



THE PARISHES OF  
LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,  
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*



**Sunday 10th January 2021**  
**BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

At 10am on Sunday morning  
there will be a service on our website  
[www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk)  
and in our church building  
so we can continue to worship God,  
we read scripture, praise and pray together.

Do encourage and invite people to join in

We can take part where we are.  
We can join together at one time,

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our website [www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk),  
facebook page [fb.me/stmichaelsledbury](https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsledbury)  
and twitter feed [@LedburyParish](https://twitter.com/LedburyParish)  
for updates and information  
and encourage others to do so too.

**NEXT SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021**  
**Second Sunday After Epiphany**

Readings for 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021: *The Baptism of Christ*

**Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1: 1 – 5**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.  
<sup>2</sup> The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep.  
And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.  
<sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light", and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day and the darkness He called Night.  
And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 4 – 11**

<sup>4</sup> John appeared, baptising in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt round his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And he preached, saying, "After me comes He who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I have baptised you with water, but He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."  
<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And when He came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."

**New Testament Reading: Acts 19: 1 – 7**

<sup>1</sup> And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." <sup>3</sup> And he said, "Into what then were you baptised?" They said, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup> And Paul said, "John baptised with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." <sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. <sup>7</sup> There were about twelve men in all.

## COLLECT

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan You revealed Jesus as Your Son: may we recognise Him as our Lord and know ourselves to be Your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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.**

**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:**

Phyl Sykes	Sheila Anthony	Dean Jackson	Mike Wakeford
Michael Jarrett	Frances Holloway	Barbara Morris	Miles Oliver
Pam Robinson	Chris Nicholson	Robert Walters	Kat Costello
Kate Greenhall	Phyllis Brothers	Thomas Heffner	

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

Pam Davies	Elsie Plaskett	Margaret Barber	Roy Haworth
Paul Rees	Elizabeth Meredith	Bob Sharp	

**For November, December and January**

**The church office is functioning on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only.**

**When the church is open, please wear face coverings in church. Thank you.**

**Following government guidance and rules,** as you enter church and within, you will see NHS track and trace posters which have qr codes on them, for use with the NHS app on your smartphone (if you have one and if you have the app on your phone). We are asking newcomers and visitors to either use that or to make themselves known to the churchwardens who will ensure your details are recorded.

**Church Car Park:** Both the north and south walls of the church are to be scaffolded **from Monday 7th December onwards** to allow the replacement of the PVC guttering and downpipes. The work is expected to last at least until the end of January and may spill into February depending upon the weather. **The car park will be closed** throughout that period.

**Church Mission Society:** I have Home made Seville Marmalade and Apple Chutney for sale in aid of our Church Mission Partners Mission Partners. As we could not have a coffee morning this summer we have not been able to send our usual contribution to support our Partners. Please contact me if you wish to buy Marmalade or Chutney, or to give a donation to CMS. Thank you. Christabel 01531 635597

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