



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 12th December
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

At 8.00am

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

At 10am

**we shall have Morning Worship
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 6.30pm

Town Carol Service

**Next Sunday 19th December
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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](https://www.facebook.com/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 12th December 2021:

Advent 3

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14 – 20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgements against you;

He has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

“Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save;

He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love;

He will exult over you with loud singing.

¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. ¹⁹Behold! At that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.

New Testament Reading: Philippians 4: 4 – 7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice!

⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading: Luke 3: 7 – 18

⁷[John] said to the crowds that came out to be baptised by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” ¹¹And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none and whoever has food is to do likewise.”

¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptised and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?”

¹³And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorised to do.”

¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation and be content with your wages.”

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptise you with water, but He who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

¹⁷His winnowing fork is in His hand, to clear His threshing floor and to gather the wheat into His barn, but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.

COLLECT

God for whom we watch and wait, You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of Your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give You thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of Your Spirit that when Your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before His face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. 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	Julia Matthews
Elizabeth Crossley	Sheila Anthony	Mike Bainton	Marilyn Sherlock
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	Maureen Browning

NOTICES

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

We continue to offer hand sanitiser and are supportive of those who continue needing to be covid-careful. As part of our covid-care for one another, we continue to have paper and book free services, with the liturgy projected, as has been our practice throughout covid-times. Congregational singing continues to be encouraged!

Thursday 7am and midday prayers in church.

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

LEAF will be holding a 'Nativity Festival' at the Methodist Church in Bye Street, on Friday 17th December and Saturday 18th December, between 10am and 4pm. This new initiative is thanks particularly to Caroline Warrey, who has a large personal collection of Nativity sets from around the world which will be on display with a trail to engage families and children. All are welcome. Refreshments will be available. The event is free but there will be an opportunity to make a donation to the work of LEAF.

Friday 7th 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

Advent Party: A big thank you to everyone who helped and supported at last Sunday's Advent Party. It was a lovely occasion, enjoyed by all who attended. It was a great example of teamwork amongst our churches and wonderful to see so many families in church.

Giving Tree: The deadline for returning gifts is **TODAY** to allow time for them to be distributed. If you are not going to be in Church this Sunday please contact Jill Jupp on 01531 635129 or jill_jupp@hotmail.co.uk and I will arrange collection/drop off with you. Thank you to everyone for their kindness and generosity in supporting this year's Giving Tree.

If you are shopping online this Christmas please consider using the 'easyfundraising' website. This gives you the option to nominate S^t 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^t 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

Care please! We are coming to the time of year where church furniture gets moved around more than usual. Please may I ask for care to be taken, especially avoiding knocking into monuments and carved pieces of furniture, which are expensive to repair or restore. Please do not stack items touching monuments.

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

Christingle

4:00pm

Eastnor Carol Service

11:30pm

Midnight Communion

Saturday 25th December

8:00am

Christmas Day

BCP Holy Communion with carol at end

10:00am

Christmas Communion

11:15am

Eastnor 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 on Wednesday 15th December at 2.00pm.

John Masefield High School have cancelled their Christmas Concert.

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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