

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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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

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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

How to pray with joy

Philippians 1:1-11

Why praying is hard

How to pray with joy

1. Commit yourself to loving, gospel-centred relationships with other Christians (3-8)

2. Pray for other Christians trusting that God is at work in them (5)

3. Pray gospel-centred prayers (9-11)

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Hobbs*

SONGS Come people of the risen King
He wraps himself in light

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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.

SONG See the man

BIBLE READINGS Acts 16:11-40 (page 1111), Philippians 1:1-11 (page 1178)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON How to pray with joy

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

PRAYERS

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SONG What can wash away my sin?

COMMUNION *see insert*

NOTICES

HYMN Love divine, all loves excelling

CLOSING PRAYER

Our loving Father, we pray that our love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that we may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of your name. Amen.

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