

Today

This term in Sunday Club we will be thinking about treasure! Who and what we treasure. Sunday Club are learning a new memory verse this term. '*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also*'. Mat 6:21 They've been challenged to see which household can come up with the best actions. Get thinking, planning and practising!

This Week

Tues 3 May **Prayer Gathering**, 10.00-11.30am in St Stephen's.

Wed 4 May **Prayer Gathering**, 8.00-9.30pm in St Stephen's – with coffee, tea and cakes 7.30-7.55pm.

Looking Ahead

Sat 7 May **Grace and Healing for Anorexia**. 7 for 7.30pm at St Stephens. Glen and Emma Scrivener are coming to share their story. There will be an informal Café, an interview with them and time for questions.

Tues 10 May **MMTC Lite** starts, at St Stephen's. Flyers on the Information Table.

Fri 13 May **The God Particle Play**. 8.00pm at St Stephen's. In Birmingham for one night only, don't miss out! See the flyer for more information.

Sat 14 May **Maintenance Morning**. Meet at St Stephens at 10am. Bring gardening tools if you have any. Many hands make light work, so please plan to come along.

Sun 22 May **World Mission Sunday** with Church Family Lunch ('come & eat'); then 1-2 pm "150 years of Mission to East Asia - Looking Back, Looking Forward"; children's programme also provided. Please plan to join us for that!

Jul 2-3 **Church Family Weekend at Home**. Andy Upton, of Knighton Church Leicester, will be speaking on 'Hosea: Straight from the Heart', about God's passionate love for his people. Please put the date in your diary. More details to come

News and Requests

The World We All Want. A chance to explore the unfolding story of the Bible – the story of the world we want but don't have. Continuing Thu 5 May, 8.00-9.30pm. Contact the office for details.

Naomi Bryant, Cordelia Checketts and Pippa Nicolson were **elected to the PCC** on Wednesday.

More help needed to serve refreshments after the morning service. Contact Margaret Twiss;

'**The Servant Queen and the King she serves**' books are available for £1 at the back of church.

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Welcome

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 All Age Morning Service

'Ten words: The heart of things' (Deuteronomy 5:21) – Helen Buckley

Children and young people will stay in church today.

Crèche is in the Cranmer Room for 0-3's. To access crèche go to the back of church.

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after the service in the foyer.

6.00pm Evening Service with Holy Communion

'No turning back' (Luke 9:51-62) – Chris Hobbs

Coffee, tea and cakes are served after the service in the foyer.

Toilets are adjacent to the foyer and upstairs; baby-changing facilities are in the disabled toilets.

Ten words: The heart of things
Deuteronomy 5:21

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Hobbs*

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

SONG Creation sings

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;

All Father forgive us, save us and help us.

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

All Father forgive us, save us and help us.

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

All Father forgive us, save us and help us.

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

All Father forgive us, save us and help us.

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

All Father forgive us, save us and help us.

YOUTH WEEKEND AWAY VIDEO

SONG Give thanks to the Lord

BIBLE READINGS Deuteronomy 5:1-6, 21 (page 184, 185), Romans 7:7-13 (page 1133)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

TALK Ten words: The heart of things

SONG You know everything about me

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.

NEWS

HYMN I stand amazed

Please collect your child from crèche.

CLOSING PRAYER

Be with us, Lord, as we go out into the world: may the lips that have sung your praises always speak the truth; may the ears which have heard your word listen only to what is good; and may our lives in every part be always pleasing in your sight, for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sermon notes

No turning back

Luke 9:51-62

“In the last resort, what we want to know is ... what Jesus Christ himself wants of us” (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

- **“Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head” (v58)**

- **“Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God” (v60)**

- **“No-one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God” (v62)**

Missed a sermon recently? Please visit www.sssw.org.uk to hear or download an audio version.

Evening Service

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Hobbs*

SONG Jesus is Lord the cry that echoes

HYMN Fairest Lord Jesus

BIBLE READINGS 1 Kings 19:19b-21 (pages 361), Luke 9:51-62 (1040)

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SERMON No turning back

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG To you O Lord

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SONG See him in Jerusalem

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COMMUNION *see insert*

NEWS

HYMN Love divine

CLOSING PRAYER

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, equip us with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.