

## Today

**Deadlines** Electoral Roll and Summer Rota availability by the end of today please!

## This Week

**Tues 14 Apr** CAP Debt Centre Volunteers meeting, 7.30pm Christ Church Selly Park; to find out how the new Debt Centre is going or to volunteer.

**Wed 15 Apr** Fellowship Groups restart.

**Thu 16 Apr** Christian Institute Birmingham meeting at Selly Elim Church. See the 'Protecting Gospel Freedom' leaflets on the Information Table.

**18-19 Apr** Youth Weekend Away

## Looking Ahead

**Wed 22 Apr** CAP Debt Centre Launch, 8.00pm at Selly Oak Elim, Exeter Road. Details to follow.

**Thu 23 Apr** Identity starts 8.00-9.30pm. Identity is a seven-week course that reveals more about the identity and mission of Jesus and shows why he is the key to life and the one who can answer our big questions. Nothing is assumed, everything is explained and anything can be asked. Please speak to Andy Martin if you are interested in going.

**Tues 28 Apr** MMTc Lite starts. Details on the flyer on the Information Table.

**Wed 29 Apr** Annual Meeting (APCM), 8.00pm in St Wulstan's, coffee from 7.30pm. We will be electing 2 churchwardens, 4 PCC members (3 for 3 years, 1 for 1 year). Please be thinking and praying about who (you?) should fill these important roles in our church's leadership. It is also a good time to share stories of what you have seen the Lord do this past year – please speak to Chris Hobbs if you would like to do that.

**Sun 10 May** World Mission Sunday more exciting details to follow.

## News, Notices and Requests

**Julie Keene is engaged!** Many congratulations to her and Dex.

**Building for the Future** The church is being filled with an enormous scaffolding cage to give access to the roof, and the foundations for the foyer are going in.

**Kings Church Guildford Commissioning service** Sat 9 May. Please give names to Gina by Sun 26 Apr if you'd be interested in coach travel to support the Leadbeaters.

**Holiday Club planning** After the morning service on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Are you interested in being part of our brilliant holiday club week? Why wouldn't you be?! Come to find out more. This is for old hands and newcomers young and old!

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## Welcome

12<sup>th</sup> April 2015

*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

'Everything must be fulfilled' (Luke 24:36-49) – Maurice Sinclair

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

**0-3s** Crèche is in the back room, please collect your child during the final hymn.

**3-11s** Are taken to the Medical Centre across the road and brought back during the last hymn.

**11-14s** will meet at the back and be taken to 9 Serpentine Road, they will be brought back at the end of the service.

**Toilets** are in the foyer, baby-changing facilities are in the disabled toilet.

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

### 6.00pm Evening Service

'You will be my witnesses' (Acts 1:1-11) – Ben Wells

**Coffee, tea and cakes** are served after the service.

### A Spring in your step?

These past few days of sunshine have been glorious, haven't they? If you've been stuck inside with no hope of getting out before the day is done it will have been torture, but for many of us the onset of spring marks a real change in outlook. There are fabulous things about each of the seasons (including winter!) but the warmth of the sun, the appearance of the blossom, the daffodils, the crocuses, of spring lambs - of new life, in short - is accompanied for many of us by feeling a while lot better about each day.

Back in Genesis 1, God tells us that he created the seasons as part of a world he describes as very good. Paul tells us in Romans 1 that God's creation reveals his glory. Psalm 19 says that creation proclaims God's work. What do the seasons reveal to us of God's glorious character and work? Built into this world God made is a pattern of death and resurrection that plays out without fail all around us. It bears quiet but faithful witness to the great story at the heart of history - Jesus' death and resurrection. And, not only Jesus' resurrection: Jesus' resurrection is the guarantee of our own. "He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who lives in you." (Romans 8:11) So as you enjoy the sun this week, remember Christ has been raised - and you will be too!

Andy Martin (Assistant Minister)

## Sermon notes

## Everything must be fulfilled

**Luke 24:36-49**

### A SMALL PART IN A GREAT PURPOSE

*Jesus said, "Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Luke 24:24*

### God is fulfilling a great purpose

### So, understand the Scriptures

### Wait to be clothed with power

### Preach Christ to all nations

### Share in a small part

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

## Morning Service

OPENING PRAYER *led by Andy Martin*

HYMN Jesus Christ is risen today

BIBLE READINGS Psalm 2 (page 543)

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

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.**

SONG Your love

NOTICES

*after which children and young people leave for their activities*

SONG You're the lion of Judah

BIBLE READINGS Psalm 110 (page 613), Luke 24:36-49 (page 1062)

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

SERMON Everything must be fulfilled

SONG There is a hope

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 during the final song*

CLOSING PRAYER

*COLLECTION Gifts may be placed in the Gifts box on the Information Table*

OPENING PRAYER *led by Andy Martin*

SONGS Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus  
See, what a morning

CONFESSIOIN and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and broken your laws. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit enable us to live for you and to please you more and more, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYERS ending with THE LORD'S PRAYER

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NOTICES

SONGS You died in my place  
Comfort for weary sinners  
Thine be the glory

BIBLE READINGS Zechariah 1:1-17 (page 950), Acts 1:1-11 (page 1092)  
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON You will be my witnesses

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

HYMN There is a redeemer

CLOSING PRAYER

**Be with us, Lord, as we go out into the world: may the lips that have sung your praises always speak the truth; may the ears which have heard your word listen only to what is good; and may our lives in every part be always pleasing in your sight, for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**