



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY Sunday 14th January 2018

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
(Led by *The Revd James Stewart*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
(Led by *The Revd William Simmonds*
Preacher: *The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*)
- 11.15am *Eastnor Parish Communion*
(Led by *The Revd Joan Wakeling*)

Church Diary for the week ahead

Monday	15 th January	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Thursday	18 th January	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S ^t Anne's)
		10.30am	Mother's Union Corporate Communion, S ^t Anne's Chapel
Friday	19 th January	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
		10.30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 21st January 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 10.30am Christian Unity Service
- 6.30pm Evensong

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.

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](https://twitter.com/LedburyParish)

Parish office: phone number: 01531 631531. **Email:** ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net

Readings for 14th January 2018: *Second Sunday of Epiphany*

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 1 – 11

¹Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli.

The word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

⁴Then the LORD called Samuel and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But [Eli] said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

⁶And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again."

⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. Again he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me."

Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down and if He calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'"

So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle."

Second Reading: Revelation 5: 1 – 10

¹I saw in the right hand of Him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it

⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.

⁵And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that He can open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And He went and took the scroll from the right hand of Him who was seated on the throne. ⁸When He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

⁹And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the scroll and to open its seals, for You were slain and by Your blood You ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation

¹⁰and You have made them a kingdom and priests to our God and they shall reign on the earth."

Gospel Reading: John 1: 43 – 51

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

Philip said to him, "Come and see."

⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards Him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael said to Him, "How do you know me?"

Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

⁵⁰Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree', do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

COLLECT

Almighty God, in Christ Jesus You make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of Your grace and in the renewal of our lives make known Your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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. **Amen.**

'Generous Living' starting Sunday 28th January; a series with accompanying notes and questions for small groups: Exploring 6 challenging suggestions about how we can live generous lives from the book of James.

Why not read the book of James, before and during the series?

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)	Margaret Riley
Valerie Clark	Steve Taylor		

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

Jean Watkins	Eileen Allsopp	Gisela Gardner	Jean Parson
John Miller	Philip Moss	Gladys Dolling	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 15th January – Organ Recital from 12.30pm-1.30pm. All very welcome.

Thursday 18th January – Mother's Union Corporate Communion at 10.30am, by followed by coffee and post-Christmas lunch at Nice Things. Today is the last day to give Lois your menu choice.

Wednesday 24th January – PCC Meeting from 7.30pm in the Chapter House.

Saturday 27th January – Men's Breakfast. 9:15am at the Seven Stars.

Friday 9th February – Quiz Evening at 7.00pm in aid of CAL at the Burgage Hall. Tickets will include a fish and chip supper and will cost £15.00. Each team will include 4 people. Tickets available from the CAL office (635339). Roger Gates (631844) or John Lindeck (631329). CAL is the voluntary organization which provides 'Dial-a-Ride' for Ledbury and surrounding villages and also supplies Community Transport including buses. Unfortunately it has been badly effected by local Government spending cuts and the continuation of these services is at risk.

Tuesday 13th February Pancake Party from 6.30pm. Further details from Sue Simpson 632989. Donations. Bring your own drink.

Wednesday 14th February Ash Wednesday
12:30pm Communion followed by soup lunch
7:30pm Communion with ashing (for those who wish)

Saturday 3rd March 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.

Sunday 11th March at 3pm. Come and enjoy a concert in aid of the Flower Festival given by **The Pax Singers.** Listen to light hearted music and numerous verse – all for £7.50 which will include a truly scrumptious tea! Tickets from Margaret Chapman 634707 or Maggie Mackenzie 579009 or on the door. Free entry for children under 16.

2018 Lent Lunches. Raising funds for a school bus for kindergarten children in Mtwara. **Saturday 24th February** at Ashperton Village Hall, **Friday 16th March** at New House Farm, Pultey, **Thursday 22nd March** at S^t Katherine's Hall and **Tuesday 26th March** at 26 Pound Meadow, Ledbury. 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

Young Church – Revd Tony Hodder will be leading Children's Worship this week and the theme of the session the following week is 'The Calling of the Disciples'.

Electoral Roll Revision: The Electoral roll is being revised between **11th February and 25th February 2018**. If you are already on the roll you do not need to do anything. If you would like to be on the roll, please see a church warden for a form. The roll is open to all who are baptised and over 16yrs old and are members of the Church of England. Being entered on the roll entitles you to take part in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Magazine. 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.

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.

Flower Festival 2018 Reminder – early bird tickets for £6 are only available until February 1st. If you would like to buy tickets please contact Margaret Chapman 634707.

Ecumenical Lent Study Groups : Please consider if you would like to join a small study group for **Lent (14 Feb thro to 29 March)**, joining Christians of other denominations? The material chosen this year is '**40 Stories of Hope**', recommended by Churches Together in Britain & Ireland. There is a sign-up sheet and flyers with more information on the table at the back of the church, asking you to indicate your availability and address, with contact details – please indicate if you are interested as soon as possible. In this way we will have some idea of where and when to arrange suitable locations in Ledbury, pending an opening gathering to finalise details in early February.