be angry with us for ever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?  
<sup>6</sup> Will You not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in You?  
<sup>7</sup> Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD and grant us Your salvation.  
<sup>8</sup> Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.  
<sup>9</sup> Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.  
<sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.  
<sup>11</sup> Faithfulness springs up from the ground and righteousness looks down from the sky.  
<sup>12</sup> Yes, the LORD will give what is good and our land will yield its increase.  
<sup>13</sup> Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way.

#### Second Reading: Romans 10:13 – 15

- <sup>13</sup>For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."  
<sup>14</sup>How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

#### Gospel Reading: Luke 1: 8 – 23

- <sup>8</sup>Now while [Zechariah] was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, <sup>9</sup>according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. <sup>10</sup>The whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. <sup>11</sup>And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup>And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. <sup>13</sup>But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son and you shall call his name John. <sup>14</sup>And you will have joy and gladness and many will rejoice at his birth, <sup>15</sup>for he will be great before the Lord. He must not drink wine or strong drink and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. <sup>16</sup>He will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God <sup>17</sup>and he will go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord, a people prepared."  
<sup>18</sup>Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man and my wife is advanced in years." <sup>19</sup>And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news.  
<sup>20</sup>And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time."

<sup>21</sup>The people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. <sup>22</sup>And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them and they realised that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. <sup>23</sup>And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

### COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, Your power and come among us and with great might succour us; so that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, Your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven, who sent Your Son to redeem the world and will send Him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate Him in the humility and purity of His first coming that, when He comes again, we may be ready to greet Him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### We pray for:

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

### Those who are sick:

Dean Jackson	Sheila Anthony	Pauline (Eastnor)	Margaret Riley
Valerie Clark	Steve Taylor		

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

Bob Hayden	Andrew Pickup	Barbara Bush	Kath Mowbray
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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 9am-12noon.** Church clean-up for Christmas to ensure all pews and surrounding areas are free of dust and cobwebs! There is a list at the back of church showing areas covered: there are still some gaps to fill. Brian Bowers.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>t</sup> Michael's in the community.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 6:30pm – Town Carol Service**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 4.30pm Carol Singing:** Young Church and members of the congregation who would like to attend will be carol singing, accompanied by Phillip Holland and hopefully his accordion, with residents of Harling Court and Born Court from 4.30 pm. Speak to Jill in Young Church for more information or ring on 01531 635129.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 4:00pm – Christingle Service**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 11:30pm – Midnight Communion**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018 10:30am – Service of Christian Unity**

**February 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:cherry@bently-taylor.com)

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> February** at Ashperton Village Hall, **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March** at New House Farm, Pultev. **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** at S<sup>t</sup> Katherine's Hall and **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** at 26 Pound

## NEW VENUE

**Ecumenical Worship** on Monday evenings at 8.00pm will now take place at Ledbury Baptist Church from this **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. All very welcome.

## NOTICES

**Tower Illuminations** this week are sponsored by Doll Tow.

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:** today there will be Advent Children's Worship with The Revd Tony Hodder. Next week the children will be rehearsing for Christingle and Christmas morning.

**Thank you** to all who prepared shoeboxes for Christmas Child. They joined 6883 which have gone to Romania from Hereford. May they bring joy. Margaret Young

**Advent Banners:** Many thanks to Julia, Heather, Sandra, Liz, Cecelia, Margaret, Brian and Keith for all your various help. Much appreciated. The unforced error is now corrected! Well spotted those who realised 30 meant 31!!! Now for your next puzzle: Can you guess who, under the date flaps, will be featured each week of this 'Behold!' sermon series? ... No sneak peeks!!!

**Advent Party:** A huge thank you to all of those who helped, attended and supported this event in many different ways, especially the Baptist Church. Over 50 children and parents/carers attended and it was a great piece of joint working between churches. Everyone had an enjoyable and fun time.

### **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.

**Stamps raise money** – a reminder to please put all and any used stamps from the Christmas cards you receive into the box at the back of the church. These and other 'collectibles' raise a lot of money for the work of the Leprosy Mission each year.

**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.

**Thursday Group:** a new small group meets on **the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month 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 next this **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. If you are interested in coming along, talk to Joe, Chrissie or David Kirkham.

**Intercessions.** The rota for the first half of 2018 has now been distributed to intercessors, by email where known, otherwise in pigeon holes. Please would you check that you have received your copy. Any problems, please let Tony Goodall know (635480).

**Stair Lift For Sale** suitable for a straight staircase. £950 to include the cost of installation. Please contact Betty Jefferies on 636105 if interested.

**Giving Tree** – If you have not been able to bring your gift back in today please speak to Jill in Young Church or 01531 635129. Gifts can be taken to Jill in the Town Council Offices in Church Lane, **by Tuesday 12 December 2017 at the latest**, to allow time for gifts for local families, the elderly etc. to be distributed by the Primary School, the Health Visiting Team and to be given to the Community Hospital and Ledbury Nursing Home.

**The Travelling Crib** - It would be lovely if the Travelling Crib could visit as many homes/organisations as possible in Ledbury during December and for the list to be full. If you are not sure what the Travelling Crib is about speak to Jill or another member of Young Church. The sign up list is at the back of the Church with accompanying information. Children in local nurseries are currently enjoying having the crib with them.