

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.

Sermon notes
A cast iron guarantee
Romans 8:32

Evening Service

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Hobbs*

SONGS God rest ye merry gentlemen
To God be the glory

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.

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.

SONG Holy Father, rich in mercy

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BIBLE READINGS Romans 8:28-39 (page 1135), 1 John 4:7-21 (page 1227)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON A cast iron guarantee

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice

COMMUNION *see insert*

NOTICES

SONG From the squalor of a borrowed stable

CLOSING PRAYER

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