



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**Sunday 1st December
ADVENT SUNDAY**

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by The Revd Tony Hodder
- 10.00am Parish Communion and Prayer Ministry
*Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
Preacher The Revd Tony Hodder*
- 6.30pm Light up a Life Service
Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey

**Next Sunday 8th December
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.00am Morning Worship
11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion
6.30pm Holy Communion

Church Diary for the week ahead

Monday 2 nd December	8:00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Thursday 5 th December	7-12-7	Prayers
Friday 6 th December	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
	10:30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

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 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).

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Readings for 1st December 2019:

Advent Sunday

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 2: 1 – 5

¹ The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
² It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it ³and many peoples shall come and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths."
For out of Zion shall go the law and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
⁴ He shall judge between the nations and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

New Testament Reading: Romans 13: 11 – 14

¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24: 36 – 44

³⁶ "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷ For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark ³⁹ and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴² Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of Your Son our Lord; that, when He shall appear He may not find us sleeping in sin but active in His service and joyful in His praise; through 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:

Phyl Sykes	Steve Taylor	Dean Jackson	Mike Wakeford
Barbara Williams	Jenny Bury	Jane Nicholas	Mildred Gray
Sheila Anthony	Eve Stone	Don Rule	Miles Oliver

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

Alan Locke	Dorothy Waters	Grace Dixon	Dorothy Phillips
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NOTICES

Young Church – the theme today will be Advent Preparations ‘Mary Gets’ the News’.

Travelling Crib: The Travelling Crib will start its journey around Ledbury on Advent Sunday (hopefully from the Advent Party). 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: The Giving Tree has now been launched. There is lots of information by the Tree (by Chapter House) but for more information please speak to Jill 01531 635129. The generosity of the congregation has been greatly appreciated in previous years, both by local families and those in Ledbury Community Hospital, Nursing Home etc. Please note only bring gifts on Sundays and they must be in by **Sunday 15 December 2019** to allow time for distribution. Thank you for your support again this year.

Tea Lights are available to purchase at the back of the Church. Sales of the lights will go towards the new Chancel lighting.

Christmas lunch for those on their own on Christmas Day. This lunch will take place again this year. We do need help to find those people who will be alone at Christmas. Please think of neighbours and friends who could be asked and let Chris 248401 or Kate 633662 know. We will be asking for help with transport nearer the time. Thank you.

Car Rota SOS Help. We need a temporary driver for the 4th **Sunday in the month**. Three very appreciative passengers who live on the Deer Park would be so grateful if you offered. Please contact Hilary Sharp in church or phone 631972. Thank you in advance.

Intercessions. The rota for January to June 2020 will be prepared shortly. There is always room for additional folk who would like to contribute to our regular Sunday worship in this way. If there is anybody not currently on the rota who would like to be included in future, please speak to Tony Goodall, or contact him on 635480 or gtonygoodall@aol.com.

The **Pastoral Care Team** are continuing to offer their quiet and confidential support to those who wish. If you know someone who would appreciate their prayerful presence, please contact one of the team.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TODAY from 2.30pm-5.00pm The annual Community Advent Party will take at Ledbury Community Hall. Advent crafts, games, face painting, carol singing, bring and share tea etc.. All welcome lots of fun. Offers of help, or contributions of food to Jill Jupp 635129.

TODAY at 6:30pm Light Up A Life service.

Thursday 5th December - Mothers' Union meeting at Market Theatre Foyer, **2.15pm**. Speaker: Hereford Diocesan MU President Andria Lewis on the year's theme.

Friday 6th December 10am - 12noon: Coffee Stop in the Chapter House. Please drop in. It would be good to see you.

Wednesday 11th December – Church Christmas Lunch, 12 for 12.30pm at 3 Shires Garden Centre. Cost £15 per person for 2 courses, including mince pie and coffee. For further details, please see Sue Simpson.

Saturday 14th December - CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT by Ledbury Choral Society, St Michael and All Angels at **7.00pm**. Conducted by Simon Harper, *with congregational carols*. Tickets from Ledbury Books and Maps and LCS members. £10 in advance, £12 on the door.

Sunday 15th December 6:30pm: Town Carol Service

Monday 16th December at noon. Organ recital with all our visiting organists. Plus seasonal refreshments

Monday 23rd December from around 4.30pm Carol Singing:

Young Church, accompanied by Phillip Holland and other members of the congregation will be singing with residents at Harling Court and Born Court. This annual event is much enjoyed by the residents so please join us. Contact Jill 635129 for more information.

Tuesday 24th December: Christmas Eve: 4pm Christingle Service in Ledbury

Tuesday 24th December: 4pm: Eastnor Parish Carol Service

Sunday 29th December at 6.30pm: Carol Praise. Have you missed singing any of your favourite Christmas Carols this year? Let Philip or Keith know and we can all sing it together at Carol Praise.

Advance notice: 4pm 2nd February Candlemas. A new Candle Service which will be followed by refreshments.