

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 8th – Mon 13th 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 50th 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 25th 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 21st 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
Guard the flock
Acts 20:28-31

1. The shepherds: two duties

- 'keep watch over yourselves' (v28)
- 'keep watch over ... the flock' (v28)

2. The flock: two incentives

- the flock is valuable:
 - it belongs to God (v28)
 - it was bought with Christ's blood (v28)
 - it is protected by the Spirit (v28)
- the flock is vulnerable (v29-30)

3. The wolves: two sources

- wolves will 'come in' from outside (v29)
- wolves will 'arise' from within (v30)

OPENING PRAYER *led by Tom Bryant*

SONGS Before the throne of God above

Our only hope is you
 To God be the glory

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.

OPEN 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.

NOTICES

SONGS Holy Father rich in mercy Jesus, Lord of creation

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BIBLE READINGS Acts 20:17-38 (page 1117), 1 Peter 5:1-10 (page 1220)
 (This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Guard the flock

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

HYMN Come thou fount of every blessing

CLOSING PRAYER

COLLECTION Gifts may be placed in the Gifts box at the back of church