

Today

This week in Sunday Club there is holiday cover, all groups will have fun together.

Church Family Lunch – everyone welcome! Suggested donation of £2 a person, food served after the service.

This Week

Wed 24 Aug **Another evening in China**, 8.00pm. Stories from the Devas's visit this summer, hear what God has done, with pictures, music and snacks!

Looking Ahead

Tues 6 Sept **Prayer Gathering**, 10.00-11.30am in St Stephen's.

Tues 6 Sept **CAP Prayer Meeting** at 7:45pm, Christ Church Selly Park

Wed 6 Sept **Prayer Gathering**, 8.00-9.30pm in St Stephen's – with coffee, tea and cakes 7.30-7.55pm.

Wed 14, 21, 28 **Toolbox**. Information at the back of church, pick up a flyer and get your choices into the Parish Office by September 4th.

Mon 19 Sept **Women's book club**. Reading 'Joni & Ken: An Untold Love Story' over the summer. Speak to (Mrs) Chris Stonehouse or Elizabeth Barry for more info.

Wed 5 Oct **Vision Evening**. 7pm at Church for dinner, 8pm for the Vision Meeting.

Sat 22 Oct **Midlands Women's Convention**, Solihull, starting at 10.00am. Let the Parish Office know if you'd like to go so that we can do a group booking.

Sat 5 Nov **Midlands Men's Convention**, Nottingham, starting at 10.00am. Let Rob Davies know if you'd like to go so that we can do a group booking.

News and Requests

Holiday club needs your help! Can you lend or donate any packs of Hero top trump cards? See Helen for more details.

Please consider **helping to serve refreshments** on Sunday mornings. Five people have now moved on and the gaps need to be filled. Contact Margaret

Sunday Club leaders please pick up the material for next term from your pigeon hole. Thanks!

Mens Bike looking for a new home. In great condition, just surplus to requirement. Speak to Matt Killen or Oli Huggins if you are interested.

Vicar: Chris Hobbs (on sabbatical until mid-August) **Assistant Minister:** Andy Martin

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK



taking Jesus seriously, taking the Bible seriously

Welcome

21st August 2016

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

'Worldliness' (1 John 2:15-17) – Maurice Sinclair

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

Creche leave through the Foyer to go to their rooms. **Scramblers, Climbers** and **Explorers** leave through the Hudson Taylor Room at the front of church. There is no **Club114** over the summer.

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

6.00pm Evening Service

'When God is victorious' (Psalm 45) – Adrian Underwood

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.

I New Status, New Life, No Compromise

II Unholy Desire or Holy Ambition

III Dazzled Eyes or Penetrating Sight

IV Hollow Boasting or Humble Wisdom

V Fatal Fixation or Complete Commitment

OPENING PRAYER *led by John Ruck*

HYMN *Amazing grace*

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 thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

SONG *Our God is a great big God*

NEWS *after which children go to their activities*

SONG *You're the Lion of Judah*

BIBLE READINGS Colossians 3:1-17 (page 1184), James 4:4-10 (page 1215), 1 John 2:15-17 (1226)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON *Worldliness*

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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.

HYMN *When I survey*

Please collect your child from crèche

COMMUNION *see insert*

SONG *I once was lost in darkest night*

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.

OPENING PRAYER *led by Helen Buckley*

SONGS Crown him with many crowns
Give thanks to the Lord
Bless the Lord, O my soul

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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SONGS Strength with rise
God's saints of old

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

NEWS

BIBLE READINGS Psalm 45 (page 569), Hebrews 1:1-9 (page 1201)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON When God is victorious

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG O King, you are most worthy

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.