

Carol Services

If you can read music and would like to be involved in the carol services, please speak to Cordelia and note down the following dates and times for musical rehearsals: **Nov 27th** at 8.15pm, **Dec 5th** at 8pm, **Dec 7th** at 4.45pm, **Dec 16th** at 8.15pm and **Dec 21st** at 4.45pm.

This Week

Fri 28 Nov **Christmas Craft Evening**, 7.30pm-9.15pm at St Wulstan's. **Doors will not open before 7.30pm.** If you have a ticket that you won't be using sell it back to Jem, so that the waiting list is fair, thank you!

Sun 30 Nov **Suffering Church Sunday**. With speaker from Barnabas Fund and Bring and Share Lunch. Plan to come and bring enough food for you and extra to share.

Looking Ahead

Tue 2 Dec **Prayer Gathering**. 10.00-11.30am,

Wed 3 Dec **Prayer Gathering**. 8.00-9.30pm, St Wulstan's. Coffee, tea and cakes served beforehand, 7.30-7.55pm.

Sat 6 Dec **Christmas Advent-ure**. Come and join us in the countdown to Christmas. Fun for the whole church family. 2.30-4.00pm at St Wulstans. Fill in a form & return it to Helen Buckley. Helen needs couple of people to make sweet dough, she can give you the recipe! She also needs 6 clean and smooth garden canes.

Tues 16 & Wed 17th Dec **Carols for the Business Community**. Brochures are at the back of church, if you work in town don't miss out!

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 or contact Tom for more details.

News, Notices and Requests

Building for the Future news. PCC have agreed that we do intend go forward with Phase 2 – the work on the inside of the church, subject to obtaining a Faculty from the Diocese.

How People Change – how Christ changes us by his grace. Do you want to change but don't quite know how? Twelve 90-minute DVD-based sessions guide people in understanding how Christ's life, death and resurrection bring lasting change, and challenge them to experience that change themselves. Chris Hobbs intends to run this course again on Monday evenings, **26 Jan - 6 July 2015**. Places are limited, so please speak to him soon if you are interested.

Kitchen roll and wrapping paper cardboard tubes needed (lots and lots!!). Please give any you have to Helen Buckley. Thank you!

New song at evening service. 'God's saints of old' is online: www.sssw.org.uk/newsongs

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK



taking Jesus seriously, taking the Bible seriously

Welcome

23rd November 2014

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

10.00am Morning Service

'The God who came to earth' (Luke 2:1-10) – 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 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 Service

'How to be perfect' (Philippians 3:12-21) – Andy Martin

Coffee, tea and cakes are served after the service.

Sermon notes
How to be perfect
Philippians 3:12-20

OPENING PRAYER *led by Tom Bryant*

SONGS Crown him with many crowns
Oh the mercy of God

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SONGS God's saints of old
We're not alone
To You, O Lord

NOTICES

BIBLE READINGS Philippians 3:12-21 (page 1180), Revelation 21:1-14 (page 1249)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON How to be perfect

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG O church arise

CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your holy word. May it be a lantern to our feet, a light to our paths, and a strength to our lives. Take us and use us to love and serve in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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