



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

taking Jesus seriously, taking the Bible seriously

24 April 2016

Welcome

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

'Come, Lord Jesus!' (Revelation 22:6-21) – Chris Hobbs

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

Creche and **Club 114** leave through the Foyer to go to their rooms. **Scramblers, Climbers** and **Explorers** leave through the Hudson Taylor Room at the front of church.

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

6.00pm Evening Service

'Our God will never abandon us' (Jeremiah 51:33-64) – Andy Martin

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

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

Today

This term in Sunday Club we will be thinking about treasure! Who and what we treasure.

This week we will be looking at Matthew 6: 19 -24. We will see that Jesus says our hearts can hold love for only one great treasure. We can either live for the things in this world or for God.

This Week

Wed 27 April Annual Meeting (APCM). 7.30pm for refreshments, 8.00pm start. We will be electing three PCC members for the next three years. Please be thinking and praying about who (you?) should fill these important roles in our church's leadership. We would love to hear stories of what you have seen the Lord do this past year – please speak to Chris Hobbs if you have something to share.

Thu 28 Apr Musicians rehearsal. 8.15-9.30pm at St Stephens, for anyone who currently is or would like to be part of the musician team at church.

Looking Ahead

Tues 3 May Prayer Gathering, 10.00-11.30am in St Stephen's.

Wed 4 May Prayer Gathering, 8.00-9.30pm in St Stephen's – with coffee, tea and cakes 7.30-7.55pm.

7-8 May Glen and Emma Scrivener are coming to Birmingham. They will share their story of how they found grace and healing for anorexia. See the Information Table.

Tues 10 May MMTC Lite starts, at St Stephen's. Flyers on the Information Table.

Fri 13 May The God Particle Play. 8.00pm at St Stephen's. In Birmingham for one night only, don't miss out! See the flyer for more information.

Sat 14 May Maintenance Morning. Meet at St Stephens at 10am. Bring gardening tools if you have any. Many hands make light work, so please plan to come along.

Jul 2-3 Church Family Weekend at Home. Andy Upton, of Knighton Church Leicester, will be speaking on 'Hosea: Straight from the Heart', about God's passionate love for his people. Please put the date in your diary. More details to come

News and Requests

The World We All Want. A chance to explore the unfolding story of the Bible – the story of the world we want but don't have. Continues on Thu 28 Apr, 8.00-9.30pm at 103 Bournbrook Road.

Congratulations to the Barry family on the safe arrival of **Isobel Barry**, born on Tues 12th April.

'**The Servant Queen and the King she serves**' books are available for £1 at the back of church.

Explorers and Club 114 need **plastic circular lids** (approx. 8 - 12 cm diameter). Please could you give them to Helen Buckley.

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1. "I am coming soon" (v7)
So, keep the message of this book (v7)
A command: "Worship God!" (v9)

2. "I am coming soon" (v12)
So, don't seal up the message of this book (v10)
An invitation: "Let the one who is thirsty come" (v17)

3. "I am coming soon" (v20)
So, don't alter the message of this book (v18-19)
A prayer: "Come, Lord Jesus" (v20)

OPENING PRAYER *led by Andy Martin*

HYMN *Lo, He comes with clouds descending*

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.

SONG *Long live the King*

NEWS

After which children and young people go to their activities

SONG *When I am weak you are strong*

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.

BIBLE READING *Revelation 22:6-21 (page 1250)*

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

SERMON *Come, Lord Jesus!*

QUESTIONS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

HYMN *Glory and power to the one who loves us*

Please collect your child from crèche.

CLOSING PRAYER

To him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and for evermore. Amen.

Sermon notes

Our God will never abandon us

Jeremiah 51:33-64

Jeremiah

1: Our God speaks through Jeremiah to tear down and to build up.

2-25: Israel have sinned against the Lord God for hundreds of years – now is the time for judgement.

26-34: Our God promises a new relationship with him in the future for some of those who go into exile in Babylon.

35-39: Judgement falls on Jerusalem and Jeremiah is shown to be a true prophet.

40-45: The remnant implodes and runs away to Egypt but will face judgement there.

46-51: A tide of judgement spreads across the world, but the Lord God draws his people alive from the wreckage

52: Back to the present, where the Word of the Lord sustains his people in exile.

1. Our God promises to destroy Babylon.
 - a. What will happen?
 - b. How will it happen?
 - c. Why will it happen?
2. Our God draws his people alive from the wreckage

Question: Why finish Jeremiah like this?

Missed a sermon recently? Please visit www.sssw.org.uk to hear or download an audio version.

Evening Service

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Hobbs*

SONGS Come praise and glorify

He wraps himself in light

HYMN Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty

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 OF THANKSGIVING

BIBLE READING Jeremiah 50:1-20; 51:59-64 (pages 814 & 819)

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SERMON Our God will never abandon us

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SONGS You died in my place

I will offer up my life

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NEWS

HYMN Crown him with many crowns

CLOSING PRAYER