

This Week

Fri 24th Aug Woolhampton I Summer Camp starts, please be praying for the 11s – 14s as well as the leaders who are attending.

Looking Ahead

Summer Socials Would you like to organize a social event for the church family for a Wednesday? We still have 29th July, 26th August or the 2nd Sep. It can be almost anything you like! Please contact Gina in the Parish Office. The following are hot off the press:

Games in the garden - Wed 12th Aug, 7.30-9.30pm @ the Griffith's.
Please bring a drink and or nibbles.

Another Evening in China - if you missed this last year, or even if you came, here's another opportunity to spend an evening "in China" - pics, music, snacks, stories (different from last year's!) Wed 19th Aug, 7.30 for 8pm at the Devas'.

25 – 28 Aug 'Wild West' Holiday Bible Club if you are planning on coming and haven't yet filled in a form, please do, so that Helen can order correct amounts for craft and food. And if you haven't yet decided, please come! It's an action-packed, fun-filled week!
We still need old sheets for making wigwams! Do you have any you could donate? Please see Helen Buckley. Thanks.

News, Notices and Requests

Building for the Future The big glass windows are now in the foyer and there are just four weeks to go to building completion.

2nd-4th Oct Opening Weekend of new St Stephens Parish Centre and Church. Lots of events for all!

23rd-25th Oct Church weekend away at Hothorpe Hall, Leicestershire. A great chance to get away as a church family in a relaxing, gorgeous environment, absorbing good bible teaching and deepening friendships. Please take a booking leaflet from the info table at the back.

Globe cafe is a great place for meeting and befriending international students here. It currently meets on Monday nights at St Wulstan's during term time. We are looking for new people to join our team for the Autumn. If you're interested, please contact Nick & Pamela Devas.

Ruth and David Booth have moved They'd be delighted to see church friends passing through the area. Email is still the same.

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

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Welcome

19th July 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

'Know your God: The Lord is good' (Psalm 34) – Chris Porter

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 during the song before communion.

11-14s will meet at the back and be taken to 9 Serpentine Road, 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

'By faith: Enoch was taken from this life' (Hebrews 11:5-6) – Tom Bryant

Coffee, tea and cakes are served after the service.

Chris Hobbs, Senior Minister (Vicar)

HYMN O King you are most worthy

THANKSGIVING *led by Chris Hobbs*

Lord, we thank you again and praise you for what you have done; we proclaim your greatness, we exalt your name together; for you answer all our prayers and free us from all fears, you are near to those who are discouraged, you save those who have lost all hope. Lord, you are good to us, and we are happy in your care: so we would honour and obey you and thank you with all our heart. Amen.

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and broken your laws. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit enable us to live for you and to please you more and more, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG Clap your hands

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after which children and young people leave for their activities

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SONG Let everything that has breath

BIBLE READINGS Psalm 34 (page 561); 1 Peter 3:8-22 (page 1219)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Know your God: The Lord is good

PRAYERS

SONG The mystery of the cross

Please collect your child from crèche during this song

COMMUNION (see insert)

HYMN Love divine

BLESSING

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

Living by faith pleases God

Living by faith means believing...

1. God is real
2. God is rewarding

Living by faith is more about what God is like than what we are like

1. God is powerful
2. God is personal

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Hobbs*

SONGS Great is thy faithfulness
See him in Jerusalem

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

SONG Speak, O Lord

BIBLE READINGS Genesis 5:1-24 (page 7), Hebrews 11:1-6 (page 1209)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON By faith: Enoch was taken from this life

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG Blessed be your name
There is no other name

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.

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HYMN Take my life and let it be

CLOSING PRAYER

Living God, give us faith to be sure of what we hope for, and certain of what we do not see; to believe that you are, and that you reward those who truly seek you: so may we please you and receive what you have promised; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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