

Today

This term in **Sunday Club** we are thinking about treasure! Who and what we treasure. This week we are looking at Matthew 19: 16 - 26. We will see that we need to look carefully at our own hearts to see what we love more than Jesus.

Church Family Picnic Lunch straight after the service, location weather dependent, listen out to hear more in the notices.

This Week

Mon 4 July **Women's book group**, 8pm. They will be discussing the book "Respectable sins" by Jerry Bridges. All women welcome! Speak to Chris Stonehouse or Elizabeth Barry for more information.

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

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

Looking Ahead

Sat 22 Oct **Midlands Women's Convention, 'Transformed by the renewing of your mind'**. Renewal Conference Centre in Solihull, starting at 10.00am. Take a look at the flyer to choose which seminar you'd like to go to and let the Parish Office know so that we can do a group booking.

Sat 5 Nov **Midlands Men's Convention, 'All in – Living the whole of life for Christ'**. Cornerstone Church Nottingham, starting at 10.00am. Take a look at the flyer to choose which seminar you'd like to go to and let Rob Davies know so that we can do a group booking.

News and Requests

There is no **Church Family Lunch** in June or July. There is a bring your own picnic lunch **today**, please stay for this even if you couldn't make the rest of the weekend. Church Family Lunch will be back in August.

We will be producing a **campers prayer diary** for the summer, if you are going on a camp as a leader or a member please sign up at the back of church. The sign up sheet will be out until July 10th.

We have some summer socials coming up, if you'd like to host one please let the Parish Office know. **July 20th, 27th, August 10th, 17th** are all available so far.

Holiday club needs your help! Can you lend or donate any packs of Hero top trump cards or Hama bead boards? Can you give plain/ light coloured bed sheets (we're making capes!)? Have you got a large piece of old carpet? Start saving good sized, robust boxes (for our city scape). See Helen for more details. Thanks!

Don't forget to keep collecting money to **twin our toilets!** Hand your money into the parish office. Cheques payable to St. Stephen's and St. Wulstan's PCC

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK



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Welcome

3rd July 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 Morning Service with Holy Communion

'I will love them freely' (Hosea 14:1-9) – Andy Upton

Children and young people will go to their activities part way through the service:

Creche and **Club 114** leave through the Foyer to go to their rooms. **Scramblers, Climbers** and **Explorers** leave through the Hudson Taylor Room at the front of church.

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

There is no 6.00pm Evening Service today.

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

OPENING PRAYER *led by Andy Martin*

SONG Bless the Lord, O my soul

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

SONG All through history

NEWS *after which children and young people leave for their activities*

SONG The grace of God has reached for 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.

BIBLE READINGS Hosea 14:1-9 (page 909), Luke 1:68-79 (page 1027)

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

SERMON I will love them freely

SONG When I survey

Please collect your child from crèche.

COMMUNION *see insert*

HYMN Love divine

BLESSING

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to Himself, The power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in His service, The joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

COMMUNION

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, atonement and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 'Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

ADMINISTRATION *of the bread and wine*

PRAYER

Almighty God, we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out into the world in the power of your Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

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