

**Today In Sunday Club** we will see that Jesus didn't stay dead. He came alive, just like he said. Jesus the king is alive forever!

## This Week

**Thu 26 Nov Musicians Rehearsal**, 8.15pm-9.30pm at St Stephen's. For anyone who does already or would like to play music in church.

**Fri 27 Nov Christmas Craft Evening**. 7.30-9.15pm at St Stephens. Tickets have sold out, to go on the waiting list, or if you have a ticket to sell back please see Jem.

**Sat 28 Nov Maintenance morning**. 10.00am -1.00pm, meeting at St Stephens. Please come for as long as you can and bring along garden tools if you have any, but some will be provided. Any time given would be very much appreciated.

**Sun 29 Nov Suffering Church Sunday**. A simple lunch will be provided. See insert.

## Looking Ahead

**Tues 1 Dec Prayer Gathering**, 10.00-11.30am in St Stephen's.

**Wed 2 Dec Prayer Gathering**, 8.00-9.30pm in St Stephen's – with coffee, tea and cakes 7.30-7.55pm.

**Mon 30 Nov Women's Book Group** 8.00-9.30pm at. "The Screwtape Letters" by CS Lewis. Speak to Chris Stonehouse or Elizabeth Barry for details.

**Tues 1 Dec Evangelism Forum**. 8.00-9.30pm, St Stephen's. Come along to discuss ideas and plans. We want you there if you have any ideas, or you want to get involved.

**Sat 5 Dec Christmas Adventure**. 2.00-4.00pm at St Stephens. Real nativity animals, craft, games and much more. See Helen Buckley for more details or a ticket. Buy a ticket to get a place, £5 for families.

## News and Requests

**Carol singers, we need you!** There are lots of chances to sing, please sign up where you can:

- **Acoustic Carols by Candlelight, Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Dec** (Oli Huggins)
- **Carols for Samuel Thornhill, Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** (Sandra Thornhill)
- **Traditional Carols by Candlelight, Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** (Cordelia Checketts).

Rehearsals: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

- **Pub singing**, The Goose on **Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Dec**, Country Girl on **Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** (John McNeill)

**Christmas Cards to the church family**. We will have a notice board up to display cards to the church family, so you don't need to send out lots of individual ones this year.

**New church website**. We've given the website a makeover. Check it out at [www.sssw.org.uk](http://www.sssw.org.uk).

**Night Shelter**. Please consider volunteering to help, details and signing up forms are available at the back of church. More info: Maurice Sinclair,

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**ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK**

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## Welcome

**22 November 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 at St Stephen's

'Don't be afraid, just believe' (Luke 8:22-56) – Andy Martin

**Children and young people** will go to their activities part way through the service:

**Crèche** is in the Cranmer Room. **Crèche** and **Club I14** need to go the Foyer to access their rooms and all other groups go to the front of church.

**Toilets** are adjacent to the foyer and upstairs; baby-changing facilities are in the disabled toilets.

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

### 6.00pm Evening Service at St Wulstan's

'Submit yourselves to God' (James 4:1-12) – Chris Hobbs

**Coffee, tea and cakes** will be served at the end of the service.

## Sermon notes

**“Don’t be afraid, just believe”  
Luke 8:22-56**

### The Fear Index

**1. There are many things in this world which lead to fear**

**2. There are many ways we try to conquer fear**

**3. There is one person, Jesus, who ends fear**

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Hobbs*

HYMN Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation

SONG Who has held the ocean in his hands?

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and broken your laws. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit enable us to live for you and to please you more and more, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SONG Jesus is the King

NEWS

*Children and young people leave for their activities*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 When my hope and strength is gone

BIBLE READINGS Psalm 93 (page 601), Luke 8:22-56 (page 1037)

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

SERMON Don't be afraid, just believe

HYMN At the name of Jesus

*Please collect your child from crèche during this song*

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.**

James teaches 'applied theology'. The character of God underlies everything he says:

**1. God is good (v1-3)**

**2. God is jealous (v4-6)**

**3. God is gracious (v7-10)**

**4. God is righteous (v11-12)**

OPENING PRAYER *led by Andy Martin*

SONGS Creation sings

I come into your presence

Jesus! The name high over all

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

NEWS

BIBLE READINGS Proverbs 3:13-35 (page 637); James 4:1-12 (page 1215)  
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SONGS God of grace amazing wonder

When my hope and strength is gone

SERMON Submit yourselves to God

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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SONG You died in my place

CLOSING PRAYER