

Today

This term in Sunday Club we are thinking about treasure! Who and what we treasure. This week we are looking at Matthew 13: 44. We will be learning that when we realise how amazing Jesus we see that he is the greatest treasure.

This Week

Two opportunities to pray about the important decision we will be making this week in the **EU Referendum** and to pray for our nation: just to pray together, not to discuss! Please come & pray!

Tues 21 8-9 pm in the Tyndale Room.

Thur 23 Any time between 9-11 am at the Murray's, 89 Cartland Road B30 2SD.

Looking Ahead

Jul 2-3 **Church Family Weekend at Home.** Andy Upton, of Knighton Church Leicester, will be speaking on 'Hosea: Straight from the Heart', about God's passionate love for his people. Please see brochures for more information. **Today** is the last day to sign up.

Sat 22 Oct **Midlands Women's Convention, 'Transformed by the renewing of your mind'.** Renewal Conference Centre in Solihull, starting at 10.00am. Take a look at the flyer to choose which seminar you'd like to go to and let the Parish Office know so that we can do a group booking.

Sat 5 Nov **Midlands Men's Convention, 'All in – Living the whole of life for Christ'.** Cornerstone Church Nottingham, starting at 10.00am. Take a look at the flyer to choose which seminar you'd like to go to and let the Rob Davies know so that we can do a group booking.

News and Requests

There is no **Church Family Lunch** in June or July, so do book in for the Weekend At Home to enjoy some Church Family time together. **Church Family Lunch will be back in August.**

We have some summer socials coming up, if you'd like to host one please let the Parish Office know. **July 20th, 27th, August 10th, 17th, 24th** are all available so far.

Soup Run Volunteers needed. On the second Thursday evening of the month people from St Stephen's help to serve soup and sandwiches to homeless people in the city centre. Interested in engaging with people in real need? You can help monthly or alternate months. Contact Chris Stonehouse -

Confused about the **EU Referendum**? There is a helpful website that looks at the issues, both for and against, from a Christian point of view: The Kirby-Laing Institute for Christian Ethics:

<http://klice.co.uk/index.php/eu-referendum-2016>

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19th June 2016

Welcome

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

'Set your mind on things above' (Colossians 3:1-17) – Andy Martin

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

Creche and **Club 114** leave through the Foyer to go to their rooms. **Scramblers, Climbers** and

Explorers leave through the Hudson Taylor Room at the front of church.

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

6.00pm Evening Service

'What is God like?' (Luke 11:5-13) – Nick Devas

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

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

Set your mind on things above
Colossians 3:1-17

OPENING PRAYER OF PREPARATION *led by Maurice Sinclair*

Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG When I was lost you came and rescued me

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.

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SONG All through history

NEWS *after which children and young people leave for there activities*

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 Psalm 110 (page 613), Colossians 3:1-17 (page 1184)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Set your mind on things above

SONGS May the mind of Christ my Saviour
The mystery of the cross
Please collect your child from crèche.

COMMUNION *see insert*

SONG Take my life and let It be

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.

BLESSING

Luke 11:5-13

OPENING PRAYER *led by Andy Martin*

SONGS All creatures of our God and King
O my soul, arise and bless your maker

CONFESSIOIN and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, Creator of all. You marvelously made us in your image; but we have rebelled against you, by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbours. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and truly repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the death of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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NEWS

SONGS Have you heard of a God of love
Astounding grace
What can wash away my sin

BIBLE READINGS Psalm 13 (page 548), Luke 11:5:13 (page 1042)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON What is God like?

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

OPEN PRAYERS ending with THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SONG How deep the Father's love for us

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

God is ready and willing to answer

Persistence and Boldness

Dependence on Him