

This Week

- Tues 4 Mar** **Prayer Gathering** at 103 Bournbrook Road, 10.00-11.30
- Tues 4 Mar** **Pancake Soiree for 20s and 30s**, 7.00pm. Please bring a drink or a topping and let Kathryn know you are coming,
- Wed 5 Mar** **Ash Wednesday Communion and Prayer Gathering.** A short service of Holy Communion in Church 7.00-7.40pm, coffee in the Dain Room 7.30-7.55pm, Prayer Gathering in the Dain Room 8.00-9.00pm.
- Sat 8 Mar** **Ecclesiastes 'Teach-In' Day**, 9.00am - 1.00pm at St Wulstan's. Ideal for anyone who teaches the Bible regularly to others. Flyers on the Information Table.

Looking Ahead

- Sun 9th Mar** **Prayer Building for the Future**, after church, 11.30-12.00pm
- Sun 16 Mar** **Bring and Share lunch** 12.00-1.00pm, followed by **Community Newsletter and gospel distribution** around the Parish 1.00-3.00pm
- March 21st-30th Passion for Life.** Information about the exciting events are on the tables at the back of church
- Sat 22 Mar** **'Uncover' training day** with Becky Manley Pippert. 9.30-4.30 at Selly Oak Elim Church, Exeter Road. Cost £10; www.uccf.org.uk/events

News, Notices and Requests

Building for the Future News: By the time you read this the tenders for the building project will be known. Next stop: how we take everything forward from here.

See the man - if you'd like to listen to the new song from this evening's service again please visit www.sssw.org.uk/newsongs

'What is our Mission?' conference talks now online. Paul Mallard's and Kevin deYoung's talks are available at www.midlandsgospel.org.uk (via "Resources"/"Audio downloads").

Catherine Emery. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Catherine on Monday 10th March at 12.15pm in St Stephen's.

Women's World Day of Prayer. Friday 7th March. 10.30am. United Reformed Church, Weoley Hill. Prepared by the Christian Women in Egypt. "Streams in the Desert" Speaker: Gill Sinclair. If you would like a lift or could offer one, contact Margaret Twiss

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK



March 2nd 2014

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: 'Corinth: a church planted' (Acts 18:7-11) – 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 hymn.

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: a church planted' (Acts 18:7-11) – Adrian Underwood

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

6.00pm at St Wulstan's

Holy Communion: 'Everything falls apart' (Genesis 3:7-13) – Chris Hobbs

Coffee, tea and cakes are served after the service.

OPENING PRAYER *led by Richard Leadbeater*

SONGS Come people of the risen King
Come on and celebrate

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

BIBLE READINGS Joshua 1:1-9 (page 216), Acts 18:7-11 (page 1114)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

TALK Corinth: a church planted

SONG When I was lost

CONFESSION

Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory.

Have mercy and forgive us.

Lord, you have given your life for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart. **Have mercy and change us.**

Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you, Lord, and neglecting others.

Have mercy and cleanse us.

Lord, when we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry. **Have mercy and deliver us.**

In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world. **Have mercy and forgive us.**

Father, through the redeeming death of your Son on the cross, by your Spirit and through your word, transform and renew us to follow you with joy.

All this we ask, confident in your unchanging faithfulness. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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.

NOTICES

SONG I stand amazed
Please collect your child from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

COLLECTION *Gifts may be placed in the Gifts box by the glass screen*