

Today

Prayer meeting for Sarah Underwood at 4.30pm.

This Week

Thu 25 Jun Marriage MOT A fun evening for married couples exploring how we can do life & marriage even better - TOGETHER. Led by John and Ruth McNeill. 8.00pm at St Wulstan's, with coffee from 7.30pm. Hope to see you there!

Looking Ahead

Mon 29 Jun Women's Book Group 8.00-9.30pm at Joanne Butler's house, discussing 'The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert' by Rosaria Champagne Butterfield.

Tue 30 Jun Prayer Gathering 10.00-11.30am in St Wulstan's

Wed 1 Jul Prayer Gathering 8.00-9.30pm in St Wulstan's – with coffee, tea and cakes 7.30-7.55pm.

Fri 3 Jul Men's social T20 cricket evening Those wishing to attend the cricket on Fri 3rd Jul, please provide Rob with £14 cash or cheque made payable to the church by the end of today.

Sun 5 Jul Church Family BBQ at the Blue Coat School, Edgbaston. **Today is the last day to sign up** so that we can order correct quantities of meat, so please DO let us know if you intend to come. There's still space! Please also let Gina know if you'd like a vegetarian option. **We need to borrow:** a couple of gazebos, large outdoor garden games and a 2nd BBQ. Can you help? Please speak to Gina or email office@sssw.org.uk.

News, Notices and Requests

Building for the Future The "copper" roof is being fitted to the new foyer – looks very pretty! (Scrap men please note that it's not copper!)

Save these dates: 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. More information about both these weekends soon, but *please pencil them in your diary now!*

Ron Hind's funeral is on Thu 2nd Jul at 10.30am, Lodge Hill crematorium followed by a reception at The Old Farm Hotel, Bournville. Please let Mike Jones know if you will attend the reception.

Samuel Thornhill is on respite 19th Jun – 3rd Jul. Visitors would be very welcome.

Holiday Club: Helen is looking for 'props' for her Wild West theme: have you got a Stetson, poncho, native American headdress, sheriff's badge, waistcoat etc? Can you lend them to us? Also looking for the Bucking Bronco game, have you got one you could lend/give to the church?

Patient and adaptable female needed for a young woman with visual impairment and mental health issues, to give her support in accessing the community and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. 6 hours per week, flexible. £9 per hour.

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK



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Welcome

21st June 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

'Be careful' (Deuteronomy 27-28) – 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 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

'Jesus forgives sinners' (Luke 5:17-32) – Andy Martin

Coffee, tea and cakes are served after the service.

Chris Hobbs, Senior Minister (Vicar)

Sermon notes

Be careful Deuteronomy 27-28

27:1-10	Sacrifices offered
27:11-26	Curses pronounced
28:1-14	Blessings for obedience
28:15-68	Curses for disobedience

1. Jesus removes our curse (Galatians 3:13)

2. Jesus secures our blessing (Galatians 3:14)

Missed a sermon recently? Please visit www.sssw.org.uk to hear or download an audio version.

Morning Service

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.

HYMN Tell out my soul

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

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.

COLLECT FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SONG He's the King of Kings

NOTICES

after which children and young people leave for their activities

SONG See the man

BIBLE READING Deuteronomy 27:1-8 (page 204); 28:1-19, 58-68 (page 205)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Be careful

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 The mystery of the cross

Please collect your child from crèche during this song

COMMUNION (see insert)

SONG Yes finished! The Messiah dies

CLOSING PRAYER

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

1. Our greatest need

2. Jesus' greatest work

3. Our joyful response

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Hobbs*

SONGS At the name of Jesus

Jesus is Lord, the cry that echoes through creation
Who, O Lord, could save themselves?

THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

BIBLE READINGS Psalm 32 (page 560), Luke 5:17-32 (page 1032)

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

SONG Holy Spirit, living Breath of God

SERMON Jesus forgives sinners

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG I come into your presence

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, Creator of all. You marvellously 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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HYMN Immortal honours

CLOSING PRAYER

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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