

Today

Today in Sunday Club we are looking at the true story of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane. We will see that Jesus had to die. It was the only way to bring us back to God.

Sunday Unplugged: please join us in the evening for an informal cafe-style service at St Wulstan's. We shall listen to God speak to us in the Bible and have time for discussion around tables. As usual we'll sing some songs, and our musicians will also play a couple of songs for us to listen to. Refreshments will be available throughout the evening.

This Week

Mon 9 Nov Parenting Evening. For parents with children of all ages: looking at what the Bible says about parenting, addressing issues and concerns. Cranmer Room, St Stephen's, 8.00-9.30pm, coffee from 7.30pm.

Tues 10 Nov CAP prayer meeting. 7.45pm-9.00pm in the Roseveare Room, St Stephen's

Looking Ahead

Tues 17 Nov PCC meeting, 7.45 for 8.00pm, Cranmer Room, St Stephen's

Thu 26 Nov Musicians Rehearsal, 8.15pm-9.30pm at St Stephen's. For anyone who does already or would like to play music in church.

Fri 27 Nov Christmas Craft Evening. 7.30-9.15pm at St Stephens. This popular event will now have more capacity and an atmospheric venue – book now to avoid disappointment! Tickets from Jem Huggins.

Sat 28 Nov Maintenance morning. Please put the date in your diaries, more later.

Sun 29 Nov Suffering Church Sunday with a bring & share lunch following the service.

Tues 1 Dec Evangelism Forum. 8.00-9.30pm at St Stephen's. How can we best reach out to our community with the good news of Jesus? Come along to discuss ideas and plans. We want you there if you have any ideas, or if you want to get involved.

Sat 5 Dec Christmas Adventure. 2.00-4.00pm at St Stephens. Real nativity animals, craft, games and much more. See Helen Buckley for more details or a ticket. Buy a ticket to get a place, £5 for families.

News and Requests

Could anyone provide a **hollowed out pumpkin** for Thursday 12th November? Speak to Helen Buckley if you can help.

Cereal boxes needed. Helen Buckley needs 66 variety pack (**single serving**) cereal boxes. Empty but assembled! Can you help contribute some? Thanks!

For details of **Don Humphries funeral** on Tuesday speak to Richard Phillips.

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Welcome

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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 at St Stephen's

'Saving faith' (Luke 7:36-50) – Andy Martin

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

Crèche is in the Cranmer Room. **Crèche** and **Club I 14** need to go the Foyer to access their rooms and all other groups go to the front of church.

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

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

6.00pm Sunday Unplugged at St Wulstan's

'Dead faith' (James 2:14-26) – Chris Hobbs

Refreshments will be served throughout the service.

Sermon notes

Saving faith Luke 7:36-50

Morning Service

The Pharisee, the sinful woman and Jesus (36-40)

1. We all owe a debt we cannot pay (41-43)

2. Jesus pays the debt we owe (44-50)

3. Extravagant, embarrassing love is the only appropriate response (44-47)

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Porter*

HYMN O God our help in ages past

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.

COLLECT for Remembrance Sunday

SONG For God so loved the world

NEWS

Children and young people leave for their activities

BIBLE READINGS Psalm 32 (page 560), Luke 7:36-50 (page 1036)

(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Saving faith

SONG You're the lion of Judah

THE APOSTLES' CREED

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

SONG There is a hope

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 Abide with me

Please collect your child from crèche during this song

CLOSING PRAYER

What is saving faith?

1. Counterfeit faith

- Merely sentimental (v14-17)

- Merely credal (v18-19)

2. Genuine faith

- The patriarch, Abraham (v20-24)

- The prostitute, Rahab (v25-26)

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

WELCOME by Andy Martin

SONGS What can wash away my sin

By faith

DISCUSSION

BIBLE READING Joshua 2:1-21 (page 217); James 2:14-26 (page 1214)

TALK part one: Dead faith

RELFECTION When it's all been said and done (by musicians)

DISCUSSION

INTERVAL

TALK part two : Dead faith

DISCUSSION

REFLECTION My life is an offering (by musicians)

PRAYERS

SONG What grace is mine

NEWS

CLOSING PRAYER