



THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



**Sunday 22nd November 2020**  
**CHRIST THE KING**

At 10am on Sunday morning  
there will not be a service in church  
in keeping with lockdown-2

there will be a Service  
on our website

[www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk)

so we can continue to worship God together,  
taking part where we are,  
joining together at one time,

Do encourage and invite people to join in

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our website [www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk),  
facebook page [fb.me/stmichaelsledbury](https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsledbury)  
and twitter feed @LedburyParish  
for updates and information  
and encourage others to do so too.

**NEXT SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**ADVENT SUNDAY**

Readings for 22nd November 2020: Christ The King

**Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34: 7 – 24**

7“Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: 8As I live, declares the Lord GOD, surely because my sheep have become a prey and my sheep have become food for all the wild beasts, since there was no shepherd and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves and have not fed my sheep, 9therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:

10Thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, I am against the shepherds and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep. No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.

11“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. 12As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

13And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines and in all the inhabited places of the country.

14I will feed them with good pasture and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel.

15I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. 16I will seek the lost and I will bring back the strayed and I will bind up the injured and I will strengthen the weak and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

17“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. 18Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet?

19And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet and drink what you have muddied with your feet? 20“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them:

Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21Because you push with side and shoulder and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, 22I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24And I, the LORD, will be their God and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 31 – 46**

31“When the Son of Man comes in His glory and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. 32Before Him will be gathered all the nations and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33And He will place the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left. 34Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36I was naked

## NOTICES

Please note:

**Following government instructions, the church is not currently open.**

**The church will be open for private prayer on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November between 10:30am and 12 midday.**

**We hope to open the church again 'as usual' on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, returning to our pre-lockdown<sup>2</sup> practice of being open from 10am on Sundays, Mondays... Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.**

**For November, December and January**

**The church office is functioning on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only.**

**When the church is open, please wear face coverings in church. Thank you.**

**Following changes to government guidance and rules**, as you enter church and within, you will see NHS track and trace posters which have qrcodes on them, for use with the NHS app on your smartphone (if you have one and if you have the app on your phone). We are asking newcomers and visitors to either use that or to make themselves known to the churchwardens who will ensure your details are recorded.

We shall have a **carol service at 4pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December *outside*** in the graveyard at the west end of church. Bring torches, lanterns, candles and Christingles!

**Bishop Richard will be coming on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December.**

Thanks to Kate Cheetham's good offices, the service that morning will be a special one. It will be based on extracts from the Messiah, with linked readings, guest soloists and supporting choir.

In conjunction with the service there will be a morning for singers and choir on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December – more information to follow.

**On Christmas Eve**, we shall have **midnight communion at 11:30pm**

**On Christmas Day**, we shall have a **10am Christmas Morning service**, followed by a short communion which will be taken by Rev. Bill MacKenzie

There will be a **Christmas Morning Service at S. John's Eastnor at 11:15am**

and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 37Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38And when did we see you a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? 39And when did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?' 40And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

41"Then He will say to those on His left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, 43I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

44Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not minister to You?'

45Then He will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

### New Testament Reading:

### Ephesians 1: 15 – 22

15For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, 16I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints 19and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power towards us who believe, according to the working of His great might 20that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22And He put all things under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church

### COLLECT

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in His service, whose kingdom has no end; for He reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by You be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**We pray for:** Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & S<sup>t</sup> Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S<sup>t</sup> John the Baptist Church, Likonde.

#### **We pray for those who are sick:**

Phyl Sykes	Sheila Anthony	Dean Jackson	Mike Wakeford
Barbara Williams	Frances Holloway	Barbara Morris	Miles Oliver
Pam Robinson	Chris Nicholson	Robert Walters	Kat Costello
Michael Jarrett	Phyllis Brothers		

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

Vera Smith	Kathleen Moore	Ralph Rich	Jenifer Pierotti
Maise Cadler	Audrey Edge	George Foxon	Michael Paul
William Pennington	Karen Robb	Richard Holland	Gwen Taylor
Pam Davis			

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**Facebook – The church's facebook page:** [fb.me/stmichaelsledbury](https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsledbury) –

Do have a look, like, follow and participate.

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## GIVING TREE 2020

At the start of Advent, a Christmas Tree appears in Church near the Chapter House. The Tree is decorated with labels, each of which represents a child or individual who might appreciate a gift at Christmas. No names are given, just a description of the person's age, gender and any particular circumstances. Any member of the congregation can take a label, provide a suitable gift, and return it (with the original label attached) to be placed at the foot of the tree on the Sundays during Advent. **(The final Sunday for return this year will be Sunday 13 December 2020, to allow time for distribution of gifts).** Each time a gift is returned, a decoration is added to the tree. In this way we can see how the more we give, the more beautiful the tree becomes.

Owing to the latest restrictions this process is going to be more complex than usual but the need is likely to be even greater. As it may not be possible for the Giving Tree to be available to the congregation until Sunday 6 December 2020, if you would like to support this community initiative, could you please contact me on 01531 635129 or [jill\\_jupp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jill_jupp@hotmail.co.uk), as soon as possible. I will then provide details of the recipients in order that you may select a gift to purchase. It would be very helpful if it could be returned to Church on Sunday 6 December 2020 rather than the final deadline of 13 December 2020. Alternatively, I am happy to make an arrangement for collection with you. If anyone would prefer to make a donation rather than a gift that will be very much appreciated too and I will arrange a purchase. In this way the gifts may be checked off against the list, put into family groups and given back to Ledbury Primary School and Ledbury Children's Centre, to arrange distribution ahead of the end of term on 18 December 2020. There is a little more leeway with the Community Hospital. Thank you for your support.