

CAROL CONCERT BY THE ECKINGTON SINGERS

Tuesday 17 December at 7:30 pm.

To help us get into the spirit of Christmas, The Eckington Singers are presenting a selection of carols. There will also be plenty of carols for you to sing as well!

Entry is free. There will be a retiring collection which will go to church funds.

Coffee and tea will be available afterwards.

We look forward to seeing you!

After our Christmas break we continue

EXPLORING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

with Rev. Dave Walker

Thursday 16 January 2020 :

THE HOLY SPIRIT

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 questions? Please contact Rev. Dave.

WEBSITE

For reports and photos of previous events and service updates visit: www.eckingtonchurch.org.uk
Send comments or info to Don at web.articles@eckingtonchurch.org

WEEKLY SHEET

If you have comments or information for the next weekly sheet please contact Sue at: weekly.news@eckingtonchurch.org.uk

The deadline is: 5pm on Wednesday.

Inclusion is not guaranteed as space is limited.

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15 December 2019

ST PETER & ST PAUL
ECKINGTON

Service Information & Weekly News

Welcome to our Holy Communion on the Third Sunday in Advent

Rev. Dave Walker will be leading the service.

*Happy are those who have the God of
Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the
Lord their God;* Psalm 146 v 4

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 15 (today!)

Last day of the Christmas Tree Festival
4 pm. Carol Service St Peter & St Paul's

Monday 16

1:45 pm Funeral Service for Derrick
2:50 pm Committal at Brimington Crematorium

Tuesday 17

9:15am Midweek Holy Communion
Eckington Methodists with St Luke's
10 am - 12:30pm Tea, Coffee & Cake
St Peter & St Paul's

7pm Eckington Singers Carol Concert
St Peter & St Paul's

Our Condolences...

Derrick was a lifelong member of our church congregation and he will be sorely missed. We send our deepest condolences to Mavis and the family.

COLLECT FOR TODAY

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah Ch 35 v 1-10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. ³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸ A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. ⁹ No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰ And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with

singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

NEW TESTAMENT READING James Ch 5 v 7-10

⁷ Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL READING Matthew Ch 11 v 2-11

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' ⁴Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' ⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it

is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." ¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Our community, congregation and clergy.

We especially ask for prayers for Dinah, Eddie and Nora, Bernard, 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.

AFTER THIS SERVICE...

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