



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

Sunday 26th January 2020
THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
- 10.00am Parish Communion and Prayer Ministry
Led by The Revd Bill Mackenzie
Preacher The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
- 11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion
Led by The Revd Joan Wakeling

Church Diary for the week ahead

Monday 27 th January	8:00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Thursday 30th January	7, 12, 7	Prayers
Friday 31st January	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
	10:30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 2nd FEBRUARY
CANDLEMAS

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 10.00am Parish Communion and Prayer Ministry
- 4.00pm Candlemas Service
- 6.30pm Evensong

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 26th January 2020: *Epiphany III*

Old Testament Reading: **Isaiah 9: 1 – 4**

¹But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time He brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time He has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. ³You have multiplied the nation; You have increased its joy; they rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.⁴For the yoke of his burden and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

New Testament Reading: **1 Corinthians 1: 10 – 18**

¹⁰I [Paul] appeal to you, brethren by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brethren. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul", or "I follow Apollos", or "I follow Cephas", or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptised none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptised in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptise also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptised anyone else.)

¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the gospel and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 4: 12 – 25**

¹²When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth He went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — ¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

¹⁹And He said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

²¹Going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets and He called them.

²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him.

²³And [Jesus] went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

²⁴So His fame spread throughout all Syria and they brought Him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics and paralytics; and He healed them. ²⁵Great crowds followed Him from Galilee and the Decapolis and from Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan.

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.**

At the end of 10.00am service: Philip will play: *Chorale Prelude on Melcombe by CHH Parry (New mercies each returning day, hover around us while we pray)*

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.**

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 Greenall		

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)

The Bible in a year: It's not too late to read or listen 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 – This year's Ecumenical Lent Groups will have the theme "Living in the Light". Enrolment forms are on the table at the back of church. Please place completed forms in the box provided or give them to Diana or Peter Veasey. The Opening Service and Enrolment Evening are on **Thursday 20th February**. Spare forms are available from Peter.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TODAY - 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 Candle Service. A new service which will be followed by refreshments.

Tuesday 4th February, from 10.00am. Contemplative Prayer. Sessions take place in St. Katherine's Chapel on the **first and third Tuesday of each month**

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 6:15pm: 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).