

This Week

Tues 9th Aug **CAP Prayer Meeting**, 7:45pm, Christ Church Selly Park

Wed 10th Aug **Pudding Party at the Twisses**. 8pm. All welcome. Bring a drink if you wish.

Sat 13 Aug **Summer Church Family Walk**, meeting at the Needle Museum car park in Redditch at 2pm for a 3 mile walk. An information sheet at the back of church with more details. Any questions contact Mark Checketts.

Looking Ahead

Wed 17th Aug **Songs with Samuel Thornhill**, 7pm A relaxed evening of singing a few hymns / songs together, listening to a testimony or two & eating some cake! RSVP to Elizabeth Barry, (volunteers to make some cake or help move chairs or share their testimony very welcome.)

Wed 24th Aug **Another evening in China**, 8.00pm. Stories from the Devas's visit this summer, hear what God has done, with pictures, music and snacks!

Tues 6th Sept **CAP Prayer Meeting** at 7:45pm, Christ Church Selly Park

Mon 19th Sept **Women's book club**. Reading 'Joni & Ken: An Untold Love Story' over the summer. Speak to (Mrs) Chris Stonehouse or Elizabeth Barry for more info.

Sat 22 Oct **Midlands Women's Convention**, Solihull, starting at 10.00am. let the Parish Office know if you'd like to go so that we can do a group booking.

Sat 5 Nov **Midlands Men's Convention**, Nottingham, starting at 10.00am. Let Rob Davies know if you'd like to go so that we can do a group booking.

News and Requests

Holiday club needs your help! Can you lend or donate any packs of Hero top trump cards? Can you give plain/ light coloured bed sheets (we're making capes!)? See Helen for more details.

Toilet Twinning Update: So far we have raised enough money for 4 1/2 toilets! We want to twin 7 toilets, so keep going!

The Huggins Family have moved to. All mobile numbers and email addresses remain the same.

Mens Bike looking for a new home. In great condition, just surplus to requirement. Speak to Matt Killen or Oli Huggins if you are interested.

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Welcome

7th August 2016

If you are new, you are especially welcome. Please help yourself to a Welcome booklet and, if you have time, introduce yourself and ask any questions you may have.

10.00am All Age Morning Service

'God's secret rescue plan' (Genesis 22) – Andy Martin

Children and young people will stay in the service today.

Creche is available for 0-3's in the Cranmer Room, can be accessed through the foyer doors.

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

6.00pm Evening Service with Holy Communion

'When we are downcast' (Psalm 42 & 43) – David Twiss

Coffee, tea and cakes are served after the service in the foyer.

Toilets are adjacent to the foyer and upstairs; baby-changing facilities are in the disabled toilets.

Vicar: Chris Hobbs (on sabbatical until mid-August) **Assistant Minister:** Andy Martin

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OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Porter*

SONG O Lord my God

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 Who, O Lord could save themselves

COMMISSIONING of John and Ruth McNeill

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

BIBLE READINGS Genesis 22:1-19 (page 22), John 3:16 (page 1066)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

TALK (part 1) God's secret rescue plan

SONGS Trust in the Lord

Oh, God he always keeps his promises

TALK (part 2) God's secret rescue plan

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.

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HYMN In Christ alone

Please collect your child from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

Psalm 42 & 43

OPENING PRAYER OF PREPARATION *led by Andy Martin*

Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONGS Praise to the Lord the Almighty
You're the Word of God the Father

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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.

SONG Christ is Risen

BIBLE READINGS Psalms 42 & 43 (page 567), Mark 15:33-34 (page 1023)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON When we are downcast

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

PRAYERS ending with THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SONG How deep the Father's love for us

COMMUNION *see insert*

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SONG Faithful One

BLESSING

Psalm 42:1-5 ----- Dry!

Psalm 42:6-11 ----- Drowning!

Psalm 43:1-5 ----- Disheartened!

“Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, My Saviour and My God”