

This Week

- Mon 5 Jan** Fellowship Group Leaders Meeting. 8.00pm, 18 Selly Wick Road
- Tues 6 Jan** Prayer Gathering, 10.00am-11.30am at St Wulstans
- Wed 7 Jan** Prayer Gathering, 8.00-9.30pm, St Wulstan's. Coffee, tea and cakes served beforehand, 7.30-7.55pm.

Looking Ahead

- Fri 16 Jan** Birmingham Churches Night Shelter starts. Every Friday from Jan 16th to March 6th at St Wulstan's. Overnight shelter for 12 homeless men. Contact Tom Lovatt if you'd like to know more or help out.
- Mon 19 Jan** 'How People Change' starts. Twelve Monday evening sessions on how Christ's grace brings lasting change to our lives (finishes 6th July): "I wish everyone in the church could do this excellent course" (Chris Hobbs). Please speak to Chris soon if you are interested. Each session is 90 minutes, including a DVD, and there is also 'homework' between sessions.
- Thurs 22 Jan** 'The World We All Want' starts, 8.00-9.30pm at 18 Selly Wick Road. A sweeping tour through the unfolding story of the Bible: how God makes and keeps his promise of a better world. Seven Thursday evenings of informal discussion of what the Bible says. Flyers on the Information Table, or contact Chris
- Thu 5 Feb** Biblical Counselling in the Local Church, Day Conference 10.00am-4.30pm. Evening session, 7.30-9.00pm: 'The heart of depression'. Brochures on the Information Table.

News, Notices and Requests

Building for the Future news. Phase 2 (the work on the church):- the DAC "RAISED NO OBJECTION.....and will forward the petition to the Chancellor.... so that he can issue Faculty permission". (There will be a few conditions, but no "show stoppers".) Please give grateful thanks to the Lord!

New Address books are available, see Jem Huggins if you'd like one!

Pews for sale. If you would be interested in buying a pew from St Stephens let Jem Huggins know as soon as possible.

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK



taking Jesus seriously, taking the Bible seriously

Welcome

4th January 2015

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

10.00am Morning Service for All Ages

'The best gift of all' (Romans 8:32) – Helen Buckley

Children and young people will stay in the service today.

0-3s are welcome to stay in the service, but should you require it there is a crèche in the back room that is available throughout the service.

Toilets are in the foyer, baby-changing facilities are in the disabled toilet.

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after the service.

6.00pm Evening Service

'A cast-iron guarantee' (Romans 8:32) – Mark Checketts

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after the service.

Talk notes The best gift of all Romans 8:32

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Hobbs*

CAROL Once in royal David's city

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.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that you forgive all who truly turn to you. May your Holy Spirit give us strength to love and serve you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GAME

SONG In Ephesians 3 verse 18

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

BIBLE READINGS John 3:1-16 (page 1065), Romans 8:28-39 (page 1135)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

TALK The best gift of all

SONG Your love

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.

NOTICES

SONG Lord, the light of your love is shining

CLOSING PRAYER

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