

Today

Carols by Candlelight, 6.00pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. with a talk: 'The dark side of Christmas'.

This Week

Mon 22 Dec Carol singing around the fire pit with hot chocolate and gingerbread. 4.30-6.00pm. All Welcome!

Christmas Eve Starlight Service, 4.00pm. A half-hour service for children (and others!)
Midnight Communion, 11.30pm. A traditional Christmas Night communion.

Christmas Day All-Age Service with Communion, 10.00am. A Christmas celebration for all ages.

Looking Ahead

Fri 16 Jan Birmingham Churches Night Shelter starts. Every Friday from Jan 16th to March 6th at St Wulstan's. Overnight shelter for 12 homeless men. Volunteers needed for a range of ways to serve. Forms available on information table, last chance to sign up today! Contact Tom Lovatt (tom.lovatt@sssw.org.uk) for more details.

Thu 5 Feb Biblical Counselling in the Local Church, Day Conference 10.00am-4.30pm. Evening session, 7.30-9.00pm: 'The heart of depression'. Brochures on the Information Table.

News, Notices and Requests

Building for the Future news. Phase 2 (the work on the church):- the DAC "RAISED NO OBJECTION.....and will forward the petition to the Chancellor.... so that he can issue Faculty permission". (There will be a few conditions, but no "show stoppers".) Please give grateful thanks to the Lord!

New Address books are available, see Jem Huggins if you'd like one!

Christmas cards to the church family. This year we'll be displaying cards on a big board in the foyer, instead of writing lots of cards, just write one to the whole Church Family! Pop them in the Parish Office pigeon-hole and they'll get put up.

Rota availability. The rotas for next term will be worked out in the next few weeks, please send your availability into Jem at the office as soon as you can. Thank you!

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK



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Welcome

21st December 2014

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

10.00am Morning Service with Communion

'Like Father, like Son' (Luke 2:41-52) – 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 final song.

3-11s will be taken to the Medical Centre across the road, and be brought back at the end of the service.

11-14s will meet at the back and will also be taken to the Medical Centre across the 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 Carols by Candlelight

'The dark side of Christmas' – Chris Hobbs

Mulled wine and mince pies are served after the service.

Morning Service

Sermon notes Like Father, like Son Luke 2:41-52

"Didn't you know I had to be about my Father's business?" (verse 49: NIV 2011, footnote)

1. Jesus has to be about his Father's business

2. We need Jesus to be about his Father's business

OPENING PRAYER OF PREPARATION *led by Andy Martin*

HYMN *Lo, he comes with clouds descending*

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

SONG *Unto us a child is born*

NOTICES

Children and young people leave for their activities

SONG *Glorious light*

BIBLE READINGS *1 Samuel 2:12-26 (page 272), Luke 2:41-52 (page 1029)*
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON *Like Father, like Son*

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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.

SONG *My Lord, what love is this*

COMMUNION *see insert*

CAROL *Once in royal David's city*

CLOSING PRAYER

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