

This Week

Sun 3 Jan The evening service will be at St Stephen's, 6.00pm.

Looking Ahead

Tues 5 Jan Prayer Gathering, 10.00-11.30am in St Stephen's.

Wed 6 Jan Prayer Gathering, 8.00-9.30pm in St Stephen's – with coffee, tea and cakes 7.30-7.55pm.

Tues 12 Jan CAP Prayer Meeting. 7.45pm at Selly Park Baptist Church. See Sarah Underwood for more details.

Sun 17 Jan Church Family Meal. Straight after the morning service. We are starting a monthly meal, exciting details to follow, but for now put this date in your diary!

Thu 21 Jan Identity course begins. Invitations are on the table at the back of church.

Mon 8 Feb Women's Book Group. "Seeking Allah, finding Jesus" by Nabeel Qureshi. All women welcome! See Chris Stonehouse or Elizabeth Barry to find out more.

Thurs 11 Feb Has God really said? Speaker: Kevin DeYoung. A day conference to renew our confidence in Scripture as God's word for all of life, with an evening meeting: "What does God say about homosexuality?" Flyers on the Information Table.

News and Requests

Updated Church Family Address Books now available. Let Jem Huggins know if you'd like one. You can email or phone her or leave a note in the Parish Office pigeon hole.

Building for the Future Gift Day Response. Praise God, that so far a wonderful £36,000 has been given or pledged (including tax relief) – enough to pay the final bills. Thank you to everyone who has given and prayed. It would still be brilliant to have another £18,000 to get other jobs done – we trust God to give us what we need.

Could gospel ministry be for you? Why not spend a year serving the church and learning Bible teaching and ministry skills as a Ministry Trainee, from Sept 2016? Speak to Chris Hobbs.

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

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Welcome

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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 at St Stephen's

'What do we do with Jesus?' (John 1:6-13) – Nick Devas

Children and young people aged 3-11 will have holiday cover in the Cranmer room, accessed from the front of church. **Children aged 0-3** will have a crèche that can be found through the foyer doors.

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.

No 6.00pm service today

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Hobbs*

CAROL O little town of Bethlehem

THANKSGIVING

We bless you, our Lord God, that you have come and have redeemed your people, raising up for us a strong saviour from the family of your servant David, as you promised through your prophets long ago. You have rescued us from the grip of our enemy; you have enabled us to serve you without fear, in holiness and righteousness before you all our days.

We thank you that you have given to us, your people, the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of our sins; and that by your tender mercy the Sun has risen into heaven to shine on all who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

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 Unto us a child is born

NEWS

After which the children and young people will leave for their groups

CAROL While shepherds watched

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

CAROL God rest ye merry gentlemen

BIBLE READINGS Isaiah 49:1-7 (page 735), John 1:1-13 (page 1063)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON What do we do with Jesus?

SONG See the man

CLOSING PRAYER: THE COLLECT