

Today

The big question in Sunday Club is: Is anything too hard for God? And the answer is: Nothing is impossible for God! God saved his people. He led them through the Red Sea. God sent Jesus to save us.

This Week

Sun 23 Feb International Service, 6.00pm at St Wulstan's: 'What does God want?' Flyers on the Information Table. Please invite friends!

Looking Ahead

Tues 25 Feb A Passion for Life Prayer Meeting. 7.45-8.00pm to 9.00pm at St Wulstan's. A time to pray with other local churches involved in AP4L.

Sun 2 Mar Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving, 3.00pm at St Stephen's, followed by tea. For those who have lost loved ones. Please let the Parish Office know you are coming.

Wed 5 Mar Ash Wednesday Communion and Prayer Gathering. A short service of Holy Communion in Church 7.00-7.40pm, coffee in the Dain Room 7.30-7.55pm, Prayer Gathering in the Dain Room 8.00-9.00pm.

Sun 16 Mar Bring and Share lunch 12.00-1.00pm, followed by **Community Newsletter and gospel distribution** around the Parish 1.00-3.00pm

Sat 22 Mar 'Uncover' training day with Becky Manley Pippert. 9.30-4.30 at Selly Oak Elim Church, Exeter Road. Cost £10.
For details: <https://www.uccf.org.uk/events/uncover-birmingham>

News, Notices and Requests

Building for the Future News: Our third and last prospective contractor visited the church this week in the wind and the rain. We have also had an informal meeting with the City planners to finalise remaining details.

Word Alive. Enjoy a life transforming holiday! Challenging Bible teaching, joyful sung worship and a fun holiday too. April 12-17, 2014. £270pp. Speak to Andy

Day centre member places available. Speak to Lynn Trueman for more details.

Wanted: double push-chair or baby sling. Email Se-ho if you can help;

Wanted: Accommodation. A student from the far east will be coming to Birmingham for the next academic year and would love to live with an English family during her year (she would pay rent, of course!). Any offers to

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK



16th February 2014

Welcome

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

10.00am at St Stephen's

Holy Communion: 'Proper boasting' (2 Corinthians 10:7-18) – Chris Hobbs

Children and young people up to the age of 14 leave for their activities part way through the service. Club 114 (ages 11-14) meet outside the church and go to 9 Serpentine Road. Scramblers and Climbers will return to church for communion.

Toilets are in the foyer of the Dain Room, next door to the Church.

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

11.30am at St Wulstan's

Morning Prayer: 'Proper boasting' (2 Corinthians 10:7-18) – Mark Checketts

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served *before* the service.

6.00pm at St Wulstan's

Evening Praise: 'The kingdom is established' (1 Kings 2-4) – Richard Leadbeater

Coffee, tea and cakes are served after the service.

1. Paul will boast about the authority God gave him (v7-11)

2. Paul will boast about the work God does through him (v12-18)

OPENING PRAYER *led by Richard Leadbeater*

HYMN All hail the power of Jesus' name

CONFESSION

Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory.

Have mercy and forgive us.

Lord, you have given your life for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart. **Have mercy and change us.**

Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you, Lord, and neglecting others.

Have mercy and cleanse us.

Lord, when we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry. **Have mercy and deliver us.**

In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world. **Have mercy and forgive us.**

Father, through the redeeming death of your Son on the cross, by your Spirit and through your word, transform and renew us to follow you with joy. **All this we ask, confident in your unchanging faithfulness. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG God speaks

NOTICES

Children and young people leave for their activities

SONG I once was lost in darkest night

BIBLE READINGS Jeremiah 9:7-26 (page 767), 2 Corinthians 10:7-18 (page 1164)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Proper boasting

PRAYERS (Lord in your mercy; **Hear our prayer**)

THE PEACE *please collect your child from crèche*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

SONG How deep the Father's love for us

COMMUNION *see insert*

HYMN Glorious things of thee are spoken

CLOSING PRAYER

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