



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

18th May 2014

This Week

Tues 20 May PCC meeting, 7.45pm in the Dain Room, St Stephen's.

Tues 20 May Holiday Club planning. 7.30pm, St Wulstans. Are you interested in being part of our brilliant holiday club week? Why wouldn't you be?! Come to find out more. This is for old hands and newcomers young and old!

Thu 22 May Identity continues. 8.00-9.30pm, at 103 Bournbrook Road.

Looking Ahead

Mon 2 June Fellowship Group Leaders Meeting 8:00-9:30pm at 18 Selly Wick Road

Tues 3 June MMTC Lite. There are 8 people from our church already there! You can still book for the second series of lectures (Judges and Apologetics). Flyers on the Information Table.

Sat 7 June Maintenance Morning at St Stephen's and St Wulstans.

July 5-6 Weekend at Home. Paul Mallard will be speaking on "Meeting God in the Praises of His People" (studies in the Psalms). We will be at Blue Coat School on Saturday, with the use of the grounds in the afternoon and a hog roast in the evening. Brochures on the information table.

News, Notices and Requests

Building for the Future News: This week we have received visits from the stone mason, the scaffolder and the brick cleaning tests have been completed inside the church. We also now have samples of floor tiles to consider. Lots going on!

WANTED: Ministry Trainee. For Sept 2014 - Aug 2015. You will be trained in gospel ministry, learn to give Bible teaching, and help with practical tasks. Details from Chris Hobbs.

New songs. If you'd like to listen to either of the new songs from this morning or this evening's services please visit www.sssw.org.uk/newsongs.

Accommodation needed for Joe, who is coming to Birmingham in August to be a relay worker. If you know of anywhere for him to live please contact him, 07964789101.

The Midlands Women's Convention 'Restore and Reform – God's Word to Nehemiah'. Derby, 4th October. Talks by Carrie Sandom. Leaflets on the information table.

Welcome

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

10.00am at St Wulstan's

Morning Prayer: 'Two rival kings' (1 Kings 12-14) – Richard Leadbeater

Children and young people up to the age of 14 leave for their activities part way through the service. Club 14 (ages 11-14) meet outside the church and go to 9 Serpentine Road. Scramblers and Climbers will be taken to the surgery across the road and will be brought back at the end of the service. There will be a crèche set up in the back room.

Toilets are in the foyer of the building, and temporary baby changing facilities have been set up in the back room.

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after the service.

There will be no 11.30am service today

6.00pm at St Wulstan's

Evening Praise: 'A searching question' (Matthew 24:1-14) – Chris Hobbs

Coffee, tea and cakes are served after the service.

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Sermon notes

A searching question *Matthew 24:1-14*

‘When will **this** happen ...

what will be the sign of **your coming**, and of **the end of the age?**’(v3)

‘**this**’ (destruction of temple, v1-2) + ‘**your coming/the end of the age**’:

- Connected in theme.
- Disconnected in time.

1. Don’t be deceived: ‘the end is still to come’ (v4-8)

2. Don’t be shaken: ‘stand firm to the end’ (v9-13)

3. Do preach the gospel: ‘then the end will come’ (v14)

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

OPENING PRAYER *led by Tom Bryant*

SONGS Great is thy faithfulness
Lord, I come before your throne of grace

CONFESSION

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.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

NOTICES

SONGS Creator, sustainer
Jesus, Lord of creation

THE APOSTLE’S CREED

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

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 There is a hope

BIBLE READINGS Jeremiah 14:11-22 (page 773), Matthew 24:1-14 (page 993)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON A searching question

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG Yes, finished the Messiah dies

CLOSING PRAYER

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. Amen.

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