



# THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY Sunday 28th January 2018

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

### Church Diary for the week ahead

Monday 29th January	8.00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Thursday 1st February	7-12-7	Prayers (in The Choir Vestry at 7 & 7, 12 in S <sup>t</sup> Anne's)
Friday 2nd February	9.00am	Prayer Meeting, S <sup>t</sup> Anne's Chapel
	10.30am	Holy Communion, S <sup>t</sup> Katherine's Chapel

### Next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018 SEXAGESIMA

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 10.30am Baptism
- 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](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 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018: *Epiphany Four*

*Living Generously: 1*

### First Reading: *James 1: 22 – 27*

<sup>22</sup>Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

<sup>23</sup>For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup>For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. <sup>25</sup>But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

<sup>26</sup>If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

### Second Reading: *James 2: 14 – 26*

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled", without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

<sup>18</sup>But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works and I will show you my faith by my works.

<sup>19</sup>You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe — and shudder!

<sup>20</sup>Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless?

<sup>21</sup>Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar?

<sup>22</sup>You see that faith was active along with his works and faith was completed by his works;

<sup>23</sup>and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God and it was counted to him as righteousness" — and he was called a friend of God.

<sup>24</sup>You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. <sup>25</sup>And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? <sup>26</sup>

For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

### Gospel Reading: *John 15: 1 – 11*

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine dresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch in me that does not bear fruit He takes away and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

<sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned.

<sup>7</sup>If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love.

<sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be full.

### COLLECT

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all Your people, and reveal the knowledge of Your glory in the face of 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

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of Your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of Your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

**'Generous Living' starting TODAY; 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	

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Thursday 1st February – Mothers' Union, Market Theatre at 2.15pm.** Market Theatre. Launch of "Make a Mother's Day".

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - COFFEE STOP in the CHAPTER HOUSE -10- 12 noon.**  
A warm welcome to all.

**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).

**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.

## NOTICES

**Young Church** – the theme this 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.