

Today

This week in Sunday Club we are interviewing some real live Christians! We will be finding out how following Jesus changes the way we live our whole lives. Why not ask the children who they met?

This Week

Thur 22 Oct Musicians Rehearsal, 8.15pm-9.30pm at St Stephen's. For anyone who does already or would like to play music in church.

Sun 25 Oct Church Weekend Away. No services at St Stephen's or St Wulstan's.

Looking Ahead

Sun 1 Nov 6.00pm Evening Service back at St Wulstans. The heating is fixed!

Sat 7 Nov Mens Event - Football Golf, Harborne Church Farm Golf Course, 12.30pm - 3.00pm, Cost £6.00 for 9 holes. Please express your interest to Rob Davies by 23rd October so he can book tee off times.

Mon 9 Nov Parenting Evening. For parents of all ages with children of all ages: looking at what the Bible says about parenting, hearing from those who have done it, addressing issues and concerns. Led by Chris Hobbs, Andy Martin, Helen Buckley. Cranmer Room, St Stephen's Church, 8.00-9.30pm with coffee from 7.30pm. Please let Chris know by Sunday 25th October of any issues you would like addressed.

Sat 14 Nov Bristol Mens Convention. "Ambassadors for Christ; talking about Jesus when the world won't listen". Speak to Rob Davies if you're interested in going.

Sat 28 Nov Maintenance morning. Please put the date in your diaries, more later.

News and Requests

Address books. If your contact details have changed since last December, or if you are new and would like to be added to the book please fill out the forms at the back of church, or email office@sssw.org.uk. We would love to have as many photos as possible so please do send one in. All changes, additions and photos needed by November 2nd. Thank you!

Creche helpers needed for the Tuesday Morning Mums Bible study. We meet at St Stephens from 10.00-11.30am. If you can help please let Amanda Martin or Jem Huggins know.

Christians Against Poverty. If you would like to receive weekly prayer requests then please email Sarah at

'The Journey of the Magi'. Sun 29th November, 2.30pm, The Octagon, Edgbaston High School for Girls, B15 3TS. Tickets available from

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK



Welcome

18th October 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 Communion

'Amazing faith' (Luke 7:1-35) – Andy Martin

Children and young people will go to their activities part way through the service:

Crèche is in the Cranmer Room. **Crèche** and **Club 114** need to go the Foyer to access their rooms and all other groups go to the front of church.

Toilets are adjacent to the foyer and upstairs; baby-changing facilities are in the disabled toilets.

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

6.00pm Evening Service at St Stephens

'No favouritism!' (James 2:1-13) – Chris Hobbs

Coffee, tea and cakes are served after the service.

Chris Hobbs, Senior Minister (Vicar)

Sermon notes

Amazing faith Luke 7:1-35

1. Faith that is amazing

2. Amazing faith in a life-giving Lord

3. Amazing faith comes by seeing and hearing

4. Amazing faith brings wonderful blessing

Don't reject it!

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

OPENING PRAYER led by Chris Hobbs

SONG Come praise and glorify

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SONG Long live the King

NEWS

after which, children and young people go to their activities

SONG See the man

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.

BIBLE READINGS I Kings 17:7-24 (page 358); Luke 7:1-35 (page 1035)

(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Amazing faith

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

SONG How deep the Father's love for us

Please collect your child from crèche

COMMUNION see insert

HYMN I stand amazed

CLOSING PRAYER

Don't be governed by the world's favouritism (v1-4)

But...

- Be governed by God's choice (v5-7)

- Be governed by God's law (v8-11)

- Be governed by God's mercy (v12-13)

OPENING PRAYER *led by Andy Martin*

SONGS To God be the glory
Oh the mercy of God
Holy Father, rich in mercy

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NEWS

SONGS God's saints of old
O great God

BIBLE READINGS Leviticus 19:1-8 (page 121); James 2:1-13 (page 1214)
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SERMON No favouritism!

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

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HYMN Love divine, all loves excelling

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.