

2 February 2020



ST PETER & ST PAUL
ECKINGTON

Service Information & Weekly News

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 13 February 2020 :

READING THE BIBLE

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.

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METHODISTS WITH ST LUKE

Methodist Minister:

Awaiting new contact info.

WEBSITE

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

www.eckingtonchurch.org.uk

Send comments or info to Don at

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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 often limited.

AFTER THIS SERVICE...

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

Welcome to our United Service of Holy Communion.

Today is Candlemas, the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, when we remember the Presentation of Christ at the Temple.

*1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,
the compass of the world and all who dwell
therein.*

*2 For he has founded it upon the seas and
set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.*

Psalm 24 v 1,2

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 4 February

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

St Peter & St Paul Eckington

Wednesday, 5 February

9:30am Holy Communion

St Peter & St Paul Eckington

Sunday, 9 February

9:30am Family Service

St Peter & St Paul Eckington

10:45am Holy Communion

Eckington Methodists with St Luke's

11:00am Morning Prayer St John's Ridgeway

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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

Malachi Ch 3 v 1–5

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵ Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews Ch 2 v 14–18

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

GOSPEL READING

Luke Ch 2 v 22–40

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in

his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' ³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.