

This Week

Tues 16 Sept PCC meeting, 7.45pm at St Wulstan's

Looking Ahead

Thur 25 Sept Music rehearsal. This is the first of the monthly rehearsals, from 8.15-9.45pm at St Wulstans. If you're already involved in music commit to coming. If you're not involved and you'd like to be please speak to Andy Walker.

Sat 27 Sept Come and view progress with building the new Parish Centre, 10-11am at St Stephen's. Don't come smart!

Sun 28 Sept Back to Church Sunday. An ideal day to invite someone to come back to church or to come for the first time. At 10.00am Andy Martin will be speaking on 'Only one way to God?' and at 6.00pm Chris Hobbs will be speaking on 'Why bother with Jesus?'

Sun 28 Sept Church Family Welcome Lunch after the morning service. A great way to welcome new people, and get to know others you haven't had the chance to yet. Please put this in your diaries, and be sure to bring plenty of food to share!

Sat 4 Oct The Midlands Women's Convention 'Restore and Reform – God's Word to Nehemiah' : Carrie Sandom. Leaflets on the Information Table.

News, Notices and Requests

Building for the Future News: Building Development Group are still looking for a minute taker for their monthly meetings on a Tuesday evening. Please consider whether you could help. Contact David Twiss.

New songs: If you'd like to listen to either of the new songs from this morning or this evening's service please visit www.sssw.org.uk/newsongs.

Free furniture. The little table under the pigeon holes is looking for a new home, first person to speak to Jem Huggins can take it home.

'The Heart of Things' painting and sculpture by Paul Hobbs (Chris's cousin!). Wed 8th – Mon 13th October at St Germain's Church, Edgbaston. Flyers on the information table.

Invitation. Sunday 21st Sept marks 50 years since Maurice was ordained. You are invited to tea at from 3pm, with some memories, "Fifty Years in Fifteen Minutes" at 4pm.

Rob and Gina Davies have moved to

Thank you. Sue and Dave Stokes wish to express their gratitude for all the kindness, lifts, meals and prayer support they received before and following Sue's operation.

Sad news. Jenny Mason, wife to John, died suddenly last week. Details of the funeral are not yet clear, but do keep the family in your prayers.

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK



Welcome

September 14th 2014

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

10.00am Morning Service

'Jesus goes to a wedding' (John 2:1-11) – Chris Porter

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.

Toilets are in the foyer.

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after the service.

6.00pm Evening Service

'Finish the race' (Acts 20:22-27) – Chris Hobbs

Coffee, tea and cakes are served after the service.

Sermon notes

Finish the race

Acts 20:22-27

Paul encourages us to:

1. Follow the Spirit (v22-23)

2. Testify to grace (v24)

3. Warn about judgment (v25-27)

OPENING PRAYER *led by Helen Buckley*

HYMNS Praise to Christ the Lord incarnate
We, we are God's people

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.

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.

SONGS Our only hope is you
Who, O Lord, could save themselves

THE APOSTLES' CREED

NOTICES

HYMN May the mind of Christ my Saviour

BIBLE READINGS Ezekiel 33:1-20 (page 864), Acts 20:17-38 (page 1117)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Finish the race

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

HYMN O Church arise

CLOSING PRAYER

The Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us; the Lord turn his face towards us and give us peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. Amen.

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