

This Week

Wed 18 Feb Ash Wednesday Holy Communion, 8.00pm in St Wulstan's. An informal service with songs, open prayer and a Bible study on 'What do we love?' from Hebrews 13:1-9.

Looking Ahead

Wed 25 Feb Funeral Service for Daisy Glenn, 12 noon at Christ Church, Selly Park.

Fri 27th Feb Men's Curry Night Come and catch up over a curry! Please sign up by Sun 22nd. Contact Rob Davies.

Fri 6 – Sun 8 Mar Rooted weekend away This year's church student weekend away in Quinta, Shropshire. A great weekend of talks, discussion, food and fun for £50! **All** students welcome, please talk to Andy Martin if you're interested.

Sat 7 Mar Ecclesiastes in a Morning! Come and find out what this enigmatic book is all about and how to teach it to others. Flyers on the Information Table.

Sat 14 Mar No Shame? A day conference on how the gospel of grace gives us hope in the experience of shame. Flyers on the Information Table.

News, Notices and Requests

Baby Martin Arrived safely on Thur 12th, mum and daughter doing well!

Building for the Future From the Chancellor's secretary last Thursday: "The Chancellor is currently looking carefully through the petition papers sent to him previously from St Stephen's". Not long now!

Notice from Treasurer Many thanks to all those who have returned their 2015 Giving pledge forms. If you have not yet done so, please kindly return your form by next Sunday 21st Feb.

Prayer Meetings for Sarah Underwood Please feel welcome but not obliged to join in. The next one is at 1.30-2.30pm on Tues 24th Feb. After that there is one on Sun 1st March from 1.30-5.30pm.

Biblical Counselling in the Local Church All of Steve Midgley's talks from this day conference are now available at: www.monyhullchurch.org/resources/sermon-downloads

Midlands Gospel Partnership Training 2015 Details of upcoming MGP training events, including MMTC Lite. Pick up a brochure from the Information Table.

3CM Lent Challenge Feb 18-April 4: See poster at the back for more details!

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK



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Welcome

15th February 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 with Holy Communion

'Be different: in the world and at work' (1 Peter 2:13-25) – Chris Hobbs

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 song.

3-11s taken to the Medical Centre across the road and brought back in time for communion.

11-14s 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

'The God who rescues' (Psalm 30) – Tom Lovatt

Coffee, tea and cakes are served after the service.

Chris Hobbs, Senior Minister (Vicar)

Sermon notes

Be different: in the world and at work

I Peter 2:13-25

Keep doing good, even if it means suffering:

- in the world (v13-17)

- at work (v18-20)

- like Christ (v21-25)

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Morning Service

OPENING PRAYER *led by Andy Martin*

Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN Praise my soul the King of Heaven

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.

COLLECT

SONG God speaks

NOTICES *after which, children and young people go to their activities*

SONG Holy Father, rich in mercy

BIBLE READINGS Isaiah 53:1-9 (page 740), I Peter 2:13-25 (page 1218)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Be different: in the world and at work

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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 He was pierced for our transgressions
Holy God in love became

COMMUNION (*see insert*)

HYMN Freedom and life are ours
Please collect your child from crèche during the final hymn

CLOSING PRAYER

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

Sermon notes

A God worth singing about: The God who rescues Psalm 30

God has rescued us from a hopeless situation

Sin is the root of our hopeless situation

We respond to our rescue with praise

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Evening Service

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Hobbs*

SONGS Come people of the Risen King
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation

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.

COLLECT

SONG We're not alone

BIBLE READINGS Psalm 30 (page 558); 2 Corinthians 4:1-17 (page 1160)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON The God who rescues

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONGS Who, O Lord, could save themselves?
I come into Your presence

THE APOSTLES' CREED

OPEN PRAYER

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.

NOTICES

HYMN Love divine

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