

This Week

Tues 6 May Prayer Gathering, 10.00-11.30 at 103 Bournbrook Road.

Wed 7 May Prayer Gathering, 8.00-9.30pm in the Dain Room, St Stephen's. Come early for coffee, tea and cake, 7.30-7.55pm.

Sun 11 May World Mission Sunday. Markus Kapper will speak at 10am and 6pm services. Stay to a 'bring and share' lunch 12 – 1pm in the Dain Room. Bring enough food for your family and extra to share. From 1pm – 2pm hear more from Markus and our own church members about friendship and witness to Muslims. Older children welcome, and younger children will be cared for.

Looking Ahead

Thu 15 May Identity continues. 8.00-9.30pm, at 103 Bournbrook Road. Identity is a seven-week course that reveals more about the identity and mission of Jesus and shows why he is the key to life and the one who can answer our big questions. Please speak to Richard Leadbeater if you are interested in joining. It's not too late to join in.

Sun 18 May Trial 10.00am service at St Wulstans, read the insert for more exciting details.

Tues 20 May Holiday Club planning. 7.30pm, St Wulstans. Are you interested in being part of our brilliant holiday club week? Why wouldn't you be?! Come to find out more. This is for old hands and newcomers young and old!

Sat 7 June Maintenance Morning at St Stephen's and St Wulstans. More details to follow in the weeks to come, please book it in your diaries.

July 5-6 Weekend at Home. Paul Mallard will be speaking on "Meeting God in the Praises of His People" (studies in the Psalms).

News, Notices and Requests

Building for the Future News: It looks as if the final, detailed negotiations with the City Planners are going well. Hopefully, we shall be ready to start on time with the work of building phase 1 (the Foyer and Parish Centre).

Rotas for the next term are in the pigeon holes at St Stephens, and at the back of church in St Wulstans. Please pick yours up today.

WANTED: Ministry Trainee. For Sept 2014 - Aug 2015. You will be trained in gospel ministry, learn to give Bible teaching, and help with practical tasks. Details from Chris Hobbs.

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK



4th May 2014

Welcome

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

10.00am at St Stephen's

All-Age: 'People who met Jesus: The Magician' (Acts 8:9-25) – Helen Buckley
Children and young people will be staying in church. There is a Crèche (ages 0-3) in the Dain Room next door to the Church. Please collect your child during the final hymn.

Toilets are in the foyer of the Dain Room, next door to the Church.

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

11.30am at St Wulstan's

Holy Communion: 'People who met Jesus: The Magician' (Acts 8:9-25) – Chris Porter

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served *before* the service.

6.00pm at St Wulstan's

Holy Communion: 'The kindness of God' (Genesis 3:20-24) – Chris Hobbs

Coffee, tea and cakes are served after the service.

OPENING PRAYER *led by Richard Leadbeater*

HYMN To God be the glory

CONFESSION

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.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG In Ephesians 3v18

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

GAME The price is right

BIBLE READINGS Acts 8:1b-25 (page 1101)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

TALK People who met Jesus: The Magician

SONG He's the King of Kings

PRAYERS (Lord in your mercy; **Hear our prayer**)

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 From the squalor of a borrowed stable
Please collect your child from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

COLLECTION *Gifts may be placed in the Gifts box by the glass screen*