

Today

Carols by Candlelight, 6.00pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

This Week

Sun 14 Dec, All Age Carol Service, 10.00am. Carols and readings, with a talk for all ages.

Looking Ahead

Tues 16 & Wed 17 Dec Carols for the Business Community. Brochures are at the back of church, if you work in town don't miss out!

Mon 15 Dec Carols for Samuel Thornhill. 5.00pm at his house.

Church in the Pub. Chance to sing carols in some Parish Pubs. Text John McNeill to let him know you're coming. **Tues 16 Dec at The Goose, 7.00pm** (warm up those vocal chords before choir rehearsal at 8.15pm) **Sat 20 Dec at The Country Girl, 7.00pm.**

Carol Service Rehearsals at St Wulstans, contact Cordelia; for more information. **Tues 16 Dec, at 8.15pm** and **Sun 21 Dec at 4.45pm.**

Mon 22 Dec Carol singing around the fire pit with hot chocolate and gingerbread. 4.30-6.00pm. All Welcome!

Fri 16 Jan Birmingham Churches Night Shelter starts. Every Friday from Jan 16th to March 6th at St Wulstan's. Overnight shelter for 12 homeless men. Volunteers needed for a range of ways to serve. Forms available on information table or contact Tom) for more details.

Thu 5 Feb Biblical Counselling in the Local Church, Day Conference 10.00am-4.30pm. Evening session, 7.30-9.00pm: 'The heart of depression'. Brochures on the Information Table.

News, Notices and Requests

Building for the Future news. The DAC meet on Tuesday afternoon to consider our Petition for the work on the inside of the church. Please pray that it may be well received.

How People Change – how Christ changes us by his grace. Twelve 90-minute DVD-based sessions guide people in understanding how Christ's life, death and resurrection bring lasting change. Chris Hobbs intends to run this course again on Monday evenings, **26 Jan - 6 July 2015.** Places are limited, so please speak to him soon if you are interested.

Christmas cards to the church family. This year we'll be displaying cards on a big board in the foyer, instead of writing lots of cards, just write one to the Church Family! Pop them in the Parish Office pigeon-hole and they'll get put up.

Helpers (desperately) needed for the morning refreshments rota, please consider serving church in this vital but fun way and speak to Margaret Men we need you too.

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK



taking Jesus seriously, taking the Bible seriously

Welcome

7th December 2014

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

10.00am Morning Service

'The waiting is over (Luke 2:21-40) – Chris Hobbs

Children and young people will go to their activities part way through the service:

0-3s Crèche is in the back room, please collect your child during the final song.

3-11s Will be taken to the Medical Centre across the road, and be brought back at the end of the service.

11-14s will meet at the back and be taken to 9 Serpentine Road, they will be brought back at the end of 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 Carols by Candlelight

Matthew 1:18-25 – Andy Martin

Mulled wine and mince pies are served after the service.

Sermon notes

The waiting is over

Luke 2:21-40

The waiting is over, because we have:

- A Saviour according to the law (v21-24, 27, 39)

- A Saviour for the nations (v28-32)

- A Saviour who divides (v33-35)

OPENING PRAYER *led by David Twiss*

HYMN O come, O come Emmanuel,

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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.

ADVENT COLLECT

SONG Jesus is the King

NOTICES

Children and young people leave for their activities

SONG See the Man

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

SONG There is no other name

BIBLE READINGS Isaiah 49:1-7 (page 735), Luke 2:21-40 (page 1028)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON The waiting is over

HYMN All hail the power of Jesus' name
Please collect your child from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our hearts; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. Amen.

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