

This Week

- Mon 29 Jun** **Women's Book Group** 8.00-9.30pm at Joanne Butler's house, discussing 'The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert' by Rosaria Champagne Butterfield.
- Tue 30 Jun** **Prayer Gathering** 10.00-11.30am in St Wulstan's
- Tue 30 Jun** **Prayer meeting for Sarah Underwood** 1.30-2.30pm.
- Wed 1 Jul** **Prayer Gathering** 8.00-9.30pm in St Wulstan's – with coffee, tea and cakes 7.30-7.55pm.
- Fri 3 Jul** **Men's social T20 cricket evening** at Edgbaston. See Rob for details.
- Fri 3 Jul** **'World Jazz' evening** at The Blue Coat School, run by City Church, see invitations on the Info Table at the back for more details.
- Sun 5 Jul** **Church Family BBQ** at The Blue Coat School, Edgbaston. If you haven't taken the BBQ information leaflet, please pick one up from the info table. **We still need to borrow:** a couple of gazebos and large outdoor garden games. Can you help? Please speak to Gina or email office@sssw.org.uk.

Looking Ahead

- Tue 14 Jul** **PCC meeting** at St Wulstans 7.45pm for 8.00pm.
- Tue 14 Jul** **CAP prayer meeting** at Christian Life Centre 8.00-9.15pm.
- Thu 16 Jul** **Monthly music team rehearsal** has moved from 23 Jul.

News, Notices and Requests

Building for the Future We are already beginning to plan for the move back to St Stephen's. The building contract should finish in 7 weeks!

Save these dates: 2nd-4th Oct Opening Weekend of new St Stephen's Parish Centre and Church. Lots of events for all! **23rd-25th Oct** Church weekend away at Hothorpe Hall. More information about both these weekends soon, but *please pencil them in your diary now!*

Samuel Thornhill is on respite 19th Jun – 3rd Jul. Visitors would be very welcome.

Room needed to rent for a student at this church in her final year, Sep '15-Jun '16. A fairly quiet, early rising household with place to store her bike, within walking distance to campus. Please contact Lizzie Farrow.

Patient and adaptable female needed for a young woman with visual impairment and mental health issues, to give her support in accessing the community and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. 6 hours per week, flexible. £9 per hour.

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK



taking Jesus seriously, taking the Bible seriously

Welcome

28th June 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

'Choose life!' (Deuteronomy 30) – Chris Hobbs

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

0-3s Crèche is in the back room, please collect your child during the last song.

3-11s Are taken across the road and brought back during the last song.

11-14s will meet at the back and be taken to 9 Serpentine Road, they will be brought back at the end of the service.

Toilets are in the foyer, baby-changing facilities are in the disabled toilet.

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after the service.

6.00pm Evening Service

'Jesus came to be rejected' (Luke 5:33-6:11) – Andy Martin

Coffee, tea and cakes are served after the service.

Chris Hobbs, Senior Minister (Vicar)

1. God empowers us to choose life (v1-10)

2. God makes it easy for us to choose life (v11-14)

3. God invites us to choose life (v15-20)

OPENING PRAYER *led by David Twiss*

SONGS Praise my soul the King of Heaven
He wraps himself in light

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 4th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SONG Trust in the Lord with all your heart

NOTICES

after which children and young people leave for their activities

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 Speak O Lord

BIBLE READING Deuteronomy 29:1, 30:1-20 (page 207)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Choose life!

SONG Jesus is Lord, the cry that echoes through creation
Please collect your child from crèche during this song

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.

Religion...

- **is concerned for what's on the outside**

- **cares about rules**

- **destroys**

Jesus...

- **is concerned for what's inside**

- **cares about people**

- **saves**

Missed a sermon recently? Please visit www.sssw.org.uk to hear or download an audio version.

OPENING PRAYER *led by Helen Buckley*

SONGS Who has held the oceans
My hope is built on nothing less

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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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NOTICES

SONGS Early morning, break of dawn
There is a hope
There is a higher throne

BIBLE READINGS 1 Samuel 29:1-9 (page 301), Luke 5:33-6:11 (page 1033)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Jesus came to be rejected

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

HYMN How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

CLOSING PRAYER

To him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and for evermore. Amen.

COLLECTION *Gifts may be placed in the Gifts box at the back*