

## Today

**This term in Sunday Club** we will be thinking about treasure! Who and what we treasure. This week we are looking at Matthew 6: 33, 34. We will see that Jesus wants us to let God be the King of our hearts. To treasure him. He will help us to do that.

## This Week

**Tues 17 May** **MMTC Lite** continues, 8.00pm at St Stephen's. Flyers on the Information Table.

**Tues 17 May** **PCC meeting**, 8.00pm in the Tyndale Room.

## Looking Ahead

**Thurs 19 May** **Gospel Ambition: Maintaining a mission heartbeat** – where evangelism is normal, natural and everyday. 10am-4pm at St Stephen's, with Richard Coekin and Neil Powell speaking. This Midlands Gospel Partnership conference for church leaders is open to all. Flyers on the Information Table. Further details from [admin@midlandsgospel.org.uk](mailto:admin@midlandsgospel.org.uk)

**Sun 22 May** **World Mission Sunday** with Church Family Lunch ('come & eat'); then 1-2 pm "150 years of Mission to East Asia - Looking Back, Looking Forward"; children's programme also provided. Please plan to join us for that!

**Jul 2-3** **Church Family Weekend at Home.** Andy Upton, of Knighton Church Leicester, will be speaking on 'Hosea: Straight from the Heart', about God's passionate love for his people. Please see brochures for more information.

## News and Requests

Naomi Bryant, Cordelia Checketts and Pippa Nicolson were **elected to the PCC** on Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Apr.

**More help needed to serve refreshments** after the morning service. Contact Margaret Twiss;

**The Parish Office open** as usual from the 17<sup>th</sup> May.

**Homestay family** needed for Eman Tsang from September 2016. Contact her on 07923220954 if you can help, or if you know someone that can.

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**15<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

## Welcome

*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

'What more do you want?' (Colossians 1:15-23) – Chris Porter

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

**Creche** and **Club 114** leave through the Foyer to go to their rooms. **Scramblers, Climbers** and **Explorers** leave through the Hudson Taylor Room at the front of church.

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

## 6.00pm Evening Service

'What pleases God?' (Luke 10:21-24) – Andy Martin

**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

**What more do you want?**  
***Colossians 1:15-23***

OPENING PRAYER *led by Andy Martin*

HYMN O breath of life

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.**

SONG Everybody praise

NEWS *after which children and young people to their activities*

SONG Holy Spirit living breath of God

BIBLE READINGS Proverbs 8:12-36 (page 641), Colossians 1:15-23 (page 1182)  
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON What more do you want?

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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.**

SONG O to see the dawn

COMMUNION *see insert*

HYMN Abide with me  
*Please collect your child from crèche.*

CLOSING PRAYER

**Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your holy word. May it be a lantern to our feet, a light to our paths, and a strength to our lives. Take us and use us to love and serve in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER *led by Helen Buckley*

SONGS O God beyond all praising  
When my hope and strength is gone  
There is a redeemer

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**O Lord our God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As we come before you now, believers and doubters alike, we all share a deep need, for we are all lost without your grace. Search us, O God, and know our hearts, test us and know our troubled thoughts. Give us true repentance. Forgive us all our wrongs. Transform us by your Spirit to live for you each day, to learn to serve each other and, through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, to come at last to heaven. Amen.**

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NEWS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

SONGS Breathe on me breath of God  
Holy Spirit, living breath of God

BIBLE READINGS Psalm 8 (page 546), Luke 10:21-24 (1041)  
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON What pleases God?

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG O church arise

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.**