

## This Week

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Aug** **Another Evening in China** - if you missed this last year, or even if you came, here's another opportunity to spend an evening "in China" - pics, music, snacks, stories (different from last year's!) Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Aug, 7.30 for 8pm at the Devas's house.

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug** **Help needed** to empty the container at St. Stephens, 10.00am - 12.30pm. Details from Richard Phillips.

## Looking Ahead

**Pudding evening** Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Aug, 7.45pm for dessert and coffee at the Twiss's house.

**25 – 28 Aug 'Wild Wild West' Holiday Bible Club** is getting closer! Forms are coming in, but if you're still considering it and haven't yet filled in a form, please do so and give it to Helen as soon as possible. We'd love to see you there.

**Wed 9 Sept Vision Evening** 7.00-9.30pm at St Wulstan's. For the whole church family. 7.00pm meal (7.30pm dessert and coffee), 8.00pm vision and prayer. Meal £4 adults/£2 under 18s (dessert and coffee only £2/£1). Please sign up on the information table.

## News and Requests

**Building for the Future** We are very nearly there. Formal completion of the building work was last Fri 14<sup>th</sup>. Just a bit of tidying up and external work to be done.

**equip.** Our new in-house one-year training course designed 'to equip the saints for the work of ministry'. For anyone wanting to teach the Bible better in whatever setting. Starts Wed 16 Sept. Flyers on the Information Table.

If you'd like to send your thoughts to **Steve McCabe on the 'Assisted Dying Bill'**, you can send the form to: Steve McCabe MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA or by writing to him at [Stephen.mccabe.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:Stephen.mccabe.mp@parliament.uk) or calling his office on 0121 4433878.

**Summer Socials** We still have the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep available. It can be almost anything you like! Please contact Gina in the Parish Office.

**All Sunday Club leaders/helpers** look in pigeon holes to collect next term's material.

**Anita and Jonathan Riley** are in Romania with other volunteers running evangelistic holiday clubs for children. Please pray for their energy, safety, teams to work well together and lots of children to be transformed by the Gospel.

**The office** is closed until Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Aug.

**Cleaner required** We are looking for someone to clean the new St Stephen's site from early September, 6 hours/week at £7.85/hour. Please speak to Chris Hobbs if you are interested.

**Christian male, 27**, looking for house share, moving to B'ham (from St Ebbe's in Oxford) in Sep to do post-doc.

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## Welcome

**16<sup>th</sup> August 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

'Know your God: The Lord is trustworthy' (Psalm 37) – David Twiss

**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 last song.

**3-11s** Are taken across the road and brought back in time for communion.

**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

'Songs of Praise: Deborah and Barak's song' (Judges 5:1-31) – Andy Martin

**Coffee, tea and cakes** are served after the service.

## Time for everything?

Ever feel there is not enough time? Life can feel so busy these days and I often feel I'm not giving enough time to my immediate family, my wider family, my church family, my friends, my work. With all the things on the to do list there is definitely no time for rest as well. There's just not enough time for everything I want to do and everyone I want to please. At least that is how it seems...

In Ecclesiastes God says "there is a time for everything" (3:1) and that "He has made everything beautiful in its time" (3:11). He means that God's rule over time is beautiful. God has given us exactly the amount of time he wants us to have - it is a beautiful gift from him. At the same time verse 11 continues: "God has set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end" (3:11) When we feel that there is not enough time for everything it is because we were made for something more. We were made to enjoy an eternity of time with God and his people.

So what? We are not in charge of time and we need rescuing from the illusion that we are. We cannot master the times and seasons, not even the hours and minutes. We must trust the Lord who does and be content with doing less than we dream. Wouldn't it be lovely to wake up every morning thinking: *God has given me time to enjoy and serve him today and I'm looking forward to that.*

*Andy Martin, Assistant Minister*

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN To God be the glory

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 Trust in the Lord with all your heart

NEWS *after which children and young people leave for their activities*

SONG Salvation belongs to our God

BIBLE READING Psalm 37 (page 563)  
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON The Lord is trustworthy

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.**

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SONG The mystery of the cross

COMMUNION (*see insert*)

HYMN Be thou my vision

CLOSING PRAYER

**To him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and for evermore. Amen.**

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OPENING PRAYER

SONGS Crown Him with many crowns  
Let everything that has breath

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Almighty God, Creator of all. You marvellously made us in your image; but we have rebelled against you, by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbours. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and truly repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the death of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this 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.**

NEWS

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SONGS Have you heard of a God of love  
Astounding grace  
Your glorious cause, O God

BIBLE READINGS Judges 4:1-24 (page 245); 5:1-31 (page 246)  
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Songs of Praise: Deborah and Barak's song

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG All creatures of our God and King

CLOSING PRAYER

**Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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