

Today

The evening service will be at St Stephen's, 6.00pm.

This Week

Tues 5 Jan **Prayer Gathering**, 10.00-11.30am in St Stephen's.

Wed 6 Jan **Prayer Gathering**, 8.00-9.30pm in St Stephen's – with coffee, tea and cakes 7.30-7.55pm.

Looking Ahead

Tues 12 Jan **CAP Prayer Meeting**. 7.45pm at Selly Park Baptist Church. See Sarah Underwood for more details.

Sun 17 Jan **Church Family Meal**. Straight after the morning service. We are starting a monthly meal, exciting details to follow, but for now put this date in your diary!

Thu 21 Jan **Identity course begins**. Invitations are on the table at the back of church.

Mon 8 Feb **Women's Book Group**. "Seeking Allah, finding Jesus" by Nabeel Qureshi. All women welcome! See Chris Stonehouse or Elizabeth Barry to find out more.

Thurs 11 Feb **Has God really said?** Speaker: Kevin DeYoung. A day conference to renew our confidence in Scripture as God's word for all of life, with an evening meeting: "What does God say about homosexuality?" Flyers on the Information Table.

News and Requests

Updated **Church Family Address Books** now available. Let Jem Huggins know if you'd like one. You can email or phone her or leave a note in the Parish Office pigeon hole.

Building for the Future Gift Day Response. Praise God, that so far a wonderful £36,000 has been given or pledged (including tax relief) – enough to pay the final bills. Thank you to everyone who has given and prayed. It would still be brilliant to have another £18,000 to get other jobs done – we trust God to give us what we need.

Could gospel ministry be for you? Why not spend a year serving the church and learning Bible teaching and ministry skills as a Ministry Trainee, from Sept 2016? Speak to Chris Hobbs.

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

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Welcome

3 January 2016

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 Service at St Stephen's

'Ten Words: Love Life' (Deuteronomy 5:17) – Helen Buckley

Children and young people aged 3-11 will stay in the service today.

Children aged 0-3 will have a crèche that can be found through the foyer doors.

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

6.00pm Holy Communion Service at St Stephen's

'What does Jesus do for us?' (John 1:14-18) – Mark Checketts

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.

OPENING PRAYER *led by Andy Martin*

SONG See amid the winter snow

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.

SONG Let me tell you about a baby

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

SONG God speaks

BIBLE READINGS Deuteronomy 5:1-6, 16-17 (pages 184, 185), Matthew 5:17-26 (page 969)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

TALK Ten Words: Love life

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

SONG Joy has dawned upon the world

CLOSING PRAYER

OPENING PRAYER *led by Andy Martin*

HYMN O come all ye faithful

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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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SONGS Glorious light
Jesus, Lord of creation

BIBLE READINGS Exodus 33:7-23 (page 92); John 1:1-18 (page 1063)
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SERMON What does Jesus do for us?

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG See Him in Jerusalem

COMMUNION *see insert*

NEWS

HYMN From the squalor of a borrowed stable

BLESSING