

## Today

**'Building for the Future' Gift Day response.** Thank you all for your amazingly generous giving. Please send any outstanding responses to the Parish Office as soon as you can.

## This Week

**Tues 18 Nov Parochial Church Council meeting,** 7.45pm at St Wulstan's

**Sat 22 Nov Maintenance Day.** A day to help out practically with the church buildings. Come down to St Wulstan's at any time between 10.00am and 1.00pm with brushes and shovels if you have any. We will be working on the grounds at St Stephen's too, so it would be great to have as many pairs of hands as possible.

## Looking Ahead

**Fri 28 Nov Christmas Craft Evening,** 7.30pm-9.15pm at St Wulstan's. Doors will not open before 7.30pm. Tickets have sold out, but speak to Jem if you want to go on the waiting list.

**Sun 30 Nov Suffering Church Sunday.** Speaker from Barnabas Fund with a Bring and Share Lunch afterwards- everybody welcome!

**Sat 6 Dec Christmas Advent-ure.** Come and join us in the countdown to Christmas. Fun for the whole church family. 2.30-4.00pm at St Wulstans. Fill in a registration form & return it to Helen Buckley. Helen needs couple of people to make sweet dough, she can give you the recipe! She also needs about 6 clean and smooth garden canes. All for Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, speak to her if you can help.

**Mon 15 Dec Carols for Samuel Thornhill.** 5.00pm at his house. Please put the date in your diary, and look out for more details in the next few weeks.

**Fri 16 Jan Birmingham Churches Night Shelter starts.** Every Friday from Jan 16<sup>th</sup> to March 6<sup>th</sup> at St Wulstan's. Overnight shelter for 12 homeless men. Volunteers needed for a range of ways to serve. Forms available on information table or contact Tom for more details.

## Christmas Services

**Carol Services.** If you can read music and would like to be involved in the carol services, please speak to Cordelia and note down the following dates and times for musical rehearsals: **Nov 27<sup>th</sup>** at 8.15pm, **Dec 5<sup>th</sup>** at 8pm, **Dec 7<sup>th</sup>** at 4.45pm, **Dec 16<sup>th</sup>** at 8.15pm and **Dec 21<sup>st</sup>** at 4.45pm.

## News, Notices and Requests

**Building for the Future news.** The Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) now have our Phase 2 petition for the work on the church. Please pray that it may be well received.

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**ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK**

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## Welcome

**16<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

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

## 10.00am Morning Service with Holy Communion

'Get ready' (Luke 1:57-80) – 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 song before communion.

**3-11s** Will be taken to the Medical Centre across the road, and be brought back for communion.

**11-14s** will 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

'How to put out the rubbish' (Philippians 3:1-11) – Andy Martin

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

## Sermon notes

### How to put out the rubbish

Philippians 3:1-11

#### 1. Our religion cannot make us good enough for God

#### 2. Our goodness cannot make us good enough for God

#### 3. Only Jesus can make us good enough for God

Paul - "I want to know Christ"

Missed a sermon recently? Please visit [www.sssw.org.uk](http://www.sssw.org.uk) to hear or download an audio version.

OPENING PRAYER *led by Tom Lovatt*

HYMN And can it be

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SONG When I survey

THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRESENTATION God's Mission to China

OPEN 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.**

NOTICES

SONGS You're the lion of Judah  
My heart is filled with thankfulness

BIBLE READINGS Genesis 15:1-20 (page 15), Philippians 3:1-11 (page 1180)  
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON How to put out the rubbish

INSIGHTS

SONG All I once held dear

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.**

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