

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.

What is God like?

Amid the chaos and death caused by human sin, God is surprisingly kind:

1. People are produced (v20)

2. Clothes are provided (v21)

3. Paradise is protected (v22-24)

So, Paradise can be regained (Revelation 22:14, 7:13-14)

Missed a sermon recently? Please visit www.sssw.org.uk to hear or download an audio version.

OPENING PRAYER *led by Richard Leadbeater*

HYMN All hail the power of Jesus' name

CONFESSION

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONGS The perfect wisdom of our God
See the man

BIBLE READINGS Genesis 3:20-24 (page 6), Revelation 22:1-21 (page 1250)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON The kindness of God

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SONG How deep the Father's love for us

COMMUNION *see insert*

NOTICES

SONG I will glory in my Redeemer

CLOSING PRAYER

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