

## This Week

**Thur 25 Sept Music rehearsal.** 8.15-9.45pm at St Wulstans.

**Sat 27 Sept Come and view** progress with building the new Parish Centre, 10-11am at St Stephen's. Don't come smart!

**Sun 28 Sept Back to Church Sunday.** An ideal day to invite someone to come back to church or to come for the first time. At 10.00am Andy Martin will be speaking on 'Only one way to God?' and at 6.00pm Chris Hobbs will be speaking on 'Why bother with Jesus?'  
**Church Family Welcome Lunch** after the morning service. A great way to welcome new people, and get to know others you haven't had the chance to yet. Please put this in your diaries, and be sure to bring plenty of food to share!

## Looking Ahead

**Tues 30 Sept Prayer Gathering,** 10.00-11.30am, 103 Bournbrook Road

**Wed 1 Oct Prayer Gathering,** 8.00-9.30pm, St Wulstan's. Coffee, tea and cakes served beforehand, 7.30-7.55pm.

**Sun 5 Oct Harvest Sunday.** There is a list of required food items in your service sheet. Help is needed to decorate the church the day before, from 10am-12noon. Gifts of (sun)flowers will be appreciated.

**Mon 6 Oct "Friendship First"** course starts. Details are provided in a leaflet at the back of church. Please contact Maurice Sinclair if you are interested in taking part.

**Nov 14-15 Men's Weekend at Home** with Colin Tamplin of Monyhull Church as our speaker. Please keep Friday evening to Saturday evening free. Details to follow.

## News, Notices and Requests

**Parking** in the streets around the church will become more difficult as the University term begins. A new guide to parking at St. Wulstan's is available from the table at the back of church.

**'The Heart of Things'** painting and sculpture by Paul Hobbs (Chris's cousin!). Wed 8<sup>th</sup> – Mon 13<sup>th</sup> October at St Germain's Church, Edgbaston. Flyers on the information table.

**Invitation.** You are invited to tea at from 3pm today to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Maurice's ordination, with some memories, "Fifty Years in Fifteen Minutes" at 4pm.

**Chris and Emily Taylor** have moved to

**Funeral for Jenny Mason** will be at Christ Church on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September, at 12.30pm, then at Lodge Hill at 2pm. There will be a reception afterwards at Christ Church.

**Job vacancies.** Centre Manager for the new CAP Debt Centre. Staff workers and Centre Team Managers required for Friends International. More details from the Parish Office

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**ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK**

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## Welcome

**September 21<sup>st</sup> 2014**

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

### 10.00am Morning Service with Holy Communion

'Jesus comforts the grieving' (John 11:1-44) – Andy Martin

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

**0-3's** Crèche is in the back room, please collect your child before Communion.

**3-11's** Will be taken to the Medical Centre across the road, and be brought back for Communion.

**11-14's** 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.

**Coffee, tea and biscuits** are served after the service.

### 6.00pm Evening Service

'Guard the flock' (Acts 20:28-31) – Chris Hobbs

**Coffee, tea and cakes** are served after the service.

## Sermon notes

### Jesus comforts the grieving John 11:1-44

Martha meets Jesus, life-giving God (v17-27)

Mary meets Jesus, compassionate Man (v28-37)

Lazarus meets Jesus, self-giving Saviour (v38-44)

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Hobbs*

SONGS Comfort for weary sinners  
He's the King of Kings

NOTICES

*Children and young people leave for their activities*

INTERVIEW with Maurice Sinclair

SONG He is risen

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.**

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 READING John 11:1-44 (page 1077)

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

SERMON Jesus comforts the grieving

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SONG Oh to see the dawn  
*Please collect your child from crèche*

COMMUNION *see insert*

HYMN These are the facts

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 at the back*