



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS Sunday 30th December 2018

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by The Very Revd Nick Bury
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
*Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
Preacher The Very Revd Nick Bury*
- 6.30pm Carol Praise: Favourite Carols & Hymns
Led by Philip Holland & The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey

Church Diary for the week ahead

Thursday	3rd January	7-12-7	Prayers
Friday	4th January	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, S' Anne's Chapel
		10:30am	Holy Communion, S' Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 6th January 2019 EPIPHANY

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.00am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

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)

Parish office: phone number: 01531 631531. **Email:** ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net

Readings for 30th December 2018:

First Sunday After Christmas

First Reading: 1 Samuel 2: 18 – 21 & 26

¹⁸Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy clothed with a linen ephod.
¹⁹And his mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD give you children by this woman for the petition she asked of the LORD." So then they would return to their home.
²¹Indeed the LORD visited Hannah and she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the young man Samuel grew in the presence of the LORD.
²⁶The young man Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and also with man.

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 12 – 17

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.
¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.
¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 41 – 52

⁴¹[Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.
⁴²And when He was twelve years old, they went up according to custom.
⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing Him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for Him among their relatives and acquaintances ⁴⁵and when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for Him. ⁴⁶After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. ⁴⁸When His parents saw Him, they were astonished. And His mother said to Him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold! Your father and I have been searching for You in great distress."
⁴⁹And He said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that He spoke to them.
⁵¹And He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them.
⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man.

COLLECT

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in Your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through Your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as He came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of His divinity; who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help Your Church to live as one family united in love and obedience to You and Your Word and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for:

- Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners and St Michael and All Angels, Mtwarra and St John the Baptist Church, Likonde.

Those who are sick:

Dean Jackson	Steve Taylor	Doreen	John Lowe
Rob Harding	Jules Schad	Summerfield	

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

Michael Walker	Faith Gordon	Nancy Turner	John Cutler
Gwendoline Tilbrook			

NOTICES

FROM NEXT 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.

Magazine if you would like the magazine emailed to you please email Sarah in the Church office. (ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net)

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.

The Tower Illuminations this week are sponsored by Sue Simpson.

The 2019 Tower Sponsorship List is now at the back of the Church, please sign up to sponsor the illuminations.

A big thank you to Bill & Maggie Mackenzie, Tim & Mary Anne Keyes and *all* those who helped put on the Christmas lunch.

Christmas Lunch: Thank you everyone who generously supported the lunch on Christmas Day, whether financially, cooking, providing transport or helping on the day. Altogether we were 40 guests and helpers and a very good time was had by all!

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

'COFFEE STOP in the CHAPTER HOUSE' Friday 4th January 10am - 12noon.
Come and welcome the New Year. All are welcome.

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!

Leadon Bank Bible Study Group has been fully attended since its inception and 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.

STAMPS FOR GOOD CAUSES: Please remember that any of the stamps on the Christmas cards people kindly send to you can be used to raise money for the LEPROSY MISSION. Please put them in the box at the back of the church. Many thanks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 31st December 12noon Philip Holland is planning an open recital. Bring a seasonal piece to perform or come to listen and enjoy a mince pie and drink. Please contact Philip if you wish to play at ledburyorgan@gmail.com

Wednesday 2 January 7:30pm Ledbury Standing Committee

Thursday 3 January 7pm in the choir vestry: Prayer for people moving into Ledbury.

Friday 4 January 10am to 12noon: Coffee Stop in the Chapter House

Sunday 13 January 10am Morning Worship, 6:30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 20 January 10am Christian Unity service with guest speaker Anna Nugent.

Monday 21 January 6:15pm Eastnor PCC

Wednesday 23 January 7:30pm Ledbury PCC

Saturday 2 February 10am in S. Anne's Chapel Housing Development meeting