



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 9th January 2022
BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

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

then available later on video

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

**Next Sunday 16th January 2022
SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

Church office: phone number: 01531 631 531.

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The Church Office is open on 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 9th January 2022:

Baptism Of Christ

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 43: 1 – 7

¹But now thus says the LORD,

He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel:

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my eyes and honoured and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life.

⁵Fear not, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east and from the west I will gather you.

⁶I will say to the north, Give up and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth,

⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Second / Gospel Reading:

Luke 3: 15 – 18 & 21 – 22

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.

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²¹Now when all the people were baptised and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven:

“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

New Testament Reading:

Acts 8: 14 – 17

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, ¹⁵who came down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶for He had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

COLLECT

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be Your Son anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as Your adopted children; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all time and eternity, You opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus Your beloved Son: by the power of Your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

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!

Church Diary: There is once more a Diary in church for checking our activities, and availability of spaces. You can book a space for a church activity, or for appropriate secular use, but this must be confirmed through the church office to avoid clashes. Please be aware that on rare occasions some activities, such as funerals, may have to take precedence across an accepted booking. It is therefore essential that the office has a record of who to contact for any booking. Thank you.

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	Jacqui Byron		

We remember those who have died and pray for those who mourn their passing:

Ann Crook	Len Moss	Raymond Fox	Geoffrey Killingbeck
Alfred Morris	Josie Peace	Margaret Allen	Maureen Browning
Anthony Baker	Elizabeth Mills		