



# THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday 9th December 2018



Readings for 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018:

*Advent 2*

### First Reading: Malachi 3: 1 – 4

<sup>1</sup>“Behold! I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight; behold! He is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of His coming and who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

### Second Reading: Philippians 1: 3 – 11

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

### Gospel Reading: Luke 3: 1 – 6

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,   
“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:   
‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.   
<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low and the crooked shall become straight and the rough places shall become level ways   
<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion  
*Led by The Revd William Simmonds*
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry  
*Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey  
Preacher The Revd William Simmonds*
- 11.30am Eastnor Parish Communion  
*Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey  
Preacher: Joe Chipper*

#### Church Diary for the week ahead

Mon	10th December	8:00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Wed	12th December	6.45pm for 7pm	Evening Prayer
		7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Thurs	13th December	7-12-7	Prayers
Friday	14th December	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, S <sup>t</sup> Anne's Chapel
		10:30am	Holy Communion, S <sup>t</sup> Katherine's Chapel

## Next Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
- 6.30pm Mary's Boy Child Town Carol Service

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](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

## COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, Your power and come among us and with great might succour us; so that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, Your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven, who sent Your Son to redeem the world and will send Him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate Him in the humility and purity of His first coming that, when He comes again, we may be ready to greet Him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### We pray for:

Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners 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	Steve Taylor	Doreen
Rob Harding		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	Nancy Turner	

## NOTICES

**Beginning on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays which continue as before)

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

**A big thank you** to all who supported the soup lunch in aid of Mtwara.

The grand sum of £472.50 was raised.

**Young Church:** the theme today will be Advent Children's Worship.

Next week there will be Rehearsals for Christingle and Christmas morning.

**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**.

**A big thank you** to all those who helped, made cakes, swept up the glitter etc. and attended last Sunday's Advent Party. Over 40 children plus parents/carers attended a very active and enjoyable afternoon and great fun was had by all. Only 359 days to the next one.....!! Jill

**Travelling Crib:** The Travelling Crib has started it's journey around Ledbury. The List is at the back of the Church or see Jill (Young Church 01531 635129) if you or a group you are involved with would like to take it.

**Giving Tree:** This was launched a couple of weeks ago 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.

**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

**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.

**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 David Wood-Robinson on 632347 or David Gates on 631263.

**A new set of BCP Holy Communion** orders of service are being printed (by Alan Starkey), for both the church and S. Katherine's. These will replace the current ones which are getting rather tired. We hope to use them for the first time on Christmas Day.

**Thank You** for the cards, consideration and prayers. All much appreciated. Keith

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**TODAY at 3.00pm** – A meeting at S<sup>t</sup> Anne's Chapel to prepare for Advent by discussing the songs of S<sup>t</sup> Luke's Gospel.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 AND food choices to Wendy **TODAY**. Wendy will then give you a receipt. Please see Sue Simpson for further details.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm.** PCC meeting.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Coffee Evening at Coffee #1 from 5 – 7.00pm.** Do come along for another opportunity to have a great social time with friends. Hope to see you there. Tony

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December – A Musical Evening at Eastnor Castle 7pm-10pm.** Tickets £10 to include a buffet supper. Contact Beverly 636378.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 town 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 mince 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 10:30am** MU Holy Communion in S. Katherine's Chapel with Revd. David Wood-Robinson.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December – A Festive Evening at Eastnor Castle 6pm-8.30pm.** This includes a tour led by James Hervey-Bathurst with Carols sung by Ledbury Choral Society, enjoyed with a glass of wine and a mince pie. To raise funds for Eastnor Tower Appeal. Tickets from Beverly 636378 or Joan Wakeling 633188.

**Christmas Eve: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December 4pm Christingle Service**

**Christmas Eve: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December 4pm Eastnor Carol Service**

**Christmas Eve: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December 11:30pm Midnight Communion**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December 6:30pm Carol Praise:** come and sing some of your favourite hymns and carols. Philip will be taking requests! Invite and bring family, friends and neighbours.