



PARISHES OF EASTNOR AND LEDBURY

Welcome to our Services of Worship

A special welcome to all who are visiting Ledbury this Christmas



Sunday 24th December – Christmas Eve

11.30pm Midnight Communion
*(Service led by: Revd William Simmonds
and Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey)*

Monday 25th December – Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion BCP
(Service led by The Revd Bill Mackenzie)

9.30am Christmas Day Communion
*(Service led by: The Revd William Simmonds)
Preacher The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey)*

11.15am Eastnor Christmas Communion
*(Service led by: The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
and Revd William Simmonds)*

COLLECT – Midnight Communion

Almighty God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that, as we joyfully receive Him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

COLLECT – Christmas Day

Almighty God, You have given us Your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; 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.

or

Lord Jesus Christ,
Your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship You, our Saviour and our eternal God.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION – Midnight

Eternal God, for whom we wait, You have fed us with bread of eternal life: keep us ever watchful, so that we may be ready to stand before the Son of Man, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION – Christmas

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through Him who is Christ the Lord.

Amen.

Readings for 24th December: Christmas Eve Midnight Communion

First Reading: Isaiah 52: 7 – 10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

⁸The voice of your watchmen — they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4: 1 – 3

¹Therefore, while the promise of entering His rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ²For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³For we who have believed enter that rest, as He has said, “As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest’”, although His works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Gospel Reading: John 1: 1 – 14

¹In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through Him and without Him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In Him was life and the life was the light of men.

⁵The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him.

¹¹He came to His own and His own people did not receive Him.

¹²But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Readings for 25th December: Christmas Day

First Reading: Titus 3: 4 – 7

⁴But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, ⁵He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, ⁷so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 1 – 14

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were filled with fear.

¹⁰And the angel said to them,

“Fear not, for behold! I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”

*We wish you
a very happy and blessed
Christmas*