



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

taking Jesus seriously, taking the Bible seriously

Today

This week in Sunday Club we will be learning that God is in control.

Short Prayer Meeting, for 15 minutes in the front of church directly following the Morning Service for In Emergency Break Glass. (Every Sunday until March 6th.)

This Week

Tues 1 Mar **Prayer Gathering**, 10.00-11.30am in St Stephen's.

Wed 2 Mar **Prayer Gathering**, 8.00-9.30pm in St Stephen's – with coffee, tea and cakes 7.30-7.55pm.

Looking Ahead

Mar 7-13th **'In Emergency Break Glass'**. There will be an early morning Prayer Meeting, 7.30-8.00am at St Stephens from Mon 7th-Fri 11th Mar. Please come if you can. Full details of this exciting week are on invitations at the back of church.

Fri 18 Mar **"The Word in Song" A Night In With Emu** - an evening of song, Bible and praise for the whole church 8.00pm at St Stephens.

Sat 19 Mar **A full day music ministry conference** with EMU 9.30am-3.30pm at St Stephens. Speak to Andy Walker for more information.

Thu 24 Mar **Chruch Family Meal**. 6.45 for 7pm. This will be a Bring and Share dinner. Please let us know if you are planning to come, and if you'll be able to bring anything. Sign up sheet is at the back of church.

Sat 26 Mar **Easter Saturday Church Family Walk**. This will be in the afternoon and is being organised by Mark Checketts. More details to follow. **Please note this is on Saturday, not Sunday as printed last week.**

Mon 18 Apr **Women's Book Group** 8.00-9.30pm at Joanne Butler's house. We will be discussing "The Cross Centered life" by CJ Mahaney. All women welcome! If you have any questions, please speak to Chris Stonehouse or Elizabeth Barry.

News and Requests

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.

The **Meaningful Chocolate Company** have produced a great range of Easter Eggs, have a look out for them in the foyer at the end of the morning service.

Women's World Day of Prayer. Fri 4 Mar, 10.30am at Weoley Hill United Reform Church,

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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

'The seven plagues' (Revelation 15:6-16:21) – 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 at St Stephen's

'Our God warns us about his judgement' (Jeremiah 25) – 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 David Twiss*

SONGS Immortal honours rest on Jesus' head
Early morning break of dawn

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.

COLLECT for the Third Sunday of Lent

SONG Long live the King

NEWS

Children and young people go to their activities

SONG Holy Father rich in mercy

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BIBLE READING Revelation 15:5-16:21 (page 1244)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON The seven plagues

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.

SONG I will sing the wondrous story
Please pick up 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.

Jeremiah so far

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

2-6: Our God loves his people deeply yet finally tears them down because of their adultery.

7-17: Our God has provided every privilege for his people (temple, sacrifice, covenant, blessing) yet finally tears them down for their idolatry.

18-20: Our God is God and does as he pleases (i.e. he loves mercy and hates sin).

21-24: Israel's kings and (false) prophets have failed to lead God's people and face judgement too.

1. Our God is very patient... but he will judge his people (1-11)

- He warns through the prophets (1-7)
- He brings judgement through Babylon (8-11)

2. Our God is very patient... but he will judge the world (12-38)

- He warns through the prophets (12-26)
- He warns through the example of Israel (27-29)
- He brings judgement on everyone (30-38)

3. Our God will judge... but he also saves (29:10-14)

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Hobbs*

HYMN Sing to God new songs of worship

SONGS Light of the world

Comfort for weary sinners

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.

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NEWS

THE APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN O God beyond all praising

SONG The splendour of the King

BIBLE READING Jeremiah 25:1-38 (page 784)

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

SERMON Our God warns us about his judgement

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG The mystery of the cross

THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. You chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world and destined us for adoption as your children. In Christ we have the forgiveness of sins, an inheritance in your kingdom, the seal of your Spirit, and in him we live for the praise of your glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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