



**THE PARISHES OF
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR**



*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**SUNDAY 16th January 2022
SECOND SUNDAY OF 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

then available later on video

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

At 5.30pm

Choral Evensong in our church building

**Next Sunday 23rd January 2022
THIRD 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 16th January 2022:

Epiphany 2

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 62: 1 – 5

¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness and her salvation as a burning torch.

² The nations shall see your righteousness and all the kings your glory and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you and your land shall be married.

⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

New Testament Reading:

1 Corinthians 12: 1 – 11

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led.

³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

¹¹ All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as He wills.

Gospel Reading:

John 2: 1 – 11

¹ On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with His disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come."

⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you."

⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And He said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee and manifested His glory. And His disciples believed in Him.

NOTICES

COLLECT

Almighty God, in Christ Jesus You make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of Your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known Your heavenly glory; 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

God of glory, You nourish us with Your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with Your Holy Spirit that through us the light of Your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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	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		

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 paper 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 done and 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 over an accepted booking. It is therefore essential that the office has a record of who to contact for any booking. Thank you.

Burns Night (29th January). The Friends have reluctantly decided to cancel this event as we believe it is not the sort of event that should be taking place while Covid numbers continue to escalate. It would also have been very difficult to sell enough tickets to break even. We may try to replace it with a similar themed event at a later date when conditions are more favourable.