

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.

Luke 7:36-50 (NIV)

Jesus anointed by a sinful woman

36 Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. 37 When a woman who had lived a sinful life in that town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume, 38 and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is – that she is a sinner.'

40 Jesus answered him, 'Simon, I have something to tell you.'

'Tell me, teacher,' he said.

41 'Two people owed money to a certain money-lender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he cancelled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?'

43 Simon replied, 'I suppose the one who had the bigger debt cancelled.'

'You have judged correctly,' Jesus said.

44 Then he turned towards the woman and said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. 47 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven – for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little.'

48 Then Jesus said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.'

49 The other guests began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?'

50 Jesus said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Hobbs*

HYMN Praise my soul the king of heaven

INTERVIEW *with Agnes Jefferson*

SONG How deep the Father's love for us

CONFESSION

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.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SONG In Christ alone

BIBLE READING Luke 7:36-50

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

SERMON What does God want? Religious? Respectable? Real?

HYMN O Lord my God

CLOSING PRAYER

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