

Today

This week in Sunday Club there is holiday cover, all groups will be having fun together.

This Week

Wed 17 Aug **Songs with Samuel Thornhill.** A relaxed evening of singing a few hymns / songs together, listening to a testimony or two & eating some cake! RSVP to Elizabeth Barry. (volunteers to make some cake or help move chairs or share their testimony very welcome.)

Sun 20 Aug **Church Family Lunch.** Everyone welcome! Food will be served after the service. Suggested donation of £2 a person.

Looking Ahead

Wed 24 Aug **Another evening in China,** 8.00pm. Stories from the Devas's visit this summer, hear what God has done, with pictures, music and snacks!

Tues 6 Sept **Prayer Gathering,** 10.00-11.30am in St Stephen's.

Tues 6 Sept **CAP Prayer Meeting** at 7:45pm, Christ Church Selly Park

Wed 7 Sept **Prayer Gathering,** 8.00-9.30pm in St Stephen's – with coffee, tea and cakes 7.30-7.55pm.

Wed 14, 21, 28 **Toolbox.** Information at the back of church, pick up a flyer and get your choices into the Parish Office by September 4th.

Mon 19 Sept **Women's book club.** Reading 'Joni & Ken: An Untold Love Story' over the summer. Speak to (Mrs) Chris Stonehouse or Elizabeth Barry for more info.

Wed 5 Oct **Vision Evening.** 7pm at Church for dinner, 8pm for the Vision Meeting.

Sat 22 Oct **Midlands Women's Convention,** Solihull, starting at 10.00am. let the Parish Office know if you'd like to go so that we can do a group booking.

Sat 5 Nov **Midlands Men's Convention,** Nottingham, starting at 10.00am. Let Rob Davies know if you'd like to go so that we can do a group booking.

News and Requests

Holiday club needs your help! Can you lend or donate any packs of Hero top trump cards? See Helen for more details.

Sunday Club leaders please pick up the material for next term from your pigeon hole. Thanks!

The Huggins Family have moved to All mobile numbers and email addresses remain the same.

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK



taking Jesus seriously, taking the Bible seriously

Welcome

14th August 2016

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

'Pride' (1 Peter 5:5-6) – John Ruck

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

Creche leave through the Foyer to go to their rooms. **Scramblers, Climbers** and **Explorers** leave through the Hudson Taylor Room at the front of church. There is no **Club114** over the summer.

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after the service in the foyer.

6.00pm Evening Service

'When God seems to have forgotten us' (Psalm 44) – Mark Checketts

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.

Pride

1 Peter 5:5-6

OPENING PRAYER *led by David Twiss*

SONGS To God be the glory
See the man

CONFESSIO and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SONG Clap your hands

NEWS *after which children go to their activities*

SONG Take my life and let it be

BIBLE READINGS Luke 18:9-14 (page 1052), 1 Peter 5:1-11 (page 1220)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Pride

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.

SONG I will offer up my life
Please collect your child from crèche

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.

Sermon Notes

Can pride and boasting be "acceptable"?

The overwhelming emphasis of the Bible

1 Peter 5:5-6 A radically different community

1. Our relationships with one another: no longer dominating and using others but serving and submitting (verse 5, see also 1-4)
2. Our relationship with God: no longer elevating ourselves but humbling ourselves (verse 6 – see also Luke 18:9-14)

Missed a sermon recently? Please visit www.ssw.org.uk to hear or download an audio version.

Psalm 44

OPENING PRAYER *led by Helen Buckley*

SONGS Awake, awake O Zion
All creatures of our God and King

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.

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SONGS Who could know your thoughts
Holy Father, rich in mercy

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NEWS

BIBLE READINGS Psalm 44 (page 568), Romans 8:28-39 (page 1135)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SONG The Lord's my shepherd

SERMON When God seems to have forgotten us

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG When peace like a river

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