

kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

AFTER THIS SERVICE...

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Our community, congregation and clergy. We especially ask for prayers for Dinah, Eddie and Nora, Bernard, Mavis, Brian, Harold, Peter, Diane, Helen and Chris, 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.

WEBSITE

For reports and photos of previous events and service updates visit: www.eckingtonchurch.org.uk
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METHODISTS WITH ST LUKE

Methodist Minister:
Awaiting new contact info.

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.

Any questions? Please contact Rev. Dave.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY...

World Day of Prayer : Friday 6th March
Ecumenical Service 2pm St Peter and St Paul's

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.

9 February 2020



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Service Information & Weekly News

Welcome to our Family Service

Today is the Third Sunday before Lent.
Rev. Andy Walker is conducting the service.

1 Alleluia. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments.

Psalm 112 v 1

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 11 February 9:15am Holy Communion
Eckington Methodists with St Luke's

10:00am Church Open - Tea, Coffee & Cakes!
St Peter & St Paul Eckington

Sunday, 16 February 9:30am Family Service
St Peter & St Paul Eckington

11:00am Family Service St John's Ridgeway

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 58 v 1–12

¹Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. ³ ‘Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?’ Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers: ⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The Lord

will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians Ch 2 v 1–16

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, ‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him’ — ¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit

of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else’s scrutiny. ¹⁶‘For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?’ But we have the mind of Christ.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew Ch 5 v 13–20

¹³‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the