

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.

Sermon notes

Trust the Lord

Acts 20:32-35

More here than meets the eye! **Paul and Luke want God's people to:**

v32. Trust God. Trust the gospel. Build the church. Celebrate your inheritance in heaven. Be sanctified.

v33. Covet nothing.

v34. Live openly. Provide for yourselves. Provide for others.

v35. Be wholehearted. Be an example. Work hard. Help the weak. Remember the words of Jesus. Aim to be a giver.

v36. Pray with believers. Pray for believers.

v37. Love other believers. Love the apostle Paul. Express godly emotions.

v38. Enjoy gospel fellowship. Support gospel ministry.

1. Trust the gospel of grace (v32)

2. Live a life of grace (v33-35)

3. Love the people of grace (v36-38)

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

OPENING PRAYER *led by Tom Lovatt*

SONGS Come praise and glorify
Bless the Lord O my soul
Astounding grace

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BIBLE READINGS Acts 20:17-38 (page 1117), Ephesians 1:3-23 (page 1173)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Trust the Lord

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONGS Our only hope is you
Thank you for saving 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

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CLOSING PRAYER

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep equip us with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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