

Today

Church Weekend Away. Please get your bookings in TODAY or as soon as possible.

Looking Ahead

Fri – Sun 2-4 Oct **Church Open Weekend**, with various events across the weekend for the whole church family and local community. Please pick up some invitations from the Information Table to give to neighbours and friends.

Tues 6 Oct **Prayer Gathering**, 10.00-11.30am in St Stephen's.
Wed 7 Oct **Prayer Gathering**, 8.00-9.30pm in St Stephen's – with coffee, tea and cakes 7.30-7.55pm.

Mon 5 Oct **Women's Book Group** 8.00-9.30pm We will be discussing "When People are Big and God is Small" by Edward T Welch. All women welcome! If you have any questions, please speak to Linnet Harvey or Chris Stonehouse.

Thurs 8 Oct **Christianity Explored starts.** A great place to ask the big questions of life in a relaxed, informal setting over seven evenings.

Sat 17 Oct **The West Midlands Women's Convention** 'FAITH like this – encouraging women to live for Christ' : Clare Heath-Whyte. Leaflets on the Information Table. Now in Solihull! Please email Helen Buckley.

News and Requests

Musicians - we're looking for more musicians to serve in church. If you're interested please speak to Oli

Platters. We are looking for nice serving platters (for canapes) for the drinks reception at the Open Weekend. If you have any you could lend us please speak to Judy Quaintance.

Rooted is looking for a **sofa** to use in St Wulstan's. If you are currently getting rid of a decent one, this would be a great way to recycle! Speak to Andy

Spare Wool. Do you have any spare brown / black / grey wool? Explorers on Thursday and Club 114 are making hedgehogs, speak to Elizabeth Barry or Helen Buckley if you can help.

Desperately needed! Help in serving coffee after the morning service. Please see Margaret

The Mason Family would like to convey their sincere gratitude for the tangible and uplifting support - both prayerful and practical - that they have received from the wonderful church family here, following the passing of our beloved Linda.

Samuel Thornhill will be in respite 2-11 October;

Vicar: Chris Hobbs **Assistant Minister:** Andy Martin

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK



Welcome

27th September 2015

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

'Blessings and curses (Luke 6:12-26) – Andy Martin

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

Crèche and Scramblers, are downstairs in the Parish Centre;

Climbers, Explorers and Club 114 are upstairs in the Parish Centre.

Do listen during the 'News' to find out which doors and stairs to use!

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

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

6.00pm Evening Service with Holy Communion

'Rejoice in your trials' (James 1:1-18) – Chris Hobbs

Coffee, tea and cakes are served after the service.

Sermon notes

Two Kingdoms

The pattern of the Kingdom

The Power of the Kingdom

The Promise of the Kingdom

Blessings and curses Luke 6:12-26

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Hobbs*

HYMN *Thou whose almighty word*

SONG *Light of the world*

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and broken your laws. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit enable us to live for you and to please you more and more, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG *He's the King of kings*

NEWS *after which, children and young people go to their activities*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SONG *Here is love*

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.

*(Lord in your mercy; **Hear our prayer**)*

BIBLE READINGS *Isaiah 65:1-16 (page 751), Luke 6:12-26 (page 1033)*
*(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)*

SERMON *Blessings and curses*

SONG *O great God*

Please collect your child from crèche during this song

CLOSING PRAYER

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give us a spirit of unity among ourselves as we follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth we may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Morning Service

1. Rejoice in your trials (v2-8)

2. Take pride in your salvation (v9-11)

3. Don't blame God (v12-18)

OPENING PRAYER *led by Andy Martin*

SONGS O God beyond all praising
Blessed be your name

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

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NEWS

SONG The perfect wisdom of our God

BIBLE READINGS Proverbs 2:1-15 (page 636); James 1:1-18 (page 1213)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Rejoice in your trials

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG Just as I am

COMMUNION *see insert*

SONG When trials come

BLESSING