



**THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> December  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

At 8:00am

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

At 10:00am

**we shall have a Holy Communion service  
in our church building  
and**

**streamed live on our website**

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

**then available later on video**

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

**NEXT SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> December  
Third Sunday of Advent**

**Church office: phone number: 01531 631 531.**

**Email: [ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net](mailto: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](http://www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk)**

**Facebook – The church's facebook page: [fb.me/stmichaelsledbury](https://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 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021:

*Advent 2*

**Old Testament Reading:**

**Malachi 3: 1 – 4**

<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.

**New Testament Reading:**

**Philippians 1: 3 – 11**

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

**Gospel Reading:**

**Luke 3: 1 – 6**

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low and the crooked shall become straight and the rough places shall become level ways

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

## COLLECT

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when Your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive Him, who is our Lord and our God.  
**Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven, who sent Your Son to redeem the world and will send Him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate Him in the humility and purity of His first coming that, when He comes again, we may be ready to greet Him with joyful love and firm faith; 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:**

Michael Jarrett	Frances Holloway	Dean Jackson	Mike Wakeford
Pam Robinson	Chris Nicholson	Robert Walters	Miles Oliver
Kate Greenall	Thomas Heffner	Richard Tyrrell	Maureen Browning
Elizabeth Crossley	Sheila Anthony	Mike Bainton	Julia Matthews
John Crossley	David Kirkham	Jacqui Byron	Marilyn Sherlock

### **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!

**Thank you to everyone who helped** with the church Advent Clean last week. Your efforts have been much appreciated. David

**TODAY from 2.30pm to 5pm Family Advent Party in church.**

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

**Friday 10.30am Holy Communion at S<sup>t</sup> Katherine's Chapel**

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

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 10-12noon Coffee Stop** at St Michael and All Angels Church. For 'Coffee, Cake and a Chat'. Come and join us. All are Welcome.

## **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 060 443

**Giving Tree: On Advent Sunday, a Christmas tree appeared 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, 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 me.

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](mailto:jill_jupp@hotmail.co.uk)

**If you are shopping online this Christmas** please consider using the 'easyfundraising' website. This gives you the option to nominate S<sup>t</sup> Michael's to receive a small donation every time you shop with a participating retailer. These include many large firms, including Tesco, John Lewis, and Amazon. You just need to register the website, nominate S<sup>t</sup> Michael's, select your retailer and shop as normal. It's free to use. Check out their website <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> or follow this link [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmichaelandallangelsledbury/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_source=social&utm\\_medium=facebook&utm\\_content=gs-f1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmichaelandallangelsledbury/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_source=social&utm_medium=facebook&utm_content=gs-f1)

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

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**6:30pm**

**Town Carol Service**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**5:30pm**

**9 Lessons and Carols**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**4:00pm**

**Christmas Eve**

**Christingle**

**4:00pm**

**Eastnor Carol Service**

**11:30pm**

**Midnight Communion**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**8:00am**

**Christmas Day**

**BCP Holy Communion with carol at end**

**10:00am**

**Christmas Communion**

**11:15am**

**Eastnor Christmas Communion**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December**

**8:00am**

**Boxing Day and the feast of S. Stephen**

**BCP Holy Communion**

**10:00am**

**Holy Communion with carols**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**

**8:00am**

**Epiphany**

**BCP Holy Communion**

**10:00am**

**Holy Communion**



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

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

# LEAF NATIVITY FESTIVAL



**Fri 17th & Sat 18th DECEMBER**

**10am to 4pm**

**Ledbury Methodist Church,  
Bye St, HR8 2AA**

**A DISPLAY OF NATIVITY SETS  
FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

**FREE OF CHARGE : REFRESHMENTS**

More information from Caroline  
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