

Today

Prayer meeting for Sarah Underwood from 4.30-5.30pm.

This Week

Wed 22 Apr Commissioning of CAP Debt Centre, 8.00pm at Selly Oak Elim, Exeter Road.

Thu 23 Apr Identity starts 8.00-9.30pm. Nothing is assumed, everything is explained and anything can be asked. Please speak to Andy Martin if you are interested in going.

Looking Ahead

Tues 28 Apr MMTc Lite starts, 7.30-9.30pm at St Wulstan's. For anyone who wants to know God better, to understand his word and apply it correctly. Six evenings covering Romans, the Holy Spirit, Bible Overview and Jonah. Flyers on the Information Table. Booking required.

Wed 29 Apr Annual Meeting (APCM), 8.00pm in St Wulstan's, coffee from 7.30pm. We will be electing 2 churchwardens, 4 PCC members (3 for 3 years, 1 for 1 year). Please be thinking and praying about who (you?) should fill these important roles in our church's leadership. It is also a good time to share stories of what you have seen the Lord do this past year – please speak to Chris Hobbs if you would like to do that.

Sun 10 May World Mission Sunday Speaker: Tim Rudge of UCCF. 12 noon 'Bring and share' lunch. 1-2 pm Focus on student ministry internationally.

News, Notices and Requests

Prayer meetings for Sarah on Tues 21st Apr at 8pm and 28th at 1.30pm.

Building for the Future If you stand in Serpentine Road you can now see the circular foyer going up. Watch this space for a Saturday "Open Morning"!

Explorers and Club I14 need your gardening magazines! Please give any old ones you're not using anymore to Helen Buckley!

Parents please check your pigeonholes for info about this term's Sunday Club.

Sunday Club leaders and helpers please check your pigeonholes for info about this term.

More help needed to serve refreshments after the morning service. Contact Margaret Twiss. P.S: Men can do this too!

Plastic lids and tops from jars/bottles needed for Day Centre craft. Fabric conditioner tops, especially. (No more milk bottle tops!) Please give to Margaret Twiss or Jean Phillips.

Kings Church Guildford Commissioning service Sat 9 May. Please give names to Gina if you are planning on travelling down so that we can organise car-sharing where possible.

Senior Minister (Vicar) Chris Hobbs **Assistant Minister** Andy Martin

Parish Office St Wulstan's Church, Alton Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham B29 7DU
0121 472 8253 office@sssw.org.uk **www.sssw.org.uk**

ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

taking Jesus seriously, taking the Bible seriously



Welcome

19th April 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

'Don't be afraid' (Deuteronomy 1-3) – 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 Are taken across the road and brought back in time for Communion.

11-14s are not meeting today as it's the Youth Weekend Away!

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

'Get ready: God is coming' (Luke 3:1-20) – Andy Martin

Coffee, tea and cakes are served after the service.

Chris Hobbs (Vicar)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION *led by Andy Martin*

HYMN To God be the glory

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.

COLLECT

SONG Our God is a great big God

NOTICES

after which children and young people leave for their activities

SONG By faith

BIBLE READINGS Deuteronomy 1:1-46 (page 178), Deuteronomy 3:21-29 (page 182)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Don't be afraid

THE NICENE CREED

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.

SONG My Lord, what love is this?

Please collect your child from crèche during this song

COMMUNION (see insert)

HYMN Guide me O Thou great Jehovah

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.

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

OPENING PRAYER *led by Tom Lovatt*

SONGS Crown Him with many crowns
God's saints of old

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.

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.

SONGS Awake, awake, O Zion
Oh the mercy of God

NOTICES

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SONG As we gather

BIBLE READINGS Isaiah 40:1-11 (page 723), Luke 3:1-20 (page 1065)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Get ready: God is coming

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG Lord of the church

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