

EXPLORING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

with Rev. Dave Walker

Thursday 27 February : **READING THE BIBLE**

17:45 -19:15 Tower Room St Peter & St Paul's
Refreshments will be provided.

Any questions? Please contact Rev. Dave.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

ECUMENICAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 6th March

2pm Ecumenical Service
St Peter and St Paul's

Everyone is welcome!

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Monday 23 March : 7:30pm
In the Tower Room

All those on the Electoral Roll of
St Peter and St Paul's are invited
- and encouraged-
to attend.

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.uk

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 often limited.

CONTACTS FOR OUR CHURCHES

ALL THREE CHURCHES

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ST PETER & ST PAUL

Churchwarden: Linda Sales 0114 247 8706

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etc): Lorna Rolfe 07784 056643

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ST JOHN - RIDGEWAY

Deputy Churchwarden:

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METHODISTS WITH ST LUKE

Methodist Minister: *Awaiting new contact info.*

WHAT IS ASH WEDNESDAY?

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. It gets
its name from the practice of marking the foreheads
of Christians with ashes in the sign of the cross.
Traditionally, the ashes were made by burning the
palm branches used on Palm Sunday and are a
reminder that we come from, and will return to, dust.

The service on Ash Wednesday is a solemn one as we
reflect on Christ's life, His death and our response to
His sacrifice, made once and for all.

Prayer for use during Lent

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

23 February 2020



ST PETER & ST PAUL
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Service Information & Weekly News

Welcome to our Service of Holy Communion

Today is the First Sunday before Lent. Rev. Dave
Walker is conducting the service.

*1 The Lord is King; let the peoples tremble;
he is enthroned above the cherubim; let the
earth shake. 2 The Lord is great in Zion
and high above all peoples. 3 Let them
praise your name, which is great and awe-
some; the Lord our God is holy. Psalm 99 v 1-3*

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 25 February

9:15am Holy Communion

Eckington Methodists with St Lukes

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

St Peter & St Paul Eckington

Wednesday, 26 February Ash Wednesday

9:30am Holy Communion

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Thursday 27 February : Emmaus Course

17:45 - 19:15 Tower Room St Peter & St Paul's

Friday 28 February

10:30am - 12pm Landmarks Coffee Morning.

All welcome. St Peter and St Paul, Eckington

Sunday, 1 March

11:00am United Service of Holy Communion

St John's Ridgeway

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus Ch 24 v 12–18

¹² The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Peter Ch 1 v 16–21

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and

coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

GOSPEL READING Matthew Ch 17 v 1–9

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and

touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' ⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AFTER THIS SERVICE...

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

THIS WEEK PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Our world, and our community, congregation and clergy.

We especially ask for prayers for Dinah, Eddie and Nora, Bernard, Mavis, Brian, Harold, Peter, Diane, Helen and Chris, Steven, and the family and friends of Stan Davey..

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.