

Today

This week in Sunday Club we are interviewing a real life person of faith: Tom Bryant. Why not ask the children what they learnt about Tom this morning.

Sun 9th Mar **Prayer Building for the Future**, after church, 11.30-12.00pm

This Week

Mon 10 Mar **Service of Thanksgiving** for Catherine Emery, 12.15pm, St Stephen's.

Sun 16 Mar **Bring and Share picnic lunch** 12.00-1.00pm, followed by **Community Newsletter and gospel distribution** around the Parish 1.00-3.00pm. Please bring your own lunch, with extra to share.

Looking Ahead

Tues 18 Mar **PCC meeting**, 7.45 for 8.00pm, Dain Room.

Passion for Life (see the information table for more details)

Fri 21 Mar **Sports Quiz**, Edgbaston Golf Club, 7.45pm

Mon 24 Mar **Butcher and Beer**, St Stephen's Church, 8.00pm

Thurs 27 Mar **Youth Quiz**

Fri 28 Mar **Puddings and Pottery**, St Wulstan's, 7.45pm

Sat 29 Mar **Spring-Tastic Family Fun!**, St Stephen's, 2.00pm

Sun 30 Mar **Mothering Sunday**, All-Age service, St Stephen's, 10.00am

Sun 30 Mar **Cheese and Wine**, St Wulstan's, 6.00pm



News, Notices and Requests

Building for the Future News: We are delighted with the tenders. All three were about the same and well below our estimates. It looks as if we may be able to get on with phase 1 and even consider phase 2. Give lots of thanks to the Lord for his goodness to us!

Word Alive. We are looking for stewards and under 5s helpers for the two weeks (7th-12th and 12th-17th April). They will cover travel expenses, food and accommodation. Please speak to Helen Buckley if you are interested.

See the man - if you'd like to listen to the new song from this evening's service again please visit www.sssw.org.uk/newsongs

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK



March 9th 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: 'Boasting in weakness' (2 Corinthians 11:16-33) – 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: 'Boasting in weakness' (2 Corinthians 11:16-33) – Chris Porter
Coffee, tea and biscuits are served *before* the service.

6.00pm at St Wulstan's

Evening Praise: 'The temple is built' (1 Kings 5-7) – Richard Leadbeater
Coffee, tea and cakes are served after the service.

1. Paul boasts reluctantly (verses 16-21a)

2. Paul boasts in weakness (verses 21b-33)

Three challenges:

- How do we assess ministry?

- How do we view weakness?

OPENING PRAYER *led by Adrian Underwood*

HYMN O for a thousand tongues to sing

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

SONG Trust in the Lord

NOTICES and NIGHT SHELTER REPORT

Children and young people leave for their activities

SONG Bless the Lord O my soul

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

SONG I once was lost in darkest night

BIBLE READINGS Philippians 3:1-11 (page 1180), 2 Corinthians 11:16-33 (page 1165)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Boasting in weakness

HYMN When I survey
Please collect your child from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

To him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and for evermore. Amen.

COLLECTION *Gifts may be placed in the Gifts box by the glass screen*