

This Week

Tues 20 Jan PCC meeting, 7.45pm in St Wulstan's

Thurs 22 Jan **'The World We All Want'** starts, 8.00-9.30pm at 18 Selly Wick Road. A sweeping tour through the unfolding story of the Bible: how God makes and keeps his promise of a better world. Seven Thursday evenings of informal discussion of what the Bible says. Flyers on the Information Table, or contact Chris Hobbs.

Looking Ahead

Mon 26 Jan **'How People Change' starts.** Twelve Monday evening sessions on how Christ's grace brings lasting change to our lives (finishes 6th July): "I wish everyone in the church could do this excellent course" (Chris Hobbs). Please speak to Chris soon if you are interested. Each session is 90 minutes, including a DVD, and there is also 'homework' between sessions.

Thu 5 Feb **'Biblical Counselling in the Local Church:** How wise biblical counsel produces growth in the body of Christ' – Day conference 10.00am-4.30pm. Evening session 7.30-9.00pm – 'The heart of depression: Understanding and caring for those who experience depression'. Brochures on the Information Table.

News, Notices and Requests

Music rehearsal and musicians wanted: Our next monthly musicians' rehearsal is on Thursday 29th January from 8.15-9.45pm in St Wulstan's. We're looking for some more musicians to play at Sunday services - if you can sing or play an instrument and want to serve in this way please come along to the rehearsal! Details from Allan Ooi.

Rooted weekend away: This year's church student weekend away is Fri 6th - Sun 8th March; Quinta, Shropshire. A great weekend of talks, discussion, food and fun for £50! **All** students welcome, please talk to Andy Martin if you're interested.

Stay'n'Play: Can YOU help? We need people to help serve tea and coffee and cut up bits for craft activities. Please speak to Amy Walker, Amanda Martin or Helen Buckley for more details.

Building for the Future news: We are now waiting to hear from the Chancellor about our petition for the work on Phase 2 (the church), hopefully by the end of the first week in February. Please pray for a speedy and helpful judgement.

BCM vacancies: Children's Evangelist working with ages 5-11, initially 6 month maternity cover but could become permanent. 2 new City Missionaries for April 2015. For closing dates and further details, contact BCM office.

Church family address book: please contact the office if you would like one.

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK



taking Jesus seriously, taking the Bible seriously

Welcome

18th January 2015

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

'The best is yet to come' (1 Peter 1:3-12) – Andy Martin

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 final song.

3-11s Will be taken to the Medical Centre across the road, and be brought back in time for Communion.

11-14s will meet at the back and 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

'Living by faith' (Genesis 12:10-14:24) – Chris Hobbs

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after the service.

Sermon notes

The best is yet to come I Peter 1:3-12

1. We have a glorious future that can never be taken away (3-5)

2. We have a treasure now which is better than gold (6-9)

3. We have the full story of our Saviour (10-12)

Missed a sermon recently? Please visit www.ssw.org.uk to hear or download an audio version.

Morning Service

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Hobbs*

SONG Come praise and glorify

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.

SONG Sing a song, sing a joyful song

NOTICES

Children and young people go to their activities

SONG See the man

PRAYERS

BIBLE READINGS Isaiah 43:1-7 (page 728), I Peter 1:3-12 (page 1217)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON The best is yet to come

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HYMN When I survey the wondrous cross

COMMUNION *see insert*

HYMN And can it be

CLOSING PRAYER

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, equip us with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

COLLECTION *Gifts may be placed in the Gifts box on the Information Table*

1. Trust God to guard his promises (12:10-20)

2. Trust God to give and give (ch. 13)

3. Trust God to deliver his people (ch. 14)

OPENING PRAYER *led by Tom Lovatt*

SONGS All creatures of our God and King
Let everything that has breath

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.

OPEN PRAYER 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.

SONGS Early morning, break of dawn
God of grace, amazing wonder

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NOTICES

SONG Breathe on me breath of God

BIBLE READINGS Genesis 12:10-13:18; 14:17-24 (page 13)
Hebrews 6:13-7:4 (page 1204)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Living by faith

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG By faith we see the hand of God

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.