

Today

The big question in Sunday Club is: Why did God give His people the Ten Commandments? And the answer is: God is holy and wants His people to be holy.

This Week

Tues 25 Feb A Passion for Life Prayer Meeting. 7.45-8.00pm to 9.00pm at St Wulstan's. A time to pray with other local churches involved in AP4L.

Sun 2 Mar Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving. 3.00pm at St Stephen's, followed by tea. For those who have lost loved ones. Please let the Parish Office know you are coming.

Looking Ahead

Wed 5 Mar Ash Wednesday Communion and Prayer Gathering. A short service of Holy Communion in Church 7.00-7.40pm, coffee in the Dain Room 7.30-7.55pm, Prayer Gathering in the Dain Room 8.00-9.00pm.

Sun 16 Mar Bring and Share lunch 12.00-1.00pm, followed by **Community Newsletter and gospel distribution** around the Parish 1.00-3.00pm

March 21st-30th Passion for Life. Information on the tables at the back of church
Please be praying about who you can invite to the events, and get excited about the opportunity to partner in sharing the gospel.



Sat 22 Mar 'Uncover' training day with Becky Manley Pippert. 9.30-4.30 at Selly Oak Elim Church, Exeter Road. Cost £10; www.uccf.org.uk/events

News, Notices and Requests

Building for the Future News: The tenders are due back this coming Friday (28th) at 1-00pm. Please pray that we may receive good results.

Women's World Day of Prayer. Friday 7th March. 10.30am. United Reformed Church, Weoley Hill. Prepared by the Christian Women in Egypt. "Streams in the Desert" Speaker: Gill Sinclair. If you would like a lift or could offer one, contact Margaret Twiss

Day Centre. Member places are available. Speak to Lynne Trueman for more details.

Christian Medical Fellowship - 'Saline Solution' Day Conference - Saturday 15th March - 9.30am-5.00pm at St Wulstan's Church - This is a day course designed to help Christian healthcare professionals bring Christ into every day work. Online booking is available at www.cmf.org.uk/events alternatively speak to Alice

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK



23rd February 2014

Welcome

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

10.00am at St Stephen's

Morning Prayer: 'Godly jealousy' (2 Corinthians 11:1-15) – Chris Hobbs

Children and young people up to the age of 14 leave for their activities part way through the service. Club 114 (ages 11-14) meet outside the church and go to 9 Serpentine Road. Scramblers and Climbers will return at the end of the service.

Toilets are in the foyer of the Dain Room, next door to the Church.

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

11.30am at St Wulstan's

Morning Prayer: 'Godly jealousy' (2 Corinthians 11:1-15) – Tom Bryant

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served before the service.

6.00pm at St Wulstan's

International Guest Service: 'What does God want? Religious? Respectable? Real?' – Peter Teagle

Coffee, tea and cakes are served after the service.

OPENING PRAYER *led by Richard Leadbeater*

HYMN All creatures of our God and King

CONFESSION

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.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG Sing Jesus' name

NOTICES

Children and young people leave for their activities

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. You chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world and destined us for adoption as your children. In Christ we have the forgiveness of sins, an inheritance in your kingdom, the seal of your Spirit, and in him we live for the praise of your glory for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYERS (Lord in your mercy; **Hear our prayer**)

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.

SONGS Strength will rise
I once was lost in darkest night

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

BIBLE READINGS Hosea 2:14-23 (page 901), 2 Corinthians 11:1-15 (page 1164)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Godly jealousy

HYMN The church's one foundation

CLOSING PRAYER

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