

## Today

This week in Sunday Club there is holiday cover, all groups will be together.

## Looking Ahead

**Tues Aug 8<sup>th</sup> & Sept 6<sup>th</sup>** CAP Prayer Meetings at 7:45pm, Christ Church Selly Park

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Aug** **Pudding Party at the Twisses**, 8pm. All welcome. Bring a drink if you wish.

**Sat 13 Aug** **Summer Church Family Walk**, meeting at the Needle Museum car park in Redditch at 2pm for a 3 mile walk. An information sheet will be available at the back of church with more details. Any questions contact Mark Checketts.

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Aug** **Songs with Samuel Thornhill**, 7pm A relaxed evening of singing a few hymns / songs together, listening to a testimony or two & eating some cake! RSVP to Elizabeth Barry,. (volunteers to make some cake or help move chairs or share their testimony very welcome.)

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Aug** **Another evening in China**, 8.00pm. Stories from the Devas's visit this summer, hear what God has done, with pictures, music and snacks!

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Sept** **Women's book club**. Reading 'Joni & Ken: An Untold Love Story' over the summer. Speak to (Mrs) Chris Stonehouse or Elizabeth Barry for more info.

**Sat 22 Oct** **Midlands Women's Convention**, Solihull, starting at 10.00am. let the Parish Office know if you'd like to go so that we can do a group booking.

**Sat 5 Nov** **Midlands Men's Convention**, Nottingham, starting at 10.00am. Let Rob Davies know if you'd like to go so that we can do a group booking.

## News and Requests

**Books of the Summer Term:** 'A New Name' (£7) and 'Seeking Allah Finding Jesus' (£8). To order one through church please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

**Holiday club needs your help!** Can you lend or donate any packs of Hero top trump cards? Can you give plain/ light coloured bed sheets (we're making capes!)? See Helen for more details.

**Samuel Thornhill will be in respite**, Mon 25 July – Mon 8 Aug. Visitors are very welcome, The Sheldon Unit.

John and Ruth McNeill have some **furniture** to dispose of before moving to Copenhagen. Check out the list on the notice board.

**Toilet Twinning** Update: So far we have raised enough money for 4 1/2 toilets! We want to twin 7 toilets, so keep going!

**CAP money course training day**, Sat 1 Oct, 10am-4.30pm. If this is something you are interested in contact the Parish Office.

**Vicar:** Chris Hobbs (on sabbatical until mid-August) **Assistant Minister:** Andy Martin

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK



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## Welcome

24<sup>th</sup> July 2016

*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 with Holy Communion

'Discontentment' (Philippians 4:10-13) – Chris Porter

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

**Creche** leave through the Foyer to go to their rooms. **Scramblers, Climbers** and **Explorers** leave through the Hudson Taylor Room at the front of church. There is no **Club114** over the summer.

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

## 6.00pm Evening Service

'When we need God to act' (Psalm 40) – 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.

OPENING PRAYER *led by Andy Martin*

SONGS My hope is built on nothing less  
When I am weak, you are strong

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we humbly thank you for all your gifts so freely given: for life and health and safety, for work and rest and friendship, and for the wonder of creation. Above all, we praise you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ, for his death and resurrection, for your life-giving Spirit and the hope of sharing in your glory. Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

SONG My God is so big

NEWS *after which children and young people leave for their activities*

SONG Immortal honours rest on Jesus' head

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 READINGS Job 1:6-22 (page 507), Philippians 4:8-20 (page 1181)  
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Discontentment

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.**

SONG More than conquerors

*Please collect your child from crèche*

CLOSING PRAYER

OPENING PRAYER *led by Tom Bryant*

SONGS Sing to God new songs of worship  
Blessed be your name

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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NEWS

SONGS Who could know your thoughts  
There is a higher throne

BIBLE READINGS Psalm 40 (page 566), Hebrews 10:1-10 (page 1207)  
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON When we need God to act

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

APOSTLES' CREED

SONGS When I was lost you came and rescued me  
Amazing grace

CLOSING PRAYER

**Lord Jesus we thank you for saving us. As we go into this week please clothe us with humility. Keep us placing our hope in your blood and righteousness. Help us to keep the end of our lives in view. Remind us of how frail we are. And in all that we do, may we bring glory to your name. Amen.**