

## THIS WEEK PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Our world, and our community, congregation and clergy and 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.

## LENT COURSE with Rev. Andy Walker

We will study various aspects of Christian life in the weeks before Easter Sunday. We aim to provide a time to ask questions and discuss answers so as to deepen our understanding of what it is to be a Christian in 2020.

Week 2: If you have ever wondered what the Parochial Church Council and Synod are, what an Archdeacon does or what is your role in the church, join us for some answers on:

Wednesday 11 March at 7:30pm  
in the Tower Room.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

### 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.

### ECKINGTON SINGERS HOLY WEEK MEDITATION

'OLIVET TO CALVARY'

Tuesday 7 April 7:30pm

St Peter And St Paul's, Eckington

Entry is free but a retiring collection will be made.  
Proceeds to church funds.

## CONTACTS FOR OUR CHURCHES

### ALL THREE CHURCHES

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### ST PETER & ST PAUL

Churchwarden: Linda Sales 0114 247 8706

Church Administrator (to book, funerals, baptisms,  
etc): Lorna Rolfe 07784 056643

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### ST JOHN - RIDGEWAY

Deputy Churchwarden:

Richard Langrick 01142 489602

### METHODISTS WITH ST LUKE

Methodist Minister: *Awaiting new contact info.*

## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Box Collections and Donations raised a grand  
total of £251.36.

## SALE OF CAKES & VEGETABLES

raised £35.00 for church funds.

Thanks to all who contributed and Val and Janet  
for organising these fund raisers.

## 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.uk](mailto: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](mailto:weekly.news@eckingtonchurch.org.uk)

The deadline is: 5pm on Wednesday.

*Inclusion is not guaranteed as space is often limited.*

8 March 2020



ST PETER & ST PAUL  
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Service Information & Weekly News

## Welcome to our Family Service

Today is the second Sunday of Lent.

Rev. Andy Walker is conducting the service.

*1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is  
my help to come? 2 My help comes from the  
Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. 3 He  
will not suffer your foot to stumble; he who  
watches over you will not sleep. Psalm 121 v 1-3*

## SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 10 March 9:15am Holy Communion  
Eckington Methodists with St Lukes

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

Wednesday, 11 March 7:30pm Lent Course  
St Peter & St Paul Eckington

Thursday 12 March 1:45pm TLC  
Eckington Methodists with St Luke's

Friday 13 March  
10:30am - 12pm Landmarks Coffee Morning.  
All welcome. St Peter and St Paul

Sunday, 15 March  
9:30am Holy Communion St Peter and St Paul  
11am A short service in Eckington Cemetary to  
dedicate the new headstones of the children who  
died in the Plumbley disaster 125 years ago.  
11am Family Service St John's Ridgeway

## COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 12.1–4a

<sup>1</sup>Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you: <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'  
<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 4.1–5,13–17

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.'  
<sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup> For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

## GOSPEL READING John 3.1–17

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.'  
<sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'  
<sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?'  
<sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above."  
<sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'  
<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus

said to him, 'How can these things be?'  
<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?'  
<sup>11</sup> 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?'  
<sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man: <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.  
<sup>16</sup> 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.'  
<sup>17</sup> 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## AFTER THIS SERVICE...

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