



## THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR



*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020  
CANDLEMAS**

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion  
*Led by Revd Tony Hodder*
- 10.00am Parish Communion and Prayer Ministry  
*Led by Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey  
Preacher Revd Tony Hodder*
- 4.00pm Candlemas  
*Led by Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey & Mary Anne Keyes*
- 6.30pm Evensong  
*Led by Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*

### Church Diary for the week ahead

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	8:00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	7, 12, 7	Prayers
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, S <sup>t</sup> Anne's Chapel
	10:30am	Holy Communion, S <sup>t</sup> Katherine's Chapel

**Next Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion  
10.00am Morning Worship  
11.15pm Eastnor Parish Communion  
6.30pm BCP 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 on the church website [www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk](http://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](https://twitter.com/LedburyParish).

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Readings for 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020: *Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)*

### Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3: 1 – 5

<sup>1</sup>“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of His coming and who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

<sup>5</sup>“Then I will draw near to you for judgement. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

### New Testament Reading: Hebrews 2: 14 – 18

<sup>14</sup>Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup>For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

### Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 22 – 40

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons”.

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

<sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the Law,

<sup>28</sup>he took Him up in his arms, blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup>And His father and His mother marvelled at what was said about Him.

<sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother,

“Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

## COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts, by Your Son Jesus Christ 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, You fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when He comes to bring us to eternal life; 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<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	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	Sandra Peters	Robert Orrett	

## NOTICES

**Bells and Tower Appeal:** We have given the go-ahead for the work on the bells to begin on 16<sup>th</sup> March. We are nearing the point of decision on how much we can afford to do of the other planned works in the tower. The generosity of local people has helped us to raise £240,000 of the £270,000 needed to enable everything to go ahead. It would be such a shame, when we are so close to our target, not to be able to complete all the planned improvements to the tower so that the church can hand it on to the next generation in the best possible shape. We anticipate that the remaining funds will be raised from a combination of grant-making trusts, the local business community and donors. If you are someone who is planning to make a donation at any level, we would love to hear from you as soon as possible. Our main challenge now is one of cashflow! We need to sign on the dotted line for the work to proceed sooner than we can raise this money. We are therefore also looking for a number of people to be prepared to underwrite the remaining sum needed, on the high expectation that their money will be returned! It does not have to be paid over yet since we do not need to pay for all of the work until later in the project. If you would be prepared to be one of these underwriters and could offer between £1,000 and £5,000 to help us bridge the gap until the rest of the money is raised, please let me know. *Tim Keyes (01531 579021)*

**“Friends” events:** Many thanks to all who came to the Burns Night and especially to those who helped prepare food, serve, wash up, get the hall ready, tidy up afterwards etc. Thanks also to those who donated whisky or raffle prizes and lent us pieces of tartan material. It was a great team effort and made a profit of £510.00 for the Friends of Ledbury Parish Church.

**Quarter Peal.** The Ringers will be attempting a Quarter Peal of Plain Bob Major **this evening at 5.15pm** in memory of Doris Mitton, whose family have made a very generous contribution to the bell and tower appeal.

**Young Church:** the theme today will be The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. Next week there will be Children’s Worship with Tony Hodder.

**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<sup>t</sup> 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

**February Magazine** is now available at the back of Church. Please help yourselves to a copy. If you feel moved to distribute the magazine to friends/ neighbours around the town, please let Helen I’Anson know where. It would be really helpful to know where the magazine is being distributed.

**Last Peal on the Bells.** The Rector has given special permission for a peal attempt on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, starting at 9.45**. Typically a peal lasts a little over three hours. This will, of course, be the last peal rung on the bells before the restoration work on bells and tower, and will be one of the last bits of ringing on the bells before work begins.

**‘Real’ Easter Eggs’** Akin to the ‘real’ advent calendars, these eggs are made of Fairly traded chocolate and have materials with them telling the Easter Story. If you would like to order please contact Mary Anne Keyes on 07962 323454 or [makeyes25@hotmail.com](mailto:makeyes25@hotmail.com)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **TODAY at 4pm Candlemas Candle Service.**

A new service which will be followed by refreshments.

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

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February from 2pm for 2.15pm Mothers' Union Meeting** at the Market Theatre. Discussion on this year's theme with poems, Bible verses, etc.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 10am - 12noon: Coffee Stop in the Chapter House.**

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

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February *A Bluffers Guide to Ledbury Church*** at 2.30pm delivered by Ian Beer and Margaret Chapman, followed by tea and biscuits.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 12noon – Organ Recital.**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm - A journey with the church bells of Ledbury** through 1000 years of history and literature, and accompanied by some very colourful characters, both real and fiction This talk will be held at the Master's House. Tickets £6 are available from the Library. All proceeds will go towards the campaign for the restoration of the bells.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Shrove Tuesday 6:15pm:** Pancake Party in S. Katherine's.

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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).

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30am to 1.30pm Seed Swap & Plant Sale** in the Chapter House. Do you: Order too many seeds/always have seeds left over/collect your own seeds/grow too many seedlings/like trying new varieties on the cheap? How about bringing your spare seeds and seedlings and enjoying some chat and refreshments as well as picking up some bargains. Refreshments available to purchase (tea, coffee and cake or home-made soup and bread). Also produce if available. Further information from Mary Anne Keyes 01531 579021 or 07962 323454. Please tell your friends