



**THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022  
EPIPHANY**

**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 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
The Baptism of Christ**

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The Church Office is closed until Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.  
The office will then 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://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsledbury) –**  
Do have a look, like, follow and participate.  
**Twitter – Do sign-up to S. Michael's twitter account: @LedburyParish**

Readings for 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022:

*Epiphany*

**Old Testament Reading:**

**Isaiah 60: 1 – 6**

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
<sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you and His glory will be seen upon you.  
<sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising.  
<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all round and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.  
<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
<sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

**New Testament Reading:**

**Ephesians 3: 1 – 12**

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles —  
<sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you,  
<sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.  
<sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ,  
<sup>5</sup>which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.  
<sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.  
<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power.  
<sup>8</sup>To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ  
<sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things,  
<sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.  
<sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that He has realised in Christ Jesus our Lord,  
<sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him.

**Gospel Reading:**

**Matthew 2: 1 – 12**

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king; behold! wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,  
<sup>2</sup>saying, "Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him."  
<sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled and all Jerusalem with him;  
<sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he enquired of them where the Christ was to be born.  
<sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:  
<sup>6</sup>"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."  
<sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.  
<sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently

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for the child and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him.”

<sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold! The star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

<sup>11</sup>And going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother and they fell down and worshipped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts; gold and frankincense and myrrh.

<sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

**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	Julia Matthews
Elizabeth Crossley	Sheila Anthony	Mike Bainton	Marilyn Sherlock
John Crossley	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

### COLLECT

Almighty God, in the birth of Your Son You have poured on us the new light of Your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of Your love: help us to walk in His light and dwell in His love that we may know the fullness of His joy; who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

All praise to You, Almighty God and heavenly King, who sent Your Son into the world to take our nature upon Him and to be born of a pure virgin: grant that, as we are born again in Him, so may He continually dwell in us and reign on earth as He reigns in heaven, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**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<sup>t</sup> Katherine's Chapel.**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 10:30am** Lenten Study planning meeting will take place at the Methodist Church and Meeting Centre in Bye Street.

**Volunteer Drivers wanted** to bring people to Church on Sundays. Please contact Sue Simpson for further details. 07742 060 443

### Ringers return!

It takes a long time to teach someone to be a bellringer in a church tower. Each time a competent bellringer (for all sorts of good reasons) decides to give up or take an extended break, there is a sense of loss among their fellow ringers. Unlike many hobbies, ringing is an activity where people of many different levels of experience and skill can participate together as a band in a way that is rewarding for all. All levels of experience are valued and valuable. If you are someone who has taken a break, for however long, would you consider returning? The addition of just one or two competent ringers to a band can make a huge difference to the variety of what can be attempted and to helping learners to make progress. If half of all those who took time learning to ring, and have since given up, were to return, the activity nationwide would be transformed. You can be assured that you would be warmly welcomed at any tower. We hope, too, that you would rediscover a really rewarding pastime. Please come back!

