

Today

In Sunday Club we will be looking at the day the sun stopped shining (the day Jesus died). We will see that this was God's rescue plan. That Jesus died in our place to rescue us from our sin.

Looking Ahead

- Thu 26 Nov Musicians Rehearsal**, 8.15pm-9.30pm at St Stephen's. For anyone who does already or would like to play music in church.
- Sat 21 Nov Crosslinks** is running a one day conference. See Andy Martin for more details.
- Fri 27 Nov Christmas Craft Evening**, 7.30-9.15pm at St Stephens. Tickets have sold out, to go on the waiting list, or if you have a ticket to sell back please see Jem.
- Sat 28 Nov Maintenance morning**, 10.00am -1.00pm, meeting at St Stephens. Please come for as long as you can and bring along garden tools if you have any, but some will be provided. Any time given would be very much appreciated.
- Sun 29 Nov Suffering Church Sunday**. A simple lunch will be provided, followed by an opportunity to hear more about the work of Christian Solidarity Worldwide 1 - 2 pm; children's activities will be provided. Please do come!
- Tues 1 Dec Evangelism Forum**, 8.00-9.30pm at St Stephen's. How can we best reach out to our community with the good news of Jesus? Come along to discuss ideas and plans. We want you there if you have any ideas, or if you want to get involved.
- Sat 5 Dec Christmas Adventure**, 2.00-4.00pm at St Stephens. Real nativity animals, craft, games and much more. See Helen Buckley for more details or a ticket. Buy a ticket to get a place, £5 for families.

News and Requests

Carol singers, we need you!

There are lots of chances to sing, please sign up for whatever you can:

- **Acoustic Carols by Candlelight, Sun 6th Dec** (Oli Huggins)
- **Carols for Samuel Thornhill, Tue 15th Dec** (Sandra Thornhill)
- **Traditional Carols by Candlelight, Sun 20th Dec** (Cordelia Checketts).
Rehearsals: Monday 7th and Friday 18th December
- **Pub singing**, The Goose on **Sat 12th Dec**, Country Girl on **Sat 19th Dec** (John McNeill)

Christmas Cards to the church family. We will have a notice board up to display cards to the church family, so you don't need to send out lots of individual ones this year.

Wrapping presents with BCM -Thursday 17 Dec (7-9.30 pm) or Saturday 19 Dec (9.30-12 and/or 12-2). Book now with Chris Stonehouse

CAP. Contact Sarah Underwood if you would like to receive weekly prayer requests, and look out for prayer meeting notices.

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

taking Jesus seriously, taking the Bible seriously



Welcome

15 November 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 Communion Service at St Stephen's

'Hear and do' (Luke 8:1-21) – Andy Martin

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

Crèche is in the Cranmer Room. **Crèche** and **Club I 14** need to go the Foyer to access their rooms and all other groups go to the front of church.

Toilets are adjacent to the foyer and upstairs; baby-changing facilities are in the disabled toilets.

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

6.00pm Evening Service at St Wulstan's

'Taming the tongue' (James 3:1-18) – Chris Hobbs

Coffee, tea and cakes will be served at the end of the service.

Sermon notes

Hear and do Luke 8:1-21

Be careful how you listen

1. Listening well requires effort
2. Listening well requires perseverance
3. Listening well brings results
4. Listening well brings blessing

OPENING PRAYER OF PREPARTION *led by Chris Hobbs*

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 Lord for the years

BIBLE READING Isaiah 6:1-13 (page 690)

CONFESSION 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.

SONG Everybody praise

NEWS

Children and young people leave for their activities

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SONG From the breaking of the dawn

BIBLE READING Luke 8:1-21 (page 1037)

(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Hear and do

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 We're not alone

Please collect your child from crèche during this song

COMMUNION *see insert*

SONG Lord the light of your love is shining

BLESSING

- **The tongue is powerful (v2-5a)**

- **The tongue is destructive (v5b-6)**

- **The tongue is uncontrollable (v7-8)**

- **The tongue is revealing (v9-12)**

- **... But help is available (v13-18)**

OPENING PRAYER *led by Helen Buckley*

SONGS Thou whose almighty word
How can it be?

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SONGS When my hope and strength is gone
Blessing and honour

THE APOSTLES' CREED

NEWS

BIBLE READINGS Proverbs 10:11-32 (page 643); James 3:1-18 (page 1214)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Taming the tongue

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONGS The perfect wisdom
May the mind of Christ our saviour

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.