

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 GET-TOGETHER!

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

As we begin a new year we are having a get-together for members of the three churches in our parish. We will share a light buffet lunch—which will no doubt include cake!!

There is a sign up sheet for the Churches Together Lunch on the noticeboard in the Tower Room. If you plan to join us **PLEASE sign up today** so we know roughly how many people to cater for.

Lunch is **FREE** (although there will be a plate for small donations towards the cost of food if you are able to contribute).

*We look forward your company!*

## CONTACTS FOR OUR CHURCHES

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### ST PETER & ST PAUL

Churchwarden: Linda Sales 0114 247 8706

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### ST JOHN – RIDGEWAY

Deputy Churchwarden:

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### METHODISTS WITH ST LUKE

Methodist Minister:

Rev. Sandra Marshall 01142 486995

## 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.*

12 January 2020



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

Service Information & Weekly News

**Welcome to our Family Service  
on the day we remember  
the Baptism of Christ**

*1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*

*2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to  
his name; worship the Lord in the beauty  
of holiness.*

Psalm 29 v 1, 2

## SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Tuesday, January 14, 2020**

9:15am Holy Communion

Eckington Methodists with St Luke's

10:00am Church Open - Tea, Coffee & Cakes!

St Peter and St Paul's

**Thursday 16 January**

17:45 Exploring the Christian Faith

St Peter and St Paul's

**Sunday, January 19, 2020**

9:30am Holy Communion

St Peter and St Paul's

11:00am Family Service

St John's Ridgeway

## COLLECT FOR TODAY

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah Ch 42 v 1-9

<sup>1</sup>Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
<sup>2</sup> He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup> I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup> I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, tell you of them.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts Ch 10 v 34-43

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

## GOSPEL READING Matthew Ch 3 v 13-17

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly

the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

## 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.

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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.*