



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 7th November
Third Sunday before Advent**

At 8.00am

**we shall have a BCP Communion service
in our church building**

At 10am

**we shall have a Baptism with Holy Communion service
when Rory King will be baptised
in our church building**

and

streamed live on our website

www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk

then available later on video

**Do encourage and invite people to join in
in person and online.**

3.00pm All Souls' Service

**NEXT SUNDAY 14th November
Remembrance Sunday**

Church office: phone number: 01531 631 531.

Email: ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net

This week the Church Office will be open

Tuesday & Wednesday 9am to 4pm and Thursday 9am to 1pm.

Please visit our website **www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk**

Facebook – The church's facebook page: fb.me/stmichaelsledbury –

Do have a look, like, follow and participate.

Twitter – Do sign-up to S. Michael's twitter account: [@LedburyParish](https://twitter.com/LedburyParish)

Readings for 7th November 2021:

3rd Sunday Before Advent

Old Testament Reading:

Jonah 3: 1 – 10

¹“Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

⁶ The word reached the king of Nineveh and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes. ⁷ And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, ⁸ but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹ Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from His fierce anger, so that we may not perish.”

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that He had said He would do to them and He did not do it.

New Testament Reading:

Hebrews 9: 23 – 28

²³ It was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, [the shedding of blood as described in the preceding verses] but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer Himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶ for then He would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once and after that comes judgement, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him.

Gospel Reading:

Mark 1: 14 – 20

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” ¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed Him. ¹⁹ And going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And immediately He called them and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed Him.

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
²He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.
³He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

New Testament Reading: Acts 2: 38 – 43

³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself." ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptised and there were added that day about three thousand souls.
⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 1 – 11

¹The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, ³the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight,'" ⁴John appeared, baptising in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.
⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt round his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes He who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.
⁸I have baptised you with water, but He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."
⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when [Jesus] came up out of the water, immediately [John] saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove.
¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."

COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in Your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to His just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world and by Your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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

We pray for those who are sick:

Michael Jarrett	Frances Holloway	Dean Jackson	Mike Wakeford
Pam Robinson	Chris Nicholson	Robert Walters	Miles Oliver
Kate Greenall	Thomas Heffner	Richard Tyrrell	Harry Hemming
Elizabeth Crossley	Sheila Anthony	Mike Bainton	
John Crossley	David Kirkham	Jacqui Bryan	

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

Ann Gladwin	Eileen Sandford	Nellie James	Ann Drew
Ursula Orrett	Dick Taylor	Lillian Smith	Betty Jeffries
Ann Crook	Len Moss	Raymond Fox	Geoffrey Killingbeck
Alfred Morris	Josie Peace		

NOTICES

We continue to have rows of pews at the back set out for those who need or wish to keep social distancing.

We will continue to offer hand sanitiser and plan to be supportive of those who continue to need to take covid-care. A part of our covid-care for one another, we shall continue to have paper and book free services, with the liturgy projected, as has been our practice throughout covid-times. Congregational singing is allowed – and encouraged!

Thursday 7am and midday prayers will be in person, in church.

Friday 10.30am Holy Communion at S^t Katherine's Chapel

Wednesday 10th November 2.30 pm, Friends of Ledbury Parish Church AGM.

This meeting is open to members only. If you wish to become a member, please take a form from the back of church and return it to the Church Office. The agenda is displayed in the church porch. The meeting takes place in the church. The guest lecturer will be Bob Vaughan on the topic "John Masefield and bells". Tea will be provided after the event. In November, the PCC will be looking at charitable donations for 2022. If you have any suggestions for recipients, please let Cath Beech, Christabel Panter or Ian James know.

Sunday 14th November – Remembrance Sunday

Following the act of remembrance at the war memorial, which begins at 10:50am, we will hold a Remembrance Service in Church, **planning to start by 11:15**. There will be no 10am service.

Friday 19th November 7.00 pm, Friends “Quiz Night”, St Katherine’s Hall

One of the highlights of the church social calendar. All welcome. Test your knowledge and skills on a range of topics and challenges. Teams of 4 but if you do not have a team, we can allocate you to one. Bangers and Mash supper. Bring your own drinks. Tickets (£10.00) must be booked in advance but may be paid for on the night. Contact Tim Keyes (thkeyes28@hotmail.com / 07577 720154)

Saturday 20th November 9:30am. Men’s Breakfast at the Seven Stars. David Houghton will be our speaker. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

Friday 3rd December, 10-12noon Coffee Stop at St Michael and All Angels Church. For ‘Coffee, Cake and a Chat’. Come and join us. All are Welcome.

Thanks to Jill Jupp and LEAF for a great Light Party last Sunday. Well Done all!