

This Week

Mon 6 Oct **"Friendship First"** course starts. This is a wonderful opportunity learn how to relate to Muslims. Details are on the Information Table. Please contact Maurice Sinclair if you are interested.

Thu 9 Oct **Christianity Explored Starts.** 8.00pm-9.30pm at. An ideal way to explore the Christian message. Contact Andy Martin on if you'd like to come along.

Looking Ahead

Fri 17 Oct **Games Night for 20s and 30s.** 8.00pm at St Wulstans. This is for anyone in their 20s or 30s, single, married or a parent, whether you've been coming to church for years or just a few weeks. Please bring snacks or drinks with you.

Sat 25 Oct **Welcome Meal,** 7.30pm. For everyone new or new-ish to the church. Please ask Chris or Helen Hobbs for an invitation.

Nov 14-15 **Men's Weekend at Home** with Colin Tamplin of Monyhull Church as our speaker. Please keep Friday evening to Saturday evening free. Letters are in the pigeon holes and at the back of church.

Christmas Services

Carol Services. If you can read music and would like to be involved in the carol services, please speak to Cordelia and note down the following dates and times for musical rehearsals: Nov 27th at 8.15pm, Dec 5th at 8pm, Dec 7th at 4.45pm, Dec 16th at 8.15pm and Dec 21st at 4.45pm.

Help with services. If you are a regular on the rotas and are planning to be around for some of the Christmas services, please let the office know so that we can arrange the rotas.

News, Notices and Requests

Building for the Future News. We are beginning to prepare for a very important meeting on 17 October with the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) to discuss the details of Phase 2 (the church). Please start to pray that the meeting will go well.

New Address Books. If you are new to church, or have moved house, please let us know by filling in the form at the back of church. We are also updating the address books to include **photographs** of everybody, so we would be very grateful for any photos that you email into the office. If you don't send one, we'll get a snap of you after a service, so be prepared!

Help needed in crèche. We have a growing group of lovely crèche children and are in need of extra volunteers and leaders. Please speak to Helen Buckley if you can help.

Small TV screen needed for the Parish Office, to help with security surveillance. Please let Jem know if you have something we can borrow.

Acorns and beech nuts needed for Explorers and Club I14. If you have any, please give them to Helen Buckley. Thank you!

Great Birmingham Run is on October 19th. Please look at the route on the notice board as it may affect your journey to church.

Vacancies. Debt Centre Manager and Day Centre Leader. Details on the Information Table.

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Welcome

5th October 2014

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 Growing Seed' (Mark 4:26-29) – 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

'Trust the Lord' (Acts 20:32-35) - Chris Hobbs

Coffee, tea and cakes are served after the service.

Talk notes

The Growing Seed

Mark 4:26-29

A man scattered seed on the ground ... (v26)

Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows... (v27)

All by itself ... (v28)

... the harvest has come. (v29)

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

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Hobbs*

HYMN We plough the fields and scatter
Please bring your harvest gifts to the front during this hymn

THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we humbly thank you for all your gifts so freely given: for life and health and safety, for work and rest and friendship, and for the wonder of creation. Above all, we praise you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ, for his death and resurrection, for your life-giving Spirit and the hope of sharing in your glory. Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

SONG Clap your hands

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

BIBLE READINGS Psalm 100 (page 604), Mark 4:26-29 (page 1006)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

TALK The Growing Seed

SONG You are always with 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.

NOTICES

SONG Creation sings
Please collect your child from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

Be with us, Lord, as we go out into the world: may the lips that have sung your praises always speak the truth; may the ears which have heard your word listen only to what is good; and may our lives in every part be always pleasing in your sight, for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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