



# THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**



Readings for 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019:

*Epiphany 4*

## **First Reading: Nehemiah 8: 1 – 12**

<sup>1</sup>All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup>So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand and the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

<sup>4</sup>Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand, and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people and as he opened it all the people stood.

<sup>6</sup>And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

<sup>7</sup>Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places.

<sup>8</sup>They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly and they gave the meaning, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>Nehemiah, who was the governor and Ezra the priest and scribe and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law.

<sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go on your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

<sup>11</sup>So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved." <sup>12</sup>And all the people went on their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 31a**

<sup>12</sup>Just as the body is one and has many members and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>For the body does not consist of one member but of many.

<sup>15</sup>If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body", that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body", that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell?

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion  
*Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*
- 10.00am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry  
*Led by The Revd Bill Mackenzie*  
*Preacher: The Revd William Simmonds*
- 11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion  
*Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*

### **Church Diary for the week ahead**

Monday	28th January	8:00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Thursday	31st January	7-12-7	Prayers
Friday	1st February	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, S <sup>t</sup> Anne's Chapel
		10:30am	Holy Communion, S <sup>t</sup> Katherine's Chapel

### **Next Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion  
10.00am Baptism with 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](http://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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<sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as He chose.  
<sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

<sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you", nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable <sup>23</sup>and on those parts of the body that we think less honourable we bestow the greater honour and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, <sup>24</sup>which our more presentable parts do not require.

But God has so composed the body, giving greater honour to the part that lacked it, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

<sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.

<sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?

<sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

<sup>31</sup>But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

### **Gospel Reading: Luke 4: 14 – 21**

<sup>14</sup>Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee and a report about Him went out through all the surrounding country.

<sup>15</sup>And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

<sup>16</sup>And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. As was His custom, He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day and He stood up to read.

<sup>17</sup>And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to Him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

<sup>20</sup>And He rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. <sup>21</sup>And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

### **COLLECT**

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all Your people, and reveal the knowledge of Your glory in the face of 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**

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of Your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of Your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

### **We pray for:**

) Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners and S<sup>t</sup> Michael and All Angels, Mtwaru and S<sup>t</sup> John the Baptist Church, Likonde.

### **Those who are sick:**

Dean Jackson	Steve Taylor	Jules Schad	Mike Wakefield
Monica Hussey	Hilary Sharp		

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

June Ledbury	Judy Baker	Revd John Lowe	Alma Galloway
Barbara Dearden	Alan Meikle	Mary Morris	Doreen
Kathleen Marsh			Summerfield

## **NOTICES**

**Electoral Roll:** This year **all Church members** (who wish to be on the electoral roll) need to complete a new electoral roll form. These forms can be found at the back of the Church. **Completing a new electoral roll form enables you to vote in the APCM in April.**

**THANK YOU** The Stewardship Committee has asked me to thank everyone who has made a regular commitment to giving; by standing order, by dated envelopes, by yellow envelopes, and in the church plate in 2018. The total donation for 2018 was **£90,254**. It has been possible to claim a further **£20,601** from the tax returned on gift-aided donations which provided a total stewardship income of **£110,855**. *Tony Goodall (Stewardship Recorder)*.

**Would anyone be willing to take on the important job** of keeping the loos in Church clean and ensuring supplies of loo rolls, soaps etc.? Please contact Wendy on 07947 632 898 or email wgmht@outlook.com

**The 2019 Tower Sponsorship** List is now at the back of the Church, please sign up to sponsor the illuminations. Please give put your money if an envelope with your name and week you are sponsoring the tower light and place it in the collection plate.

**Young Church** – today the theme will be **'One Body Many Parts'**.

A big thank you for the generous donations for the Christmas Giving Tree. Over 100 gifts were given and very much appreciated by Ledbury Primary School, the Health Visiting Team, Ledbury Community Hospital and Nursing Home.'

**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

**Pastoral Care Support.** 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 confidential 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.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Friday 1 February 10am-12noon** 'Coffee Stop in the Chapter House', celebrates 4 years of meeting and welcoming people for coffee, company and a chat. Please come and join us.

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

**Sunday 3 February 3:30-4:30pm** in the Chapter House: informal tea and chat for people enquiring about and interested in baptism at S. Michael's.

**Saturday 16 February 10.30am – 1.30pm** in the **Chapter House. Gardeners –** Do you: Order too many seeds/Always have seeds left over/Collect your own seeds/Like trying new varieties on the cheap? How about bringing your spares to a 'seed swap' and enjoying some chat and refreshments as well as picking up some bargains. Refreshments available to purchase (tea, coffee and cake or home-made soup and bread). Also produce if available. Run by the ringers in aid of the Bell project. Further information from Mary Anne Keyes 579021 or 07962323454. Please tell your friends!

**Sunday 17 February – Newcomers' Tea, 4.00 – 5.30 pm.** Anyone who is 'new' to the church is very welcome to come and get to know a few more people over tea, cake and chat in the Chapter House. If you know of anyone you feel should be invited please let me know. I would be grateful for offers of cakes, and of help with welcoming and serving on the day please. **Mary Anne Keyes** 01531579021 [makeyes25@hotmail.com](mailto:makeyes25@hotmail.com)

**Friday 1 March 2.00pm Women's World Day of Prayer** (more details to follow)

**Tuesday 5 March: Shrove Tuesday – 6.15pm Pancake Party, S<sup>t</sup> Katherine's Hall.**

**Wednesday 6 March: Ash Wednesday – services at 12:30pm and 7:30pm** (with ashing for those who wish). There will be a soup lunch after the 12:30 service courtesy of Jenny Harrison.

**Friday 8 March at 7.30 pm** in the church: **Ringing the Changes** - a colourful journey with the bells of Ledbury through 1000 years of English history. It will be an evening of music, literature, drama and history exploring this fascinating aspect of our heritage. Tickets £5.00 from Tim Keyes (01531 579021 / [thkeyes28@hotmail.com](mailto:thkeyes28@hotmail.com)) or on the door.