



# THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



## THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY Sunday 21st January 2018

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion  
(Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey)
- 10.30am Christian Unity Service  
(Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey  
and leaders from Ledbury Churches)
- 6.30pm Evensong  
(Led by The Very Revd Nick Bury)

### Church Diary for the week ahead

Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup> January	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Weds	24 <sup>th</sup> January	6.45pm for 7pm	Evening Prayer Service, S <sup>t</sup> Anne Chapel
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup> January	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S <sup>t</sup> Anne's)
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S <sup>t</sup> Anne's Chapel
		10.30am	Holy Communion, S <sup>t</sup> Katherine's Chapel

## Next Sunday 28th January 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
- 11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion
- 4.00pm The 4 o'clock 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

Parish office: phone number: 01531 631531. Email: [ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net](mailto:ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net)

Readings for 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018: *Third Sunday of Epiphany (Lectionary Readings)*

### First Reading: Psalm 128

<sup>1</sup>Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in His ways!

<sup>2</sup>You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands;

you shall be blessed and it shall be well with you.

<sup>3</sup>Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;

your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>The LORD bless you from Zion!

May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!

<sup>6</sup>May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!

### Second Reading: Revelation 19: 6 – 10

<sup>6</sup>Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. <sup>7</sup>Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His Bride has made herself ready; <sup>8</sup>it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure”—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

<sup>9</sup>And the angel said to me, “Write this:

Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.”

And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

<sup>10</sup>Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that!

I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus!

Worship God.” For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

### Gospel Reading: John 2: 1 – 11

<sup>1</sup>There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus also was invited to the wedding with His disciples. <sup>3</sup>When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants,

“Do whatever He tells you.”

<sup>6</sup>Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.”

And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>And He said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it.

<sup>9</sup>When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.”

<sup>11</sup>This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee and manifested His glory. And His disciples believed in Him.

## COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of Your saving presence: renew Your people with Your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by Your mighty power; 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

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may Your people, illumined 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.**

**'Generous Living' starting Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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<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)	Steve Taylor
Valerie Clark			

### 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	

## NOTICES

**Young Church** – the theme this week is 'The Calling of the Disciples'.

The theme next week 'Love Builds Up/Jesus the Healer'.

**Electoral Roll Revision:** The Electoral roll is being revised between **11<sup>th</sup> February and 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January** – **PCC Meeting** from **7.30pm** in the Chapter House.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January** – **Men's Breakfast**. **9:15am** at the Seven Stars.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January** – **"Come and Sing" workshop from 10am – 4.45pm** at Ledbury Parish Church. All singers are welcome, where you will be learning Monteverdi's Beatus Vir, and sections from Bob Chilcott's Requiem, finishing with a performance. Cost is £15, including loan of music and hot drinks. This is organised by Ledbury Choral Society.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February** (actual time to be confirmed – **A Safeguarding Training Session** in the Chapter House, organised by Jennifer Bury (Safeguarding Officer for St Michaels) and Bev Jones (Safeguarding Officer for Eastnor). Mandy Mcphee, Safeguarding Adviser at the Diocese of Hereford will be delivering the training. If you would like to attend please speak to Jennifer Bury 01531 636075 or Bev Jones 01531 636378 for more information'

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> February Pancake Party from 6.30pm**. Further details from Sue Simpson 632989. Donations. Bring your own drink.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February Ash Wednesday**

**12:30pm** Communion followed by soup lunch

**7:30pm** Communion with ashing (for those who wish)

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> February** at Ashperton Village Hall, **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March** at New House Farm, Pultey, **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** at S<sup>t</sup> Katherine's Hall and **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** at 26 Pound Meadow, Ledbury. More dates to follow. We hope to raise £1000, watch this space.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2018** – **Advance Notice**. The Ledbury Choral Society present Bob Chilcott's *Requiem*. see [www.ledburychoral.btck.co.uk](http://www.ledburychoral.btck.co.uk)