



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 21st November
CHRIST THE KING**

At 8.00am

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

At 10am

**we shall have a Holy Communion service
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.**

At 5.30pm

Choral Evensong

**NEXT SUNDAY 28th November
Advent Sunday**

Church office: phone number: 01531 631 531.

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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 21st November 2021:

Christ The King

Old Testament Reading:

Daniel 7: 9 – 14

⁹“As I looked, thrones were placed and the Ancient of Days took His seat; His clothing was white as snow and the hair of His head like pure wool; His throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued and came out from before Him; a thousand thousands served Him and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him; the court sat in judgement and the books were opened.

¹¹“I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹²As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

¹³“I saw in the night visions and behold! With the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man and He came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him.

¹⁴And to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations and languages should serve Him; His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away and His kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

New Testament Reading:

Revelation 1: 4b – 8

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before His throne ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and the ruler of kings on earth.

To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷Behold! He is coming with the clouds and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of Him. Even so. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Gospel Reading:

John 18: 33 – 37

³³Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him,

“Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?”

³⁵Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You over to me. What have You done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”

³⁷Then Pilate said to Him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world — to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

COLLECT

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that He might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace and bring the whole created order to worship at His feet; who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
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.**

Readings for 21st November 2021:

Evensong – Christ The King

Psalm

Psalm 72

Old Testament Reading:

Daniel 5: 1 - 30

¹ King Belshazzar made a great feast for a thousand of his lords and drank wine in front of the thousand.

² Belshazzar, when he tasted the wine, commanded that the vessels of gold and of silver that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem be brought, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them. ³ Then they brought in the golden vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem and the king and his lords, his wives and his concubines drank from them. ⁴ They drank wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood and stone.

⁵ Immediately the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, opposite the lampstand. And the king saw the hand as it wrote. ⁶ Then the king's colour changed and his thoughts alarmed him; his limbs gave way and his knees knocked together. ⁷ The king called loudly to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans and the astrologers. The king declared to the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing and shows me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold round his neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom."

⁸ Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or make known to the king the interpretation. ⁹ Then King Belshazzar was greatly alarmed and his colour changed and his lords were perplexed.

¹⁰ The queen, because of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banqueting hall, and the queen declared, "O king, live for ever! Let not your thoughts alarm you or your colour change. ¹¹ There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the spirit of the holy gods. In the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him and King Nebuchadnezzar, your father — your father the king — made him chief of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans and astrologers, ¹² because an excellent spirit, knowledge and understanding to interpret dreams, explain riddles and solve problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called and he will show the interpretation."

¹³ Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king answered and said to Daniel, "You are that Daniel, one of the exiles of Judah, whom the king my father brought from Judah. ¹⁴ I have heard of you that the spirit of the gods is in you and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you.

¹⁵ Now the wise men, the enchanters, have been brought in before me to read this writing and make known to me its interpretation, but they could not show the interpretation of the matter. ¹⁶ But I have heard that you can give interpretations and solve problems. Now if you can read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold round your neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom."

¹⁷ Then Daniel answered and said before the king, "Let your gifts be for yourself and give your rewards to another. Nevertheless, I will read the writing to the king and make known to him the interpretation. ¹⁸ O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father kingship and greatness and glory and majesty.

¹⁹ And because of the greatness that He gave him, all peoples, nations and languages trembled and feared before him. Whom he would, he killed and whom he would, he kept alive; whom he would, he raised up and whom he would, he humbled. ²⁰ But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was brought down from his kingly throne and his glory was taken from him. ²¹ He was driven from among the children of mankind and his mind was made like that of a beast and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. He was fed grass like an ox and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, until he knew that the Most High God rules the kingdom of mankind and sets over it whom He will. ²² And you His son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this, ²³ but you have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven. And the vessels of His house have been brought in before you and you and your lords, your wives and your concubines have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which do not see or hear or know, but the God in whose hand is your breath and whose are all your ways, you have not honoured.

²⁴ "Then from His presence the hand was sent and this writing was inscribed.

²⁵ And this is the writing that was inscribed: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, and PARSIN.

²⁶ This is the interpretation of the matter: MENE, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end; ²⁷ TEKEL, you have been weighed in the balances and found wanting; ²⁸ PERES, your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians."

²⁹ Then Belshazzar gave the command and Daniel was clothed with purple, a chain of gold was put round his neck and a proclamation was made about him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

³⁰ That very night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was killed. ³¹ And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

Reading from the Gospel of John:

John 6: 1 – 15

¹ Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias.

² And a large crowd was following Him, because they saw the signs that He was doing on the sick. ³ Jesus went up on the mountain and there He sat down with His disciples.

⁴ Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵ Lifting up His eyes, then

and seeing that a large crowd was coming towards Him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?”⁶ He said this to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. ⁷Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.”

⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” ¹⁰Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number.

¹¹Jesus then took the loaves and when He had given thanks, He distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, He told His disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that He had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by Himself.

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	Maureen Browning
John Crossley	David Kirkham	Jacqui Byron	

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	Margaret Allen	

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. As 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

TODAY: Recorder consort providing music at the 10am service

Thank you from Joan Wakeling. Joan gives thanks to you and to God for answered prayer.

Tuesday 23rd November 7.30pm Deanery Synod are having an 'open evening' when all are invited to hear a talk from Sarah Brown, the new Dean of Hereford Cathedral, about who she is, her role and her vision. The venue is Lady Emily Community Hall, Tarrington. HR14EX

Saturday 27th November Church Pre-Advent Clean.

A church clean will take place **from 9.45am to 12.30pm**. If you are able and willing to help, please sign up on the list at the back of the church, or let David Houghton (01531 890696) know. Please bring your own duster, dustpan and brush, together with any cleaning materials you think you will need. Your reward will be a bacon buttie and a cup of tea or coffee!

Sunday 28th November 4-5:30pm Newcomers' Welcome Tea in the Chapter House.

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.

Saturday 4th December 7.30pm Ledbury Choral Concert

The concert is Music for the Festive Season, with a mix of carols and readings for Advent and Christmas, with audience carols. Tickets are £12 and under 18s free.

Sunday 5th December from 2.30pm to 5pm Family Advent Party in church.

If you would like to help at the event or make cakes etc. or want to come along; please let either Mary Anne Keyes makeyes25@hotmail.com or Jill Jupp know 01531 635129 or jill_jupp@hotmail.co.uk

Saturday 11th December 7.30pm there will be a performance of Handel's Messiah parts 1 and 2 by Cradley Singers, directed by Kate Cheetham.

Giving Tree: On Advent Sunday, 28 November 2021, a Christmas tree will appear in the church near the entrance. 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, sex 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 12 December, to allow time for distribution of gifts). Each time a gift is returned, a decoration is added to the tree. Please do not leave gifts by the Tree during the week.

The gifts are distributed in the week before Christmas. We don't know who receives our gift, and they do not know who provided it, other than that it is a gift from St Michael's. The recipients are determined by Ledbury Primary School, Ledbury Children's Centre and Ledbury Community Hospital. Only they know the names of the people concerned. We have a reference number and the details to help us decide on a suitable gift. As last year, if anyone prefers not to go shopping and would like to make a cash donation instead, I am very happy to do the shopping on your behalf. Please contact me on 01531 635129 or jill_jupp@hotmail.co.uk

Christmas Services at S. Michael's

Sunday 12th December

6:30pm

Town Carol Service

Sunday 19th December

5:30pm

9 Lessons and Carols

Friday 24th December

4:00pm

Christmas Eve

Christingle

11:30pm

Midnight Communion

Saturday 25th December

8:00am

Christmas Day

BCP Holy Communion with carol at end

10:00am

Christmas Communion

Sunday 26th December

8:00am

Boxing Day and the feast of S. Stephen

BCP Holy Communion

10:00am

Holy Communion with carols

Sunday 2nd January

8:00am

Epiphany

BCP Holy Communion

10:00am

Holy Communion



Ledbury Primary School will be holding their Christmas Carol Service in Church on Wednesday 15th December at 2.00pm.

John Masefield School will be holding their Christmas Concerts on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th December.