

This Week

Thu 16 Oct Christianity Explored Continues. 8.00pm-9.30pm at. An ideal way to explore the Christian message. Talk to Andy Martin if you'd like to come along. It's not too late to join!

Fri 17 Oct Games Night for 20s and 30s. 8.00pm at St Wulstans. This is for anyone in their 20s or 30s, single, married or a parent, whether you've been coming to church for years or just a few weeks. Please bring snacks or drinks with you.

Looking Ahead

Tues 21 Oct 'Is the gospel good news for gay people?', 7.30-9.00pm at Monyhull Church, B30 3PS. Jonathan Berry will be speaking and answering questions. Organised by Midlands Gospel Partnership churches in the Birmingham area. Flyers on the Information Table.

Sat 25 Oct Prayer Day for 'Building for the Future', 8.00 am - 12.00 noon at St Wulstan's.

Sat 25 Oct **Welcome Meal**, 7.30pm. For everyone new or new-ish to the church. Please ask Chris or Helen Hobbs for an invitation.

Nov 14-15 **Men's Weekend at Home** with Colin Tamplin as our speaker. Please keep Friday evening to Saturday evening free. Letters are in the pigeon holes and at the back of church, most of the weekend will be held at St Wulstans.

Christmas Services

Carol Services. If you can read music and would like to be involved in the carol services, please speak to Cordelia and note down the following dates and times for musical rehearsals: Nov 27th at 8.15pm, Dec 5th at 8pm, Dec 7th at 4.45pm, Dec 16th at 8.15pm and Dec 21st at 4.45pm.

Help with services. If you are a regular on the rotas and are planning to be around for some of the Christmas services, please let the office know so that we can arrange the rotas.

News, Notices and Requests

Book of the Term. 'Taking God at his Word' by Kevin DeYoung. Why the Bible is worth knowing, trusting and loving. Only £6. Available after both services.

Building for the Future News. We are beginning to prepare for a very important meeting on 17 October with the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) to discuss the details of Phase 2 (the church). Please start to pray that the meeting will go well.

New Address Books. If you are new to church, or have moved house, please let us know by filling in the form at the back of church. We are also updating the address books to include **photographs** of everybody, so we would be very grateful for any photos that you email into the office. If you don't send one, we'll get a snap of you after a service, so be prepared!

Help needed in crèche. We have a growing group of lovely crèche children and are in need of extra volunteers and leaders. Please speak to Helen Buckley if you can help.

Great Birmingham Run is next week. Please look at the route on the notice board as it may affect your journey to church.

Vacancies. Debt Centre Manager and Day Centre Leader. Details on the Information Table.

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Welcome

12th October 2014

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

10.00am Morning Service

'These are the facts' (Luke 1:1-4) – Chris Hobbs

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

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

3-11's Will be taken to the Medical Centre across the road, and be brought back at the end of the service.

11-14's 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 with Holy Communion

'How to pray with joy' (Philippians 1:1-11) – Andy Martin

Coffee, tea and cakes are served after the service.

Sermon notes These are the facts Luke 1:1-4

“so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught” (v4)

Luke tells us:

- **THAT we can be sure (v4)**

- **WHAT we can be sure of (v1)**

“the things that have been fulfilled among us” (v1; see Luke 24:44-47)

- **WHY we can be sure (v1-3)**

OPENING PRAYER *led by Andy Martin*

SONGS I stand amazed in the presence
He's the King of kings

THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Lord our God. How sweet are your words to the taste, sweeter than honey to the mouth. How precious are your commands for our life, more than the finest gold in our hands. How marvellous is your will for the world, unending is your love for the nations. Our voices shall sing of your promises and our lips declare your praise for ever and ever. Amen.

NOTICES

Children and young people leave for their activities

SONG He is risen

BIBLE READINGS Luke 1:1-41 (page 1023), 1 Peter 1:10-21 (page 1215)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON These are the facts

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SONG Holy Father, rich in mercy

CONFESSION 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.

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 Yes finished! The Messiah dies
Please collect your child from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

COLLECTION Gifts may be placed in the Gifts box at the back