

Today

The big question in Sunday Club is: Why is the Passover important? And the answer is: The Passover was the way God chose to save His people. It's a picture of Jesus' sacrifice for us.

Looking Ahead

- Sun 23 Feb International Service, 6.00pm at St Wulstan's: 'What does God want?'** Speaker Peter Teagle (Friends International, Oxford). Aimed at international students, but open to everyone – of any faith or none – so please invite friends. Flyers on the Information Table.
- Tues 25 Feb Passion for Life Prayer Meeting.** 7.45-8.00pm to 9.00pm at St Wulstan's. A time to meet with other local churches involved in AP4L, hear about their plans and pray for each other.
- Sun 2 Mar Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving.** 3.00pm at St Stephen's, followed by tea. For those who have lost loved ones recently – please invite others. Please let the Parish Office know you are coming, with the name of the person you wish to remember.
- Sun 16 Mar Bring and Share lunch** 12.00-1.00pm, followed by **Community Newsletter and gospel distribution** around the Parish 1.00-3.00pm
- Sat 22 Mar 'Uncover' training day** with Becky Manley Pippert. A day to equip and enthuse us to open up the Bible with friends. 9.30-4.30 at Selly Oak Elim Church, Exeter Road. Cost £10. Check out the website for more information: <https://www.uccf.org.uk/events/uncover-birmingham>

News, Notices and Requests

Building for the Future News: Our second prospective contractor must be interested in the building project. We all nearly got blown and washed away looking around the church!

We're on Facebook! Find our page and like us, then you'll get to see weekly updates as well as links to videos of new songs, photographs from church events and much more!

Word Alive. Enjoy a life transforming holiday! Challenging Bible teaching, joyful sung worship and a fun holiday too. April 12-17, 2014. £270pp. Speak to Andy

Wanted: Accommodation. A student from the Devas's Bible study group will be coming to Birmingham for the next academic year. She is a very out-going person, a serious seeker, and would love to live with an English family during her year (she would pay rent, of course!). Any offers to

Wanted: double push-chair or baby sling. Email Se-ho if you can help

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK



9th February 2014

Welcome

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

10.00am at St Stephen's

Morning Prayer: 'The need for obedience' (2 Corinthians 10:1-6) – Chris Hobbs
Children and young people up to the age of 14 leave for their activities part way through the service. Club 114 (ages 11-14) meet outside the church and go to 9 Serpentine Road. Scramblers and Climbers will return to church at the end of the service.
Toilets are in the foyer of the Dain Room, next door to the Church.
Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after the service in the Dain Room.

11.30am at St Wulstan's

Morning Prayer: 'The need for obedience' (2 Corinthians 10:1-6) – Chris Hobbs
Coffee, tea and biscuits are served *before* the service.

6.00pm at St Wulstan's

Evening Praise: 'The heir is appointed' (1 Kings 1) – Richard Leadbeater
Coffee, tea and cakes are served after the service.

A roller coaster ride....

* David: A pitiful king

* Adonijah: A pretend king

* Solomon: A preferred king

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Hobbs*

HYMN Fill thou my life

CONFESSION

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.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

SONGS The splendor of the King
I come into your presence
Great is the Lord

PRAYERS (Lord in your mercy; **Hear our prayer**)

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.

SPOTLIGHT ON BURMA

NOTICES

BIBLE READING I Kings I (Page 334)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SONG We're not alone

SERMON The heir is appointed

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

HYMN Amazing grace

CLOSING PRAYER

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace as we trust in him, so that we may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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