



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



CHRIST THE KING Sunday 25th November 2018

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by The Revd Michael Gallagher
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
Preacher The Revd Michael Gallagher
- 11.15am Eastnor Baptism
Led by The Revd Joan Wakeling

Church Diary for the week ahead

Mon	26 th	November	8:00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Wed	28 th	November	6:45 for 7pm	Evening prayer/Compline, S ^t Anne's Chapel
Thurs	29 th	November	7-12-7	Prayers
Friday	30 th	November	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
			10:30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 2nd December 2018 ADVENT SUNDAY

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 10.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
- 6.30pm Light Up A Life

If you are new here, welcome. 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)

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Readings for 25th November 2018:

Christ The King

First Reading: Daniel 7: 9 – 14

⁹“As I looked, thrones were placed and the Ancient of Days took His seat; His clothing was white as snow and the hair of His head like pure wool; His throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued and came out from before Him; a thousand thousands served Him and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him; the court sat in judgement and the books were opened.

¹¹“I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹²As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

¹³“I saw in the night visions and behold! With the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man and He came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him.

¹⁴And to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations and languages should serve Him; His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away and His kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Second Reading: Revelation 1: 4b – 8

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before His throne ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and the ruler of kings on earth.

To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷Behold! He is coming with the clouds and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of Him. Even so. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Gospel Reading: John 18: 33 – 37

³³Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him,

“Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?”

³⁵Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You over to me. What have You done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”

³⁷Then Pilate said to Him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world — to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

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 the 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, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by You be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for:

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

Those who are sick:

Hilary Sharp	Steve Taylor	Doreen
Dean Jackson		Summerfield

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

Margaret Young	Dorothy Bennett	Adrian Silcock	Margaret Davidson
Michael Walker			

NOTICES

Beginning on Sunday 6th January 2019 there will be some service changes:

(8am BCP remains unchanged)

Morning services at S. Michael's will (all) be at 10am

There will be a morning worship service on the second Sunday of the month

There will be a 6:30pm communion service on the second Sunday of the month

(this is in addition to the evening services on the 1st & 3rd Sundays which continue as before)

Baptisms will continue to take place on the first Sunday of the month.

Young Church: today the will be Kingship and Launch of the Giving Tree.

Next week the theme will be Advent Preparations.

Christmas Day Lunch: We had a very good positive start to our planning for the Christmas Day lunch. Thanks to all who came. Now we need help to find and invite those people who will be alone on Christmas Day. Please think about people you are aware of who live alone and could be invited. We have posters to go out to other churches, surgeries etc but please speak to Maggie 579009 or Kate 633662 if you know of anybody. Thank you.

Bible Reading notes: It is time to reorder, or start receiving, Bible reading notes for next year. We will be taking orders for the **next 2 weeks at coffee time**. Please speak to Bill and Maggie. There is also a selection of books for Advent study on the bookstall.

Christmas Cards. The time for writing Christmas cards has come but don't panic. As in previous years we are going to have a display board for cards to other members of the congregation. *Put a card on the board for the rest of your friends here.* You don't need then to write and distribute individual cards. Maybe you would like to give a donation to the church of the money you have saved. The Board and the container to collect donations will be in place on **December 16th and 23rd.**

Giving Tree: This will be launched this **TODAY**. For more information please speak to Jill 01531 635129

Cards for Good Causes returns to The Heritage Centre **from Friday 2nd. November until 11th. December between 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.** where you will find the largest selection of Christmas Cards the sale of which supports the work of over 250 well known national and local charities. It's worth mentioning that for every £1 raised, in excess of 70p. goes to the named charity. So come along and visit us in the Heritage Centre from this Friday; I look forward to seeing you. Pauline Smith.

Readers Rota: Richard Thursby has prepared the Readers Rota for 2019. Those who have volunteered to read a lesson should have received a copy by email or in their pigeonhole. If you cannot find it, let Richard know.

Pastoral Care Support. Upto Christmas someone from the Pastoral Care Team will sit in one of the pews on **Tuesday mornings from 10.30 for about an hour**, offering support to anyone who feels like coming and having a little chat about whatever is on your mind. It happens to the best of us at times and it is comforting to know there is someone out there who is willing to sit and listen to whatever you want to talk about in confidence.

Intercessions. The rota **for January to June 2019** 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

Leadon Bank Bible Study Group has been fully attended since its inception but now has space for two more attendees due to participants 'moving on'. It is a very friendly group that meets in the Meeting Room at Leadon Bank on the **second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10.30 am**. If you would like to come along or know someone who would, please ring Ruth on 07964 544483.

Colour printer. The amount needed to buy a colour printer has now been donated, leaving a little left over to cover consumables and service charges. The machine, a second hand machine which the supplier has guaranteed to maintain for the next five years, will be delivered in the next two weeks, firstly for two weeks on approval and then on a permanent basis. Thank you to all who contributed. I am sure the new machine will improve the quality and clarity of the documents we produce.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 28th November – Mtwara Coffee Morning and Lunch from 10am at S^t Katherine's Hall. **ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO MTWARA.**

Saturday 1st December – Advent Quiet Day 10.30am at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. The speaker will be Revd Bill Mackenzie on the subject of "Beatitudes". The day will commence with coffee and will conclude at 3.15pm with tea. Bring your own sandwiches.

Sunday 2nd December - Community Advent Party from 2.30pm – 5.00pm. The annual Community Advent Party at Ledbury Community Hall. Advent crafts, games, face painting, carol singing, bring and share tea etc. All welcome lots of fun. Offers of help, or contributions of food to Jill Jupp 01531 635129. Please tell anyone you think may be interested. Places need to be booked please.

Sunday 2nd December 6:30pm Light Up A Life Service.

Thursday 6th December 7:00pm in the choir vestry: The first of what is planned to be a monthly meeting to pray for people moving into Ledbury and our welcome and witness.

Saturday 8th December 10am in S. Anne's Chapel Meeting to continue our plans and preparations regarding the people who will be moving into Ledbury, primarily in the new houses that will be built. This is an open meeting where we hope to see people from all church congregations in Ledbury.

Sunday 9th December 3.00pm – A meeting at S^t Anne's Chapel to prepare for Advent by discussing the songs of S^t Luke's Gospel. *Please note the new date.*

Wednesday 12th December – Christmas Lunch at Three Shires Garden Centre. The cost of the lunch (2 courses) is £14.99 per person. This year tickets must be purchased in advance. There will be a chance to win the cost of your lunch. Wendy will be collecting the money, **please pay by Sunday 9th December.** Please see Sue Simpson for further details.

Wednesday 12th December at 7:30pm. An extra PCC meeting.

Sunday 16th December at 6:30 pm. Mary's Boy Child - a nativity play for people of all ages. Book the date now. Instead of the normal civic carol service, we will be producing a nativity play for people of all ages. Singing will be led by the Ledbury Community Choir who will also sing a number of choral items. After the service mulled wine and minced pies will be provided. Please come and bring your friends. There is no better way to start the Christmas season. Invite people from the clubs to which you belong. We want a real celebration of what Christmas really means.

Monday 17th December at 5.00pm - Carol Singing: It is hoped that Young Church, accompanied by Phillip Holland and other members of the congregation will be able to sing at Harling Court and Born Court, as usual this year. Please join us. Contact Jill 01531 635129 for more information.