



**THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion  
*Led by The Very Revd Nick Bury*
- 10.00am Morning Worship  
*Led by Mary Anne Keyes*  
*Preacher The Revd David Wood-Robinson*
- 11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion  
*Led by Revd Joan Wakeling*
- 6.30pm Holy Communion  
*Led by The Revd Michael Gallagher*

**Church Diary for the week ahead**

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 8:00pm Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 7-12-7 Prayers  
10.30am Mothers' Union Corporate Communion  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 9:00am S<sup>t</sup> Katherine's Chapel  
10:30am Prayer Meeting, S<sup>t</sup> Anne's Chapel  
Holy Communion, S<sup>t</sup> Katherine's Chapel

**Next Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion  
10.00am Parish Communion and Prayer Ministry  
3.00pm Christian Unity Service

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](http://www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk) under the 'Services' section.

**Facebook** – The church's facebook page: [fb.me/stmichaelsledbury](https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsledbury) – take a look, like and participate. **Twitter** – Do sign-up to S. Michael's twitter account: @LedburyParish.  
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Readings for 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020: *The Baptism of Christ (Epiphany I)*

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42: 1 – 9**

<sup>1</sup>Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations.  
<sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up His voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed He will not break and a faintly burning wick He will not quench; He will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged till He has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for His law.  
<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:  
<sup>6</sup>"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.  
<sup>9</sup>Behold, the former things have come to pass and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

**New Testament Reading: Acts 10: 34 – 43**

<sup>34</sup>So Peter opened his mouth and said:  
"Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.  
He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised Him on the third day and caused Him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name."

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 3: 13 – 17**

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptised by him.  
<sup>14</sup>John would have prevented Him, saying, "I need to be baptised by You and do You come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented.  
<sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptised, immediately He went up from the water and behold! the heavens were opened to Him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; <sup>17</sup>and behold! a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

**Readings for Morning Worship at 10am on separate sheet.**

**Readings for Holy Communion at 6.30pm**

First Reading: Joshua 3:1-17, Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-12, Gospel 3:15-22.

### COLLECT

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### We pray for:

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

#### Those who are sick:

Phyl Sykes	Steve Taylor	Dean Jackson	Mike Wakeford
Barbara Williams	Jenny Bury	Shirley Everard	Mildred Gray
Sheila Anthony	Hilary Sharp	Kate Greenhall	Miles Oliver
John Boyle			

#### 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

**A big (belated) thank you** to Steve and Mark for putting up and decorating the beautiful Christmas Tree in Church.

**Ledbury Bells Appeal:** A huge thank-you to all who have sponsored items from our "menu" in the last month. We have now found sponsors for 4 new bells, 3 refurbished bells, 22 clock hammers, 10 ropes and one new frame side to house the additional bells. In all we are close to £230,000 raised and need a further £40,000 to enable all the work to take place in the tower. The money for the bells is now in place and work can start on March 16<sup>th</sup>. We will shortly publish a new list of possible items for sponsorship to help get us to our target. We are delighted with the progress we have made and the encouragement and support we have received. We would love to find a sponsor (£5,000) for the one remaining bell that needs complete refurbishment. The chance to have your name engraved on a bell comes up, perhaps, once in every 100 years in Ledbury so it is a special opportunity for a commemoration or, perhaps, memorial. This particular bell is the oldest in the tower (1690) and therefore of particular significance. Tim Keyes (01531 579021)

**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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 [schowms@aol.com](mailto:schowms@aol.com)) or Peter Veasey (01531 632099 or [oldwell@btinternet.com](mailto:oldwell@btinternet.com)).

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 3pm: Christian Unity Service.

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

**Tuesday 21st January, from 10.00am.** Contemplative Prayer. Sessions take place in St. Katherine's Chapel on the first and third Tuesday of each month

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> January: Burns Night 7pm in St Katherine's Hall.** Tickets (£15) available from Tim Keyes or Jenny Silcock. The event is at 7.00 pm on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan in St Katherine's Hall. You will have a traditional meal and all the formalities including a piper, the famous "Address to a Haggis" by Robert Burns as well as other poems of his, three short and amusing speeches including the Immortal Memory, and the opportunity for some dancing at the end. Two requests: can anyone spare some time to help set up the hall at 5.00 pm on the day, and does anyone have any tartan rugs, cloths or other materials that would help give the hall a Scottish feel? Please contact Tim Keyes (01531 579021).

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January - Newcomers' Welcome Tea.** Anyone new to any of our congregations is warmly invited to tea **between 4pm and 5pm** in the Chapter House. If you know someone who would like an invitation, or for more information, please contact Mary Anne Keyes on 01531 579021 or [makeyes25@hotmail.com](mailto:makeyes25@hotmail.com). Helpers also most welcome!

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 4pm Candlemas.** A new Candle Service which will be followed by refreshments.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 10am - 12noon: Coffee Stop in the Chapter House.** Please drop in. It would be good to see you.

**Friday 21st February to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Llangasty Quiet Weekend.** Leader Revd Joan Wakeling. Booking forms must be returned by 26<sup>th</sup> January. Further details from Cherry Bently-Taylor 666261.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Shrove Tuesday:** Pancake Party in S. Katherine's.

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Ash Wednesday: 12.30pm** Ash Wednesday Communion (with ashings for those who wish) followed by soup in the chapter house. **7.30pm** Ash Wednesday Communion (with ashings for those who wish).

## READINGS FOR MORNING WORSHIP

### **Psalm 139 verses 1-6**

**1** You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. **2** You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. **3** You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. **4** Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely. **5** You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. **6** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

### **1 Corinthians verses 2: 6-16**

**6** We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. **7** No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. **8** None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. **9** However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived" — the things God has prepared for those who love him— **10** these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

**11** For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. **12** What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. **13** This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. **14** The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. **15** The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, **16** for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.