

## Today

**This term in Sunday Club** we will be thinking about treasure! Who and what we treasure. Sunday Club are learning a new memory verse this term. '*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also*'. Mat 6:21 They've been challenged to see which household can come up with the best actions. Get thinking, planning and practising!

**Today** we are looking at Matthew 6: 25 - 32. We will see that Jesus told his friends that we don't need to worry. We can be sure that God is able to provide for us.

## This Week

- Tues 10 May** **MMTC Lite** starts, at St Stephen's. Flyers on the Information Table.
- Tues 10 May** **CAP Prayer Meeting**, venue to be confirmed. Sarah Underwood will know more.
- Fri 13 May** **The God Particle Play**. A scientist and a vicar walk into a bar..."A brand new romantic comedy sci-fi. Deep, smart and very funny." 8.00pm at St Stephen's, with drinks reception to follow the play. Tickets £8 (£5 concessions), £10 on the door. Flyers on the Information Table, contact Andy Martin with any questions.
- Sat 14 May** **Maintenance Morning**. Meet at St Stephens at 10am. Bring gardening tools if you have any. Many hands make light work, so please plan to come along.

## Looking Ahead

- Thurs 19 May** **Gospel Ambition: Maintaining a mission heartbeat** – where evangelism is normal, natural and everyday. 10am-4pm at St Stephen's, with Richard Coekin and Neil Powell speaking. This Midlands Gospel Partnership conference for church leaders is open to all. Flyers on the Information Table. Further details from [admin@midlandsgospel.org.uk](mailto:admin@midlandsgospel.org.uk)
- Sun 22 May** **World Mission Sunday** with Church Family Lunch ('come & eat'); then 1-2 pm "150 years of Mission to East Asia - Looking Back, Looking Forward"; children's programme also provided. Please plan to join us for that!
- Jul 2-3** **Church Family Weekend at Home**. Andy Upton, of Knighton Church Leicester, will be speaking on 'Hosea: Straight from the Heart', about God's passionate love for his people. Please see brochures for more information.

## News and Requests

Naomi Bryant, Cordelia Checketts and Pippa Nicolson were **elected to the PCC** on Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Apr.

**More help needed to serve refreshments** after the morning service.

'**The Servant Queen and the King she serves**' books are available for £1 at the back of church.

**The Parish Office is closed** this week (from May 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>). Open as usual from the 17<sup>th</sup> May.

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**8<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

## Welcome

*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 Morning Service

'More of the same please' (Colossians 1:1-14) – Chris Hobbs

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

**Creche** and **Club 114** leave through the Foyer to go to their rooms. **Scramblers, Climbers** and **Explorers** leave through the Hudson Taylor Room at the front of church.

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

## 6.00pm Evening Service

'Mission possible' (Luke 10:1-20) – Adrian Underwood

**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

**1. Thank God for authentic Christian faith (v3-8)**

- faith in Christ Jesus (4)
- love for all the saints (4)
- hope stored up in heaven (5)

**2. Ask God for authentic Christian fullness (v9-14)**

- bearing fruit in every good work (10)
- growing in the knowledge of God (10)
- being strengthened with all power (11)
- joyfully giving thanks to the Father (12)

OPENING PRAYER *led by Andy Martin*

HYMN Hail the day that sees Him rise

SONG See the man

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Almighty God, Creator of all. You marvellously made us in your image; but we have rebelled against you, by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbours. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and truly repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the death of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SONG Jesus is the king

NEWS *after which children and young people to their activities*

SONG When I am weak, You are strong

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BIBLE READINGS Psalm 98 (page 603), Colossians 1:1-14 (page 1182)  
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON More of the same please

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR SALVATION

**Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. You chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world and destined us for adoption as your children. In Christ we have the forgiveness of sins, an inheritance in your kingdom, the seal of your Spirit, and in him we live for the praise of your glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

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.**

HYMN Crown Him with many crowns  
*Please collect your child from crèche.*

CLOSING PRAYER

THANKSGIVING *led by Chris Hobbs*

**We praise you, our God, because you have exalted your Son Jesus Christ to your right hand in glory, and given him the name above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow. So, our Father, accept our praise, our love and thanksgiving; and grant that we, with those of every tongue, may confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to your glory and honour. Amen.**

HYMN Come see the Lord

SONG Glory and power

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory. **Have mercy and forgive us.** Lord, you have given your life for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart. **Have mercy and change us.**

Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you, Lord, and neglecting others. **Have mercy and cleanse us.**

Lord, when we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry. **Have mercy and deliver us.**

In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world. **Have mercy and forgive us.**

Father, through the redeeming death of your Son on the cross, by your Spirit and through your word, transform and renew us to follow you with joy. **All this we ask, confident in your unchanging faithfulness. Amen.**

COLLECT

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SONGS Awake, awake O Zion  
When trials come

THE APOSTLES' CREED

NEWS

SONG From the breaking of the dawn

BIBLE READINGS Jonah 3:1-10 (page 928), Luke 10:1-20 (1041)  
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Mission Possible

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

HYMN Hallelujah sing to Jesus

CLOSING PRAYER

**Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your holy word. May it be a lantern to our feet, a light to our paths, and a strength to our lives. Take us and use us to love and serve in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**