



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



ADVENT SUNDAY Sunday 2nd December 2018

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
*Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
Preacher Mary Anne Keyes*
- 10.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
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- 6.30pm Light up a Life (for S^t Michael's Hospice)
Led by The Revd William Simmonds

Church Diary for the week ahead

Mon	3 rd December	8:00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Thurs	6 th December	7-12-7	Prayers
Friday	7 th December	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
		10:30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 9th December 2018 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion

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/fb.me/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 2nd December 2018:

Advent Sunday

First Reading: **Jeremiah 33: 14 – 16**

¹⁴“Behold! The days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David and He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

Second Reading: **1 Thessalonians 3: 8 – 13**

⁸For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. ⁹For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹Now may our God and Father Himself and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

Gospel Reading: **Luke 21: 25 – 36**

[Jesus said] ²⁵“There will be signs in sun and moon and stars and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹And He told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place and to stand before the Son of Man.”

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of Your Son our Lord; that, when He shall appear He may not find us sleeping in sin but active in His service and joyful in His praise; 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:

Dean Jackson	Steve Taylor	Doreen
		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	Faith Gordon		

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.

The Tower Lights are sponsored this week by Elaine Toyer.

Young Church: the theme today will be Advent Preparations.

Next week there will be Advent Children's Worship.

Christmas Day Lunch: The planning meeting will take place at St Michael's at **2pm on Tuesday December 4th**. Do still keep an eye out for people who will be alone on Christmas Day and give their names to Maggie 579009 or Kate 633662. Thank you also for offers of help in various ways.

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.

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.

Giving Tree: This was launched last Sunday. Please note that gifts need to be returned to Church by **Sunday 16 December 2018** to allow time for distribution. Please only leave in Church on a Sunday. If this is difficult you can bring them to me in the Town Council Offices **10.00 am – 2.00 pm every day other than Thursdays**. For more information please speak to Jill 01531 635129.

Travelling Crib: The list is at the back of the Church and it should leave the Church on its journey around Ledbury today, Advent Sunday. Contact Jill on 635129 for more information.

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.

Pastoral Care Support Group. Christmas and the New Year can be especially difficult times for anyone who is housebound or on their own for any reason. It would be greatly appreciated if you can think of anyone who may enjoy a home visit, and let Priscilla know by phone 01531 632502 or via email priska@tiscali.co.uk. Giving name and contact details. It is important that you have permission for us to personally contact those concerned!

Intercessions. The rota for the first half of 2019 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).

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.

LIFTS TO CHURCH. Please is there anybody that would be able to give lifts to and from church on the first Sunday of the month for 3 older people living in the Biddulph Way area. I am no longer able to undertake this. Also lifts needed from New Mills area on any Sunday. If you are able to help please contact Joyce Potter TEL: 01531 637280

A big thank you to all who supported the soup lunch in aid of Mtwara this week. The grand sum of £472.50 was raised.

The service for the late Faith Gordon will be at **11am on Sunday the 9th December** at the Humber Woodland Burial site. Further details from the Group Office from Monday onwards.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Community Advent Party: The annual Community Advent Party is taking place **TODAY, Sunday 2 December 2018 2.30 – 5.00 pm** 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.

Thursday 6th December 2.15pm Mothers' Union Meeting in Market Theatre. Speaker: Mary Anne Keyes.

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.

Friday 7th December - 'COFFEE STOP in the Chapter House 10am - 12noon. Please come and drop in. It will be great to meet you.

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. Please give your money to food choices to Wendy by **Sunday 9th December.** Wendy will then give you a receipt. 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.

Wednesday 19th December - Carol Singing: Young Church, accompanied by Phillip Holland and other members of the congregation, will be singing at Harling Court and Born Court, as usual this year, **from 4.30 pm.** Please join us. Contact Jill 01531 635129 for more information.

All Welcome, Please Come to
St Michael and All Angels
Family Advent Party
Sunday 2 December 2018
2.30–5.00 pm
Ledbury Community Hall
Lawnside Road Ledbury



Advent
Crafts

Party Games

Christmas
Cracker Making

Face Painting

Lots and Lots More

Please contact
Jill Jupp 635129 for more information
and to arrange to bring a plate of food