

## Today

This term in **Sunday Club** we are thinking about treasure! Who and what we treasure. This week we are looking at Matthew 19: 27 - 30. We will see that no one who follows Jesus is a loser. We may suffer for a while here but we have a real hope and a great reward to come!

## This Week

**Tues 12 July** **CAP Prayer meeting**, 7.45pm at Christ Church Selly Park

## Looking Ahead

- Sat 22 Oct** **Midlands Women's Convention, 'Transformed by the renewing of your mind'**.  
Renewal Conference Centre in Solihull, starting at 10.00am. Take a look at the flyer to choose which seminar you'd like to go to and let the Parish Office know so that we can do a group booking.
- Sat 5 Nov** **Midlands Men's Convention, 'All in – Living the whole of life for Christ'**.  
Cornerstone Church Nottingham, starting at 10.00am. Take a look at the flyer to choose which seminar you'd like to go to and let Rob Davies know so that we can do a group booking.

## News and Requests

We will be producing a **camps prayer diary** for the summer, if you are going on a camp as a leader or a member please sign up at the back of church. The sign up sheet will be out for today only.

We have some **summer socials** coming up, if you'd like to host one please let the Parish Office know. **July 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>** are all available so far.

**Books of the Summer Term:** 'A New Name' and 'Seeking Allah Finding Jesus'. To order one through church please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

**Holiday club needs your help!** Can you lend or donate any packs of Hero top trump cards or Hama bead boards? Can you give plain/ light coloured bed sheets (we're making capes!)? See Helen for more details. Thanks!

John and Ruth McNeill have some **furniture** to dispose of before moving to Copenhagen. Check out the list on the notice board.

**Single bed/camp bed needed** for the Harvey's stay from July 20<sup>th</sup> to August 10<sup>th</sup>. Bed can be collected and dropped off. Speak to Nick and Pam if you can help. Thanks!

Don't forget to keep collecting money to **twin our toilets!** Hand your money into the parish office. Cheques payable to St. Stephen's and St. Wulstan's PCC

**Andrew Peterson in concert** at Monyhull Church on Fri 29<sup>th</sup> July. More details on the flyers at the back of church.

**House or flat share needed** for two female trainees coming to work with City Church from Sept. Contact if you can help or if you know someone who can.

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**ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK**

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**10<sup>th</sup> July 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

'The all embracing providence of God' (Isaiah 44:24-45:4) – Maurice Sinclair  
**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

'How are your eyes?' (Luke 11:29-36) – Andy Martin  
**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.

Sermon notes

The All Embracing Providence of God  
*Isaiah 44:24-45:4*

OPENING PRAYER *led by Andy Martin*

HYMN Crown him with many crowns  
 SONG Christ is risen, he is risen indeed

PRAYER

SONG Oh, God, he always keeps his promises

NEWS *after which children and young people leave for there activities*

SONG The grace of God has reached for me

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BIBLE READINGS Isaiah 44:24-45:4 (page 730), Matthew 5:38-48 (page 970)  
 (This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON The all embracing providence of God

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we humbly thank you for all your gifts so freely given: for life and health and safety, for work and rest and friendship, and for the wonder of creation. Above all, we praise you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ, for his death and resurrection, for your life-giving Spirit and the hope of sharing in your glory. Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.**

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 Come thou fount of every blessing  
*Please collect your child from crèche.*

CLOSING PRAYER

Time to Grasp a Great Truth

Time for Humble Reverence

For Wide Sympathy

For Deep Encouragement

Providence and Great Glory

*PROVIDENCE: The unceasing activity of the Creator whereby, in overflowing bounty and goodwill, he upholds his creatures in ordered existence, guides and governs all events, circumstances and free acts of angels and men, and directs everything to its appointed goal, for his own glory.*  
*Dr. Jim Packer*

**Missed a sermon recently?** Please visit [www.sssw.org.uk](http://www.sssw.org.uk) to hear or download an audio version.

OPENING PRAYER *led by Helen Buckley*

SONG By faith

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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SONGS Light of the world

I once was lost in darkest night  
Over all the earth

NEWS

BIBLE READINGS 1 Kings 10:1-13 (page 348), Luke 11:29-36 (page 1043)  
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SONG The perfect wisdom of our God

SERMON How are your eyes?

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG I will sing the wondrous story

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.**