

24 November 2019



ST PETER & ST PAUL ECKINGTON

Service Information & Weekly News

Welcome to our Holy Communion

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

*God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble;* Psalm 46 v 1

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 26th November 10:00 am until 12:30 pm
Teas and Coffee at St Peter and St Paul's, Eckington

Wednesday 27th November

9:30 am Holy Communion at St Peter and St Paul's, Eckington

Friday 29th November

10:30 am until 12:0 pm Landmarks Coffee Morning.
All welcome. St Peter and St Paul's, Eckington

TODAY WE CELEBRATE CHRIST THE KING.

The Feast of Christ the King reminds us of the time when Jesus' kingdom will be established in all the world. It leads into Advent, when the Church anticipates Christ's second coming.

IT IS ALSO 'STIR-UP' SUNDAY

Stir-up Sunday is an informal term for this Sunday in Anglican churches and is traditionally the time when Christmas puddings are made. It takes its name from the beginning of the collect for the last Sunday before the season of Advent.

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 23.1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ²Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. ⁵The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute

justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Colossians 1.11-20

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light: ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 23.33-43

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' ⁴²Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **EXPLORING**

THE CHRISTIAN FAITH with Rev. Andy Walker

Thursday 5 December :

What is Holy Communion? Rev. Andy Walker

17:45 -19:15 in the Tower Room

St Peter & St Pauls Parish Church, Eckington
Refreshments will be provided.

This course is suitable for: people enquiring, new Christians and established members of the church. Any Qs? Please contact Rev. Dave.

**St Peter & St Paul's
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!**

ECUMENICAL ADVENT SERVICE

Tuesday 3rd December 2:30 pm

Join the Women's Fellowship for this service which is open to all.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

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

10, 11, 12 December 10 am - 3 pm

13 Dec. 3 pm - 6 pm; 14 Dec. 10 am - 6 pm

15 Dec. 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.

AN EVENING WITH CHRIS LUBBE

Tuesday 10th December 6:30 pm - 9 pm

Dronfield Civic Hall £10 All profits to Africa's Gift

Inspiring talk by Nelson Mandela's former bodyguard. Leaflet available at the back of church.

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.

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. There is also a form on the website you can use if you prefer.

WEEKLY SHEET

If you have comments or information for the next weekly sheet please contact Sue at: weekly.news@eckingtonchurch.org.uk or call on 07774 269188. The deadline is: 5pm on **Wednesday**.

Inclusion is not guaranteed as space is limited.

WEBSITE

For reports and photos of previous events and service updates visit: www.eckingtonchurch.org.uk

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