

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Our community, congregation and clergy.

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

EXPLORING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

with Rev. Dave Walker

Thursday 30 January 2020 :

How Christians Grow – Learning To Pray

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.

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

The deadline is: 5pm on Wednesday.

Inclusion is not guaranteed as space is limited.

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ST PETER & ST PAUL

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Methodist Minister:

Rev. Sandra Marshall 01142 486995

CHURCHES GET-TOGETHER!

On Saturday!

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 other local churches.
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 to your company!

19 January 2020



ST PETER & ST PAUL
ECKINGTON

Service Information & Weekly News

Welcome to our Service of Holy Communion on the second Sunday of Epiphany.

*¹ I waited patiently for the Lord; he
inclined to me and heard my cry. ² He brought
me out of the roaring pit, out of the mire and
clay; he set my feet upon a rock and made my
footing sure.*

*⁵ Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord
my God. How great your designs for us! There
is none that can be compared with you.*

Psalm 40 v 1, 2, 5

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, 22 January

9:30am Holy Communion St Peter and St Paul

Friday, 24 January

10:30 - 11:45am Landmark's Coffee Morning
St Peter and St Paul

Saturday 25 January

12noon - 2pm CHURCHES TOGETHER
Eckington Methodists with St Luke's

Sunday, 26 January

9:30am Holy Communion St Peter and St Paul

11:00am Holy Communion St John's Ridgeway

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 49 v 1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.² He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³ And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' ⁴ But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' ⁵ And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—⁶ he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' ⁷ Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians Ch 1 v 1-9

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL READING

John Ch 1 v 29-42

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ³¹ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' ³² And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy

Spirit." ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' ³⁹ He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

AFTER THIS SERVICE...

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