

After our Christmas break we will 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 Paul's 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.

## *Date for Your Diary!* **CHURCHES TOGETHER**

**Saturday 25 January 12 noon - 2pm**  
**Eckington Methodists with St Luke's**

As we begin a new year we will have a get  
together. A light buffet lunch--which will no  
doubt include cake!!

More information nearer the date.

We look forward to seeing you!

## **WEBSITE**

For reports and photos of previous events and  
service updates visit:

[www.eckingtonchurch.org.uk](http://www.eckingtonchurch.org.uk)

Send comments or info to Don at  
[web.articles@eckingtonchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto:weekly.news@eckingtonchurch.org.uk)

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

*Inclusion is not guaranteed as space is limited.*

## **CONTACTS FOR OUR CHURCHES**

### **ALL THREE CHURCHES**

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**Reader:** Bertie Walker 01246 432196

### **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:**

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### **METHODISTS WITH ST LUKE**

**Methodist Minister:**

Rev. Sandra Marshall 01142 486995



22 December 2019

**ST PETER & ST PAUL**  
**ECKINGTON**

Service Information & Weekly News

## **Welcome to our Holy Communion on the Fourth Sunday in Advent**

Rev. Andy Walker will be leading the service.

*4 Turn us again, O God; show the light of  
your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

Psalm 80 v 4

## **SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday 24 December**

4 pm Crib Service St Peter & St Paul's

23:30 pm Midnight Holy Communion

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St John's Ridgeway

**Wednesday 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY!**

9:30 am Holy Communion

St Peter & St Paul's

**Sunday 29 December**

9:30 am Holy Communion

St Peter & St Paul's

11:00 am Morning Prayer St John's Ridgeway

**Sunday 5 January 2020**

10:45am United Service

Eckington Methodists with St Luke's

## 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 7 v 10-16

<sup>10</sup> Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup> Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. <sup>13</sup> Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup> He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup> For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans Ch 1 v 1-7

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup> the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and

apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup> including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup> To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## GOSPEL READING Matthew Ch 1 v 18-25

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' <sup>24</sup> When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup> but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## 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.*