



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



**SUNDAY 28th November
Advent Sunday**

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**

available later on video

on our website

www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk

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

**NEXT SUNDAY 5th December
Second Sunday of Advent**

Church office: phone number: 01531 631 531.

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This week the Church Office will be open
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 28th November 2021:

Advent Sunday

Old Testament Reading:

Jeremiah 33: 14 – 16

¹⁴“Behold! The days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David and He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

New Testament Reading:

1 Thessalonians 3: 8 – 13

⁸For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. ⁹For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father Himself and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 21: 25 – 36

[Jesus said] ²⁵“There will be signs in sun and moon and stars and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹And He told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near.

³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place.

³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap.

³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place and to stand before the Son of Man.”

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of Your Son our Lord; that, when He shall appear He may not find us sleeping in sin but active in His service and joyful in His praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for: Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners & St Michael and All Angels, Mtwarra and St 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	Julia Matthews

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 St Katherine's Chapel

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

Friday 3rd December - Walking to Petty France.

We are going on our second walk to Petty France and back via Frith Wood Why not join us? We start at St Michaels at 10am. You will be made very welcome. For more information, please either speak to Ian Stainburn (01531 636 383) or David Houghton (01531 890 696)

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.

The Family Advent Party will take place on Sunday 5 December 2021 2.30 – 5.00 pm in the Church. If you would like to make cakes etc. help in some way then please let either Mary Anne Keyes makeyes25@hotmail.com or Jill Jupp know 01531 635 129 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 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, so that by Christmas it is beautifully decorated and represents a symbol of kindness and generosity. Please do not leave gifts by the Tree during the week.

Having spoken with the Wellbeing Manager at Ledbury Primary School, the impact of COVID on their families, economically, emotionally etc. has been very significant and the need for support is even greater. I know that people often have their favourite charities to support at this time of year but if you can take a ticket(s) that would be wonderful. If you need any suggestions re gifts please contact Jill Jupp.

The gifts are distributed during the week before Christmas, largely via Ledbury Primary School. We do not 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 of the gifts are determined by Ledbury Primary School, Ledbury Children's Centre, Ledbury Community Hospital and only they know the names of the people concerned. We only have a reference number and the details to help us decide on a suitable gift.

As last year, if anyone would prefer not to go shopping and would like to make a cash donation or via bank transfer instead, I am very happy to do the shopping on your behalf. Please contact Jill Jupp on 01531 635129 or jill_jupp@hotmail.co.uk

A selection of books for Advent.

Church diaries for your own use or to give to neighbours. Spare Bible reading notes for January to April as priced. Children's Christmas Activity books. Do have a look.

Volunteer Drivers wanted to bring people to Church on Sundays. Please contact Sue Simpson for further details. 07742 060443

Christmas Services at S. Michael's and at S. John'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

4:00pm

Christingle

11:30pm

Eastnor Carol Service

Midnight Communion

Saturday 25th December

8:00am

Christmas Day

10:00am

BCP Holy Communion with carol at end

11:15am

Christmas Communion

Eastnor Christmas Communion

Sunday 26th December

8:00am

Boxing Day and the feast of S. Stephen

10:00am

BCP Holy Communion

Holy Communion with carols

Sunday 2nd January

8:00am

Epiphany

10:00am

BCP Holy Communion

Holy Communion



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

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

LEAF FAMILY ADVENT PARTY



SUNDAY 5th DECEMBER

2.30 to 5pm

St Michael's Church

CRAFTS : PUPPETS : CAROLS

GAMES : TEA

FREE OF CHARGE : CHILDREN ACCOMPANIED BY ADULT

More information from Jill Jupp 01531 635129 or 07531 311991

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