



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

Sunday 5th January 2020
EPIPHANY

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by The Revd Canon Ryc Smith
- 10.00am Parish Communion and Prayer Ministry
Led by The Revd Bill Mackenzie
Preacher The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
- 6.30pm Evensong
Led by Mary Anne Keyes

Church Diary for the week ahead

- Monday 6th January 8:00pm Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Wednesday 8th January 6.45pm for 7pm Evening Prayer Worship Service
Thursday 9th January 7-12-7 Prayers
Friday 10th January 9:00am Prayer Meeting, S^t Anne's Chapel
10:30am Holy Communion, S^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 12th January 2020
THE 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 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's facebook page: fb.me/stmichaelsledbury – take a look, like and participate.

Twitter – Do sign-up to S. Michael's twitter account: @LedburyParish.

Parish office: phone number: 01531 631 531.

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Readings for 5th January 2020: *Epiphany Sunday*

Old Testament 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.

New Testament 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

- ¹Now after 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 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.

Readings for Evensong Psalm 98 First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-9 Second Reading: John 2: 1-11

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:

Phyl Sykes	Steve Taylor	Dean Jackson	Mike Wakeford
Barbara Williams	Jenny Bury	Jane Nicholas	Mildred Gray
Sheila Anthony	Eve Stone	Shirley Everard	Miles Oliver
John Boyle	Hilary Sharp	Sue Cooper	

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

Dougie Caffull	Doris Mitton	Mary Bagley	James Mansell
Alan Moore			

NOTICES

Bells Appeal Update: We have now found sponsors for 21 (out of 22) clock hammers and 9 (out of 10) ropes. Warmest thanks to all who have supported this initiative. Any offers for the last hammer (£500) and the last rope (£200)? Contact Tim Keyes (01531 579021) and...

If you made a donation during December to the bells project by Stewardship voucher, please could you get in touch with Tim Keyes or Cath Beech. The team are very grateful for your donation and would like to acknowledge it, but we are unable to read your signature.

Intercessions. The rota for the first half of 2020 has now been distributed to intercessors, by email where known, otherwise in pigeon holes. Please would you check that you have received your copy. Any problems, please let Tony Goodall know (635480).

The Bible in a year Why not begin 2020 reading or listening to the Bible as a year's project? With the Holy Trinity Brompton app you can load it onto your 'smart phone' or iPad and listen or read each day from the Bible. You can also choose to listen or read a short commentary by Rev'd Nicky Gumble (of Alpha fame) who will briefly explain each passage. You can log on at any time and you do not need to wait till the New Year to start!
<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/bible-in-one-year/id504133402>

ALPHA will be starting on Tuesday 28th January. Interested? Do you know someone who might be? Someone you could invite? More information to follow, in the meantime have a word with Bill or Keith.

Lent Groups 2020

Ecumenical groups will again be organised for Lent 2020 - which runs from **February 26th to 11th April**. We plan to offer at least seven different groups at a range of venues (usually homes) and on a selection of weekday time-slots - morning, afternoon or evening. Do consider making one of these groups part of your Lenten preparation! If you can offer to host or facilitate a group, please get in touch with Stephen Chowns (01531 634896 or schowns@aol.com) or Peter Veasey (01531 632099 or oldwell@btinternet.com).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 7th January, from 10.00am.

Contemplative Prayer. Sessions take place in St. Katherine's Chapel on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Sunday 19th January 3pm: Christian Unity Service.

A new time so that the Roman Catholics and Romanian Orthodox are able to join us.

Saturday 25th January – 9.15am for 9.30am Men's Breakfast at the Seven Stars restaurant on the Homend. Cost £8. The speaker will be the Revd Graeme Anderson talking about how he came to be leading a major city centre church in Coventry. Please sign the sheet at the back of church if you hope to come so that we can give some idea of how many to cater for. Thank you.

Saturday 25th January: Burns Night 7pm in St Katherine's Hall. Tickets are now available for this "not-to-be-missed" Friends event. There will be a piper, traditional food, all the special ceremony and (short!) speeches, some poems of Burns and a bit of dancing at the end for those who like to do that. It will a great evening out. Contact Tim Keyes – 01531 579021. Tickets £15.

Friday 7th February 10am - 12noon: Coffee Stop in the Chapter House.

Please drop in. It would be good to see you.

Advance notices:

Sunday 26th January 3:30pm Newcomers Welcome Tea. Mary Anne Keyes will be organising this regular event after Christmas.

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

Tuesday 25th February – Shrove Tuesday: Pancake party in S. Katherine's

Wednesday 26th February – Ash Wednesday: 12:30pm: Ash Wednesday Communion (with ashing for those who wish) followed by soup in the chapter house.

Wednesday 26th February – Ash Wednesday: 7:30pm: Ash Wednesday Communion (with ashing for those who wish).