

This Week

Wed 6 April **Prayer Gathering.** 8.00-9.30pm in St Stephen's – with coffee, tea and cakes 7.30-7.55pm. (No Tuesday meeting this month.)

Looking Ahead

- Tue 12 April** **CAP Prayer Meeting.** 7.45pm at Selly Oak Elim.
- Sun 17 April** **Church Family Meal.** 12noon in the Cranmer Room. Everyone is welcome!
- Mon 18 Apr** **Women's Book Group.** We will be discussing "The Cross Centered life" by CJ Mahaney. Speak to Chris Stonehouse or Elizabeth Barry with any questions.
- Wed 27 April** **Annual Meeting (APCM).** We will be electing three PCC members for the next three years. Please be thinking and praying about who (you?) should fill these important roles in our church's leadership.
- Sat 30 April** **The Addict in Us All:** how the Bible understands addiction and how the gospel helps. 10.30am-4.30pm, London. Flyers on the Information Table.
- 7-8 May** **Glen and Emma Scrivener** are in town. Flyers are on the Information Table.
- Tues 10 May** **MMTC Lite** starts, at St Stephen's. The same quality as the full-blown MMTC, just less quantity. Be sure to book early! 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.
- Jul 2-3** **Church Family Weekend at Home.** Andy Upton will be speaking. 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, a world that God has promised and is making. Two options, one course is continuing on Tue 13 Apr 10.00-11.30am & the other begins on Thu 21 Apr 8.00-9.30pm. Flyers on the Information Table.

Invitation to join the Electoral Roll. This is the closest thing we have to church membership. If you would like to join the roll please fill in a purple form from the Information Table and send it in to the Parish Office by next Sunday.

Please could you donate **tins of food** (in date and suitable for a food bank) to help Club 114 complete the Birmingham City Mission Tin Can Challenge. We need 100 cans in all. Thank you.

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

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Welcome

3 April 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

'Ten words: Love truth' (Deuteronomy 5:20) – Andy Martin

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 cakes are served after the service in the foyer.

6.00pm Holy Communion Service

'Our God gives us joy and keeps us safe' (Jeremiah 33) – Chris Stonehouse

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.

WE DRAW NEAR TO GOD *led by David Twiss*

HYMN Jesus Christ is risen today

WE SAY SORRY TO GOD and HEAR OF HIS 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 God speaks we listen

WE SAY WHAT WE BELIEVE

GAME

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Deuteronomy 5:6-21 (page 184), Ephesians 4:20-32 (page 1176)

(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

TALK Ten words: Love truth

SONG Oh God, he always keeps his promises

WE TALK TO GOD 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 From the breaking of the dawn

CLOSING PRAYER

Difficult situations, call to me

A new hope

A greater hope

Living a life of hope

OPENING PRAYER *led by Andy Martin*

SONG Christ is risen, he is risen indeed

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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.

SONGS How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
Oh the mercy of God

OPEN PRAYERS

BIBLE READING Jeremiah 33:1-26 (page 795)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Our God gives us joy and keeps us safe

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice

COMMUNION *see insert*

NEWS

HYMN Amazing grace

CLOSING PRAYER