



PARISHES OF EASTNOR AND LEDBURY

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

Welcome to our Services of Worship

A special welcome to all who are visiting Ledbury this Christmas

Monday 24th December – Christmas Eve

- 4.00pm **Christingle**
*Service led by Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
and Mary Ann Keyes*
- 4.00pm **Eastnor Carol Service**
Service led by Revd Joan Wakeling
- 11.30pm **Midnight Communion**
*Service led by: Revd Michael Gallagher
Preacher Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*

Tuesday 25th December – Christmas Day

- 8.00am **BCP Holy Communion**
Service led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
- 9.30am **Christmas Morning Communion**
*Service led by: The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
Preacher The Revd Tony Hodder*
- 11.15am **Eastnor Christmas Communion**
Service led by: The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey

COLLECT – Midnight Communion

Almighty God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that, as we joyfully receive Him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION – Midnight

Eternal God, for whom we wait, You have fed us with bread of eternal life: keep us ever watchful, so that we may be ready to stand before the Son of God, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COLLECT – Christmas Day

Almighty God, You have given us Your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; 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 – Christmas

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds through Him who is Christ the Lord.

Amen.

Readings for 24th December: *Midnight Communion*

First Reading: Isaiah 9: 2 – 7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

³You have multiplied the nation; You have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴For the yoke of His burden and the staff for His shoulder, the rod of His oppressor, You have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder and His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Second Reading: Titus 2: 11 – 14

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 1 – 14

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were filled with fear.

¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold! I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"

Readings for 25th December: *Christmas Day*

First Reading: Hebrews 1: 1 – 4

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world.

³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Gospel Reading: John 1: 1 – 14

¹In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through Him and without Him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In Him was life and the life was the light of men.

⁵The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him.

¹¹He came to His own and His own people did not receive Him.

¹²But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

*We wish you
a very happy and blessed
Christmas*