



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

25<sup>th</sup> May 2014

## Looking Ahead

**Mon 2 June Fellowship Group Leaders Meeting** 8:00-9:30pm at 18 Selly Wick Road

**Tues 3 June Prayer Gathering**, 10.00-11.30am at 103 Bournbrook Road

**Tues 3 June MMTC Lite.** There are 8 people from our church already there! You can still book for the second series of lectures (Judges and Apologetics). Flyers on the Information Table.

**Wed 4 June Prayer Gathering**, 8.00-9.30pm in the Dain Room, St Stephen's

**Sat 7 June Maintenance Morning** at St Stephen's and St Wulstans.

**July 5-6 Weekend at Home.** Paul Mallard will be speaking on "Meeting God in the Praises of His People" (studies in the Psalms). We will be at Blue Coat School on Saturday, with the use of the grounds in the afternoon and a hog roast in the evening. Brochures on the information table.

## News, Notices and Requests

**The parish office** will be closed this week to allow for the move to St Wulstans. The phone lines and internet have now been switched off at St Stephens and will be installed at St Wulstans on Tuesday. If you use the photocopier for anything on Sunday mornings please make a note that you will not be able to after this week. Please be patient with us while we set up a new office!

**Building for the Future News:** The PCC has now agreed unanimously that we should proceed with Phase 1, Parish Centre and Foyer. Work should start on or about Mon 30 June.

**Decanting News:** Thanks to all who helped ensure that the trial service ran smoothly. If you have any comments on the service please pass them on to Richard Phillips. Helpers to move the office next week would be welcome, even if only for an hour or two – speak to Richard or Jem.

**WANTED: Ministry Trainee.** For Sept 2014 - Aug 2015. You will be trained in gospel ministry, learn to give Bible teaching, and help with practical tasks. Details from Chris Hobbs.

**New songs.** If you'd like to listen to either of the new songs from this morning or this evening's services please visit [www.sssw.org.uk/newsongs](http://www.sssw.org.uk/newsongs).

**Free stuff.** Good quality card making and collage material available at the back of church.

**Equipment for 0-5s needed.** Chris and Chris Stonehouse are starting out as foster carers for 0-5s; do you have any of the following that you don't need any more? A fixable fireguard; a car seat for age 9 months-4 years; a smallish wardrobe. Other offers of items for the 0-5 age range also welcome.

**The Midlands Women's Convention** 'Restore and Reform – God's Word to Nehemiah'. Derby, 4<sup>th</sup> October. Talks by Carrie Sandom. Leaflets on the information table.

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## Welcome

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

### 10.00am at St Wulstan's

Morning Prayer: 'Two parallel histories' (1 Kings 15:1-16:28) – Richard Leadbeater

**Children and young people** up to the age of 14 leave for their activities part way through the service. Club 14 (ages 11-14) meet outside the church and go to 9 Serpentine Road. Scramblers and Climbers will return to church 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: 'Two parallel histories' (1 Kings 15:1-16:28) – Richard Leadbeater

**Coffee, tea and biscuits** are served before the service.

### 6.00pm at St Wulstan's

Evening Praise: 'Walking in the truth' (2 John) – Tom Bryant

**Coffee, tea and cakes** are served after the service.

# Morning Prayer

## Sermon notes

## Two parallel histories *1 Kings 15:1-16:28*

\* The kings were in the grip of evil

\* The kingdom was in the hand of God

**Missed a sermon recently?** Please visit [www.sssw.org.uk](http://www.sssw.org.uk) to hear or download an audio version.

OPENING PRAYER *led by David Twiss*

HYMN *Amazing grace*

CONFESSION

**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.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

COLLECT FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SONG *God speaks*

NOTICES

*Children and young people leave for their activities*

SONG *Strength will rise*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.**

HYMN *Holy Father, rich in mercy*

BIBLE READING *1 Kings 15:1-34 (page 355)*  
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON *Two parallel histories*

HYMN *Be thou my vision*  
*Please collect your child from crèche*

CLOSING PRAYER

**May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our hearts; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. Amen.**

*COLLECTION Gifts may be placed in the Gifts box by the glass screen*