

This Week

- Tue 3 Feb Prayer gathering 10.00 – 11.30am at St Wulstans
- Wed 4 Feb Prayer gathering 8.00 – 9.30pm at St Wulstans.
Coffee, tea and cake from 7.30 – 7.55pm
- Thu 5 Feb **'Biblical Counselling in the Local Church:** How wise biblical counsel produces growth in the body of Christ' – Day conference 10.00am-4.30pm. Evening session 7.30-9.00pm – 'The heart of depression: Understanding and caring for those who experience depression'.
Brochures on the Information Table.

Looking Ahead

Rooted weekend away: This year's church student weekend away is Fri 6th - Sun 8th March; Quinta, Shropshire. A great weekend of talks, discussion, food and fun for £50! **All** students welcome, please talk to Andy Martin if you're interested.

News, Notices and Requests

Building for the Future: With the Chancellor's decision expected shortly, we now need to empty St Stephens, ready for Phase 2. Can you help the Decant Working Party at St Stephen's on Saturday 7th February, 10am-12noon? This will also be a chance to see progress on Phase 1. You will need boots or wellies! Please see Richard Phillips.

Music rehearsal and musicians wanted: We're looking for some more musicians to play at Sunday services - if you can sing or play an instrument and want to serve in this way please see Allan Ooi.

Prayer Meetings for Sarah Underwood: Please know that all are invited to join in. Feel free to come or not, as works for you. The next 3 meetings are on Tuesdays: 27th Jan (8.00-10.00pm), 3rd Feb (1.30-2.30pm) and 10th Feb (8.00-9.00pm)

Itay'n'Play: Can YOU help? We need people to help serve tea and coffee and cut up bits for craft activities. Please speak to Amy Walker, Amanda Martin or Helen Buckley for more details.

JBCU Events Week: REAL Hope? 2 – 6 Feb, lead speaker Graham Daniels. See www.ubcu.co.uk

House to rent: furnished, mid terrace, 2-bedroomed house (1 double, 1 single), upstairs bathroom in Kitchener Road close to Cannon Hill Park, B29. March – Sept 2015 and possibly beyond. For more info, please speak to Julie Keene.

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK



taking Jesus seriously, taking the Bible seriously

Welcome

1st February 2015

If you are new, you are especially welcome. Please help yourself to a Welcome booklet and, if you have time, introduce yourself and ask any questions you may have.

10.00am Morning Service for all ages

'It's great being a Christian!' (1 Peter 1:22-2:10) – Andy Martin

Children and young people will stay in the service today.

0-3s are welcome to stay in the service, but should you require it there is a crèche in the back room that is available throughout the service.

Toilets are in the foyer, baby-changing facilities are in the disabled toilet.

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after the service.

6.00pm Evening Service with Holy Communion

'A promise is a promise' (Genesis 17) – Chris Hobbs

Coffee, tea and cakes are served after the service.

Chris Hobbs, Vicar (Senior Minister)

1. Like babies, Christians start a new (eternal) life.

2. Like babies, Christians need something to make them grow.

3. Like babies, Christians belong in a loving family.

OPENING PRAYER *led by Tom Bryant*

SONG Creation sings

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sin, God is faithful and just; he will forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins. For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;

Father forgive us, save us and help us.

For behaving just as we want to without thinking of you;

Father forgive us, save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do and think and say;

Father forgive us, save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;

Father forgive us, save us and help us.

In your great love for us, and because Jesus died for our sins;

Father forgive us, save us and help us.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that you forgive all who truly turn to you. May your Holy Spirit give us strength to love and serve you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR ZACHARY VAUGHAN *see insert*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

SONG You know everything about me

BIBLE READINGS Isaiah 40:1-11 (page 723), 1 Peter 1:22-2:3 (page 1218)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON It's great being a Christian!

SONG Come gather everyone and listen

PRAYERS ending with THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

NOTICES

SONG In Christ alone

CLOSING PRAYER

What does a relationship with God look like?

1. God establishes his covenant (1) (v3-8)

2. We keep his covenant (1) (v9-14)

3. God establishes his covenant (2) (v15-22)

4. We keep his covenant (2) (v23-27)

OPENING PRAYER *led by Helen Buckley*

SONGS Great is thy faithfulness
The splendour of the King

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

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SONG See the man

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BIBLE READINGS Genesis 17:1-27 (page 16); Romans 4:1-12 (page 1131)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON A promise is a promise

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG See he dies

COMMUNION *see insert*

NOTICES

SONG From the breaking of the dawn

CLOSING PRAYER

COLLECTION Gifts may be placed in the Gifts box on the Information Table