



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

Sunday 19th January 2020 SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion <i>Led by The Revd William Simmonds</i>
10.00am	Parish Communion and Prayer Ministry <i>Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey Preacher The Revd William Simmonds</i>
3.00pm	Christian Unity Service
6:30pm	BCP Evensong <i>Led by Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey</i>

Church Diary for the week ahead

Monday 20 th January	8:00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Thursday 23 rd January	7, 12, 7	Prayers
Friday 24 th January	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
	10:30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 26th January 2020 THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Communion and Prayer Ministry
11.15am	Eastnor Parish 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 on the church website www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk under the 'Services' section and are posted in the church porch..

Facebook – The church's facebook page: [fb.me/stmichaelsledbury](https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsledbury) – Do have 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 19th January 2020: *Epiphany II*

Old Testament Reading: **Isaiah 49: 1 – 7**

¹Listen to me, O coastlands and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand He hid me; He made me a polished arrow; in His quiver He hid me away.
³And He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
⁴But I said, "I have laboured in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD and my recompense with my God."
⁵And now the LORD says; He who formed me from the womb to be His servant, to bring Jacob back to Him and that Israel might be gathered to Him—for I am honoured in the eyes of the LORD and my God has become my strength—
⁶He says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and His Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers:
 "Kings shall see and arise; princes and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

New Testament Reading: **1 Corinthians 1: 1 – 9**

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus and our brother Sosthenes;
²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:
³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Reading: **John 1: 29 – 42**

²⁹The next day [John The Baptist] saw Jesus coming towards him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"
³⁰This is He of whom I said 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because He was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know Him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that He might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove and it remained on Him. ³³I myself did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptise with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He who baptises with the Holy Spirit.'
³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."
³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as He walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"

³⁷The two disciples heard him say this and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to Him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where He was staying and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of Your saving presence: renew Your people with Your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by Your mighty power; 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

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may Your people, illumined by Your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of His glory, that He may be known, worshipped and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for He is alive and reigns, now and for ever.. **Amen.**

At the end of 10am service: Philip will play: Now thank we all our God by Karl-Elert.

6:30pm readings: Psalm 96, Ezekiel 2:1-3:4, Galatians 1:11-24

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	John Boyle	Shirley Everard	Miles Oliver
Sheila Anthony	Kate Greenhall	Richard Thursby	

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

Ledbury Bells Appeal: Since my notice last week, a sponsor has come forward from the St Michael's congregation to offer to cover the cost of refurbishing a bell. This a wonderfully generous action for which all of us on the PCC and the Bells Subcommittee are very grateful indeed. We have done further calculations this week and now feel that we can offer one last bell for sponsorship (the number 7 bell – re-cast in 1699 and bearing the inscription "Prosperity to this town") without infringing the terms of our grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. I am therefore inviting one last opportunity for the sponsorship of a bell. The cost of this one is £6,000. Tim Keyes (01531 579021)

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kind thoughts over these past weeks, your support has been most welcome and very much appreciated. Hilary Sharp

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 take place in Lent - which runs from **February 26th to 11th April.** Do consider making one of these groups part of your Lenten preparation! There will be five group sessions starting in the **week beginning 2nd March.**

12,000 opportunities to say, 'Welcome'. From **April to the end of October** this year there is every possibility that over 12,000 visitors will come to St Michaels. Would you like to be part of the Friends of Ledbury Parish Church welcoming team? Currently we cover only 40% of available two hourly welcoming 'slots'. While a regular commitment would be ideal, it is appreciated some will have more complex diary arrangements. If you are willing to help, we will do all we can to accommodate you. Please have a word with David Houghton or email him at davidhoughton955@btinternet.com

Thank you for all your financial support over the last year, through the Parish Giving Scheme, Standing Orders and Envelopes. A special thank you to Tony and Lesley Goodhall for all their work over several years as Recorder and Secretary of our Stewardship Scheme. If you want to know how much you gave, please see or call David Kirkham (our new Stewardship Recorder)

, If you want to give regularly to the work and maintenance of S^t Michael's or if you want to join the PGS (and if you give by envelope or SO already I suggest strongly that you should) please contact me on 01531 637227 or david.kirkham2@btinternet.com

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020 Theme – 'Unusual Kindness'

Date and time	Location	Event
Sunday 19 th January at 3pm	S ^t Michaels	Joint Worship Service
Monday 20 th January at 8pm	Baptist Church	Informal Evening Worship
Tuesday 21st January at 7.30pm	Baptist Church	Contemplative Prayer
Wed 22 nd January at 10.30am	S ^t Katherine's	Quiet Space
Thursday 23 rd January at 7.00am	S ^t Michaels	Joint Prayer
Thursday 23 rd January at 12noon	S ^t Michaels	Joint Prayer
Thursday 23 rd January at 7.00pm	S ^t Michaels	Joint Prayer
Friday 24 th January at 7.30pm	Holy Trinity RC	Taize Worship

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TODAY at 3pm: Christian Unity Service.

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

Monday 20th January – Organ Recital 12noon by Philip Holland.

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 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 (£15) available from Tim Keyes or Jenny Silcock. The event is at **7.00 pm on Saturday 25th 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. Three requests: can anyone spare some time to help set up the hall at 4.30 pm on the day, can anyone offer a raffle prize 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 26th 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. Helpers also most welcome!

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

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

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

Friday 21st February to Sunday 23rd February - Llangasty Quiet Weekend.

Leader Revd Joan Wakeling. Booking forms must be returned by 26th January. Further details from Cherry Bently-Taylor 666261.

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) with soup lunch in the chapter house afterwards.

7.30pm Ash Wednesday Communion (with ashing for those who wish).