



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

2nd February 2014

This Week

Mon 3 Feb Fellowship Group Leaders, 8.00-9.30pm at 18 Selly Wick Road

Tues 4 Feb Prayer Gathering, 10.00-11.30am at 103 Bournbrook Road

Wed 5 Feb Prayer Gathering, 8.00-9.30pm in the Dain Room, St Stephen's

Looking Ahead

Sun 23 Feb International Service, 6.00pm at St Wulstan's: 'What does God want?' Speaker Peter Teagle (Friends International, Oxford). Aimed at international students, but open to everyone – of any faith or none – so please invite friends. Flyers on the Information Table.

Sun 2 Mar Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving, 3.00pm at St Stephen's, followed by tea. For those who have lost loved ones recently – please invite others. Please let the Parish Office know you are coming, with the name of the person you wish to remember.

Sat 22 Mar 'Uncover' training day with Becky Manley Pippert. A day to equip and enthuse us to open up the Bible with friends. 9.30-4.30 at Selly Oak Elim Church, Exeter Road. Cost £10. Contact the Parish Office for more info.

News, Notices and Requests

Building for the Future News: Now that the tender documents have been sent out, we have received a visit from a potential contractor, who seemed to understand what we want!

WANTED: Ministry Trainee. For Sept 2014 - Aug 2015. You will be trained in gospel ministry, learn to give Bible teaching, and help with practical tasks. A great way to find out if gospel ministry could be for you long-term. Details from Chris Hobbs.

We're on Facebook! Find our page and like us, then you'll get to see weekly updates as well as links to videos of new songs, photographs from church events and much more!

New song at evening service: If you'd like to listen to *The perfect wisdom of our God* again please visit www.sssw.org.uk/newsongs.

Day centre member places available. Speak to Lynne Trueman for more details.

Junk needed. We will soon be doing some junk modelling in Explorers on Thursday. Please would you start saving your egg boxes, tubes and anything else you think we could use?

Word Alive. Enjoy a life transforming holiday! Challenging Bible teaching, joyful sung worship and a fun holiday too. April 12-17, 2014. £270pp. Speak to Andy

Christian Medical Fellowship - 'Saline Solution' Day Conference – Sat 15 March - 9.30am-5.00pm at St Wulstan's. This is a day course designed to help Christian healthcare professionals bring Christ into every day work. Speak to Alice

Vicar: Chris Hobbs **Assistant Minister:** Richard Leadbeater

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Welcome

If you are new, please say 'hello' and pick up a Welcome booklet at the back of Church.

10.00am at St Stephen's

All-Age Service: 'Corinth: the gospel rejected' (Acts 18:1-6) – Helen Buckley
Children and young people will be staying in church. There is a crèche (ages 0-3) in the Dain Room next door to the Church. Please collect your child during the final song.

Toilets are in the foyer of the Dain Room, next door to the Church.

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

11.30am at St Wulstan's

Holy Communion: 'Corinth: the gospel rejected' (Acts 18:1-6) – Maurice Sinclair

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served *before* the service.

6.00pm at St Wulstan's

Holy Communion: 'Can God be trusted?' (Genesis 3:1-6) – Chris Hobbs

Coffee, tea and cakes are served after the service.

Welcome to our world...

1. Doubting God's word (v1-3)

2. Doubting God's judgment (v4)

3. Doubting God's goodness (v5-6)

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

OPENING PRAYER *led by Richard Leadbeater*

SONG Come people of the risen King

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. You chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world and destined us for adoption as your children. In Christ we have the forgiveness of sins, an inheritance in your kingdom, the seal of your Spirit, and in him we live for the praise of your glory for ever and ever. Amen.

SPOTLIGHT ON BURMA

SONG From the highest of heights

BIBLE READINGS Genesis 3:1-6 (page 5), John 8:31-47 (page 1074)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Can God be trusted?

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG The perfect wisdom of our God

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PRAYERS (Lord in your mercy; **Hear our prayer**)

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.

SONG Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice

CONFESSION

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.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

COMMUNION *see insert*

NOTICES

HYMN Praise to the holiest in the highest

CLOSING PRAYER

COLLECTION *Gifts may be placed in the Gifts box at the back of church*