

## Today

**Sunday Unplugged at 6pm** an informal café-style service with our in-house musicians.

## This Week

**Thur 26 Mar Monthly Music Team Rehearsal** 8.15-9.45pm at St Wulstan's. For all regular musicians and anyone interested in joining the team.

## Looking Ahead

**Mon 30 Mar Fellowship Group Leaders** 8.00-9.30pm.

**Thur 2 Apr Church Family Meal** 6.45 for 7pm. Please sign up on the Information Table.

**Fri 3 Apr Good Friday** 10am All-Age service and 11.30am Reflection.

**Sun 5 Apr Easter Sunday** 10am All-Age and Communion. NO 6pm service.

## News, Notices and Requests

**Building for the Future** There are now no pews, no organ console, no wall under the west window and no floor at St Stephen's. Something better is on the way!

**Prayer Meetings for Sarah Underwood** 1.30-2.30, Tues 24th March.

**Rota Availability** Please let the office know your availability for the Summer term by emailing the office with FAO: Jem Huggins in the subject title. Deadline for availability is Sunday 12th April.

**Electoral Roll** deadline for filling out a purple form is 12<sup>th</sup> April.

**To fill the church with daffodils for Easter** we need lots of glass jars, jam, coffee, cook-in sauce, in fact, jars of any description. Please give them to Lynn Trueman or Margaret Twiss.

**CAP Debt Centre Volunteers meeting**, Christ Church Selly Park, Tues 14<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm; to find out how the new Debt Centre is going or if you'd like to volunteer.

**MMTC Lite** starts Tues 28<sup>th</sup> April at St Wulstan's. Details on the flyer on the Information Table.

**Christian Institute** See the 'Protecting Gospel Freedom' leaflets on the Information Table. The next Birmingham meeting is at Selly Elim Church on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

**Frances Taylor's Wedding** David and Helen invite you to Frances' wedding to Matthew Gregory at St Francis Church Bournville on Saturday 25th April at 2pm. Tea and cakes will be served after the service.

**Small Fridge** needs a good home. Under counter Zanussi model, no ice compartment, in perfect working order. Please contact Adam Simcox.

**Senior Minister (Vicar)** Chris Hobbs **Assistant Minister** Andy Martin

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**ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK**

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## Welcome

**22<sup>nd</sup> March 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 Know God? Service

'How can I know God?' (John 14 and 20) – Andy Martin

**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 hymn.

**3-11s** Are taken to the Medical Centre across the road and brought back during the last hymn.

**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 Know God? Service

'Who wants to know a God like this?' (Genesis 22) – Chris Hobbs

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

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Hobbs*

SONG Praise my soul the King of Heaven

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**O Lord our God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As we come before you now, believers and doubters alike, we all share a deep need, for we are all lost without your grace. Search us, O God, and know our hearts, test us and know our troubled thoughts. Give us true repentance. Forgive us all our wrongs. Transform us by your Spirit to live for you each day, to learn to serve each other and, through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, to come at last to heaven. Amen.**

SONG For God so loved the world

NOTICES

*after which children and young people leave for their activities*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SONG How deep the Father's love for us

BIBLE READINGS John 14:1-11 (page 1082), John 20:19-31 (page 1089)  
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON How can I know God?

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 In Christ alone

*Please collect your child from crèche during the final song*

CLOSING PRAYER

## Who wants to know a God like this?

### Genesis 22:1-19 (NIV)

**22** Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

**2** Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about.”

**3** Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. **4** On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. **5** He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”

**6** Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, **7** Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?”

“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.

“The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

**8** Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.

**9** When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

**10** Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. **11** But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

**12** “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

**13** Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. **14** So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.”

**15** The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time **16** and said, “I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, **17** I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, **18** and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

**19** Then Abraham returned to his servants, and they set off together for Beersheba. And Abraham stayed in Beersheba.

MUSICIANS Saviour of the world  
In tenderness

SONG Who has held the oceans in His hands

DISCUSSION

BIBLE READINGS Genesis 22:1-19 (page 22)  
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

TALK Who wants to know a God like this?

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

### INTERVAL

MUSICIANS See Him in Jerusalem  
Farther along

QUESTIONS

DISCUSSION

PRAYERS

SONG When I survey the wondrous cross

MUSICIANS Jesus this is You  
My lighthouse

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