



17 November 2019

## ST PETER & ST PAUL ECKINGTON

Service Information & Weekly News

### Welcome to our Family Communion

Rev. Andy Walker is leading today's service and preaching.

*Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.* Psalm 98 v1

### SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

#### Tuesday 19th November

9:15 am Holy Communion at Eckington Methodists with St Luke's

10:00 am until 12:30 pm Teas and Coffee at St Peter and St Paul's, Eckington

#### Thursday 21st November

17:45 Tower Room

'Why did Jesus have to die?'

St Peter and St Paul's, Eckington

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Our community, congregation and clergy. We especially ask for prayers for Dinah, Eddie and Nora, Bernard, Derek and Mavis, Helen and Harold.

If you would like us to pray for you please write your request in the Prayer Book which can be found at the back of church.

### COLLECT FOR TODAY

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed  
to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God and heirs  
of eternal life: rant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that  
when he shall appear in power and great glory  
we may be made like him in his eternal and  
glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns  
with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and for ever.

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

#### Malachi 4.1-2a

<sup>4</sup>See, the day is coming, burning like an oven,  
when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be  
stubble; the day that comes shall burn them  
up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave  
them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup>But for you who  
revere my name the sun of righteousness shall  
rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out  
leaping like calves from the stall.

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

#### 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

<sup>6</sup> Now we command you, beloved, in the name  
of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from  
believers who are living in idleness and not  
according to the tradition that they received  
from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you  
ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we  
were with you, <sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone's  
bread without paying for it; but with toil and  
labour we worked night and day, so that we

might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup>This was not  
because we do not have that right, but in  
order to give you an example to imitate.  
<sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we  
gave you this command: Anyone unwilling  
to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear  
that some of you are living in idleness,  
mere busybodies, not doing any work.  
<sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and  
exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their  
work quietly and to earn their own living.  
<sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in  
doing what is right.

### GOSPEL READING

#### Luke 21.5-19

<sup>5</sup> When some were speaking about the  
temple, how it was adorned with beautiful  
stones and gifts dedicated to God, he  
said, <sup>6</sup>'As for these things that you see, the  
days will come when not one stone will be  
left upon another; all will be thrown down.'  
<sup>7</sup> They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this  
be, and what will be the sign that this  
is about to take place?' <sup>8</sup>And he said,  
'Beware that you are not led astray; for  
many will come in my name and say, "I  
am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go  
after them.

<sup>9</sup> 'When you hear of wars and  
insurrections, do not be terrified; for these  
things must take place first, but the end  
will not follow immediately.' <sup>10</sup>Then he  
said to them, 'Nation will rise against  
nation, and kingdom against kingdom;

<sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.<sup>12</sup> 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament  
you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last  
to that fullness of life for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

## AFTER THE SERVICE...

*Everyone is most welcome to join us  
in the Tower Room for tea or coffee  
and biscuits.*

## EXPLORING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

with Rev. Dave Walker

Thursday 21 November :  
"WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE?"

17:45-19:15 in the Tower Room  
St Peter & St Pauls Parish Church, Eckington

We meet every other Thursday.

Who is this course suitable for?  
People enquiring, new Christians and established  
members of the church.

Refreshments will be provided.

If you have any questions please contact  
Rev. Dave Walker.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

### CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

St Peter and St Paul's Church

Join us in this lovely 12th century church to enjoy the  
Christmas trees decorated by the community.

10, 11, 12 December 10 am - 3 pm  
13 December 3 pm - 6 pm; 14 December 10 am - 6 pm  
15 December 11 am - 4 pm followed by a Carol Service.

Hot soup and rolls available daily.

If you would like to provide and decorate a tree please  
contact Lorna for more information.

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## HELP WANTED

10 - 15 December CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL  
Your help with stewarding during the Festival would be  
very much appreciated. Even if you can only do an hour it  
would help.  
Please contact Lorna for more info or to get your name  
on the rota.

## CONTACTS FOR OUR CHURCHES

### ALL THREE CHURCHES

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### ST PETER & ST PAUL

Churchwarden: Linda Sales 0114 247 8706  
Church Administrator (for booking, funerals,  
baptisms, etc): Lorna Rolfe 07784 056643  
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### ST JOHN – RIDGEWAY

Deputy Churchwarden:  
Richard Langrick 01142 489602

### METHODISTS WITH ST LUKE

Methodist Minister:  
Rev. Sandra Marshall 01142 2486995

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## WEEKLY SHEET

If you have comments or information for the next  
weekly sheet please contact Sue at:  
[weekly.news@eckingtonchurch.org.uk](mailto:weekly.news@eckingtonchurch.org.uk) or call on  
07774 269188.

**The deadline is: 5pm on Wednesday.**

*Kindly note that inclusion is not guaranteed as space  
is limited.*

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## WEBSITE

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and get the latest news regarding services from our  
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