



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 6th January 2019
EPIPHANY**



Readings for 6th January 2019:

Epiphany

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1 – 6

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you and His glory will be seen upon you.
³And nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising.
⁴Lift up your eyes all round and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 1 – 12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles —
²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.
⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.
⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.
¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that He has realised in Christ Jesus our Lord,
¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2: 1 – 12

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king; behold! wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.”
³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he enquired of them where the Christ was to be born.
⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:
⁶“‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’”
⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by The Revd William Simmonds

10.00am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
Led by The Revd Michael Gallagher
Preacher The Revd William Simmonds

6.30pm Evensong
Led by the Revd Tony Hodder

Church Diary for the week ahead

Mon	7 th January	8:00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Wed	9 th January	6:45 for 7pm	Evening prayer/Compline, S ^t Anne's Chapel
Thursday	10 th January	7-12-7	Prayers
Friday	11 th January	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
		10:30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 13th January 2019 BAPTISM OF CHRIST

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.00am Morning Worship
11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion
6.30pm Holy 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 – 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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for the child and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him.”

⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold! The star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother and they fell down and worshipped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts; gold and frankincense and myrrh.

¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

COLLECT

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested Your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know You now by faith, may at last behold Your glory face to face; 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 PRAYER

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by Your light discern the glory of Your presence in Your Son, the Word made flesh, 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	John Lowe
Rob Harding	Jules Schad	Summerfield	Ryc Smith

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

Michael Walker	Faith Gordon	Nancy Turner	John Cutler
Gwendoline Tilbrook	June Ledbury	Judy Baker	

NOTICES

The 2019 Tower Sponsorship List is now at the back of the Church, please sign up to sponsor the illuminations. Please give your payments to Sarah in the church office.

Young Church – the theme today will be Epiphany.

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.

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

A Message from Sue Farrell: Thank you to the church family for your loving concern and prayers for me during these weeks of my illness. The CT scan and other procedures have shown no sign of cancer, for which I am truly grateful. I am now being treated for Iron Deficiency Anaemia. I hope that gradually my strength and vitality will be restored and I shall be back to my normal self. For the time being, I am really appreciating the weekly service in S. Katherine's Chapel.

These "laid aside" days have been filled with God's presence and His many, many blessings. I give Him the praise and the glory.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name." Ps 103

Pastoral Care Support Group. The New Year can be a difficult time 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.

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!"

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 26 January 9.15am for 9.30am Men's Breakfast at the Seven Stars Hotel in the Homend. Cost £8. The speaker is yet to be finalised. If you are able to come please sign the sheet at the back of church so that we have some ideas of the numbers for catering. Looking forward to seeing you.

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

Tuesday 5 March Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 6 March Ash Wednesday