

## Today

**Church Family Welcome Lunch** after the morning service. All welcome, even if you haven't brought anything!

## This Week

**Mon 29 Sept Fellowship Group Leaders**, 8.00-9.30pm,

**Tues 30 Sept Prayer Gathering**, 10.00-11.30am,

**Wed 1 Oct Prayer Gathering**, 8.00-9.30pm, St Wulstan's. Coffee, tea and cakes served beforehand, 7.30-7.55pm.

**Sun 5 Oct Harvest Sunday.** There is a list of required food items at the back of church. Help is needed to decorate the church the day before, from 10am-12noon. Gifts of (sun)flowers and gourds would be appreciated.

## Looking Ahead

**Mon 6 Oct "Friendship First"** course starts. Details are provided in a leaflet at the back of church. Please contact Maurice Sinclair if you are interested in taking part.

**Thu 9 Oct Christianity Explored Starts.** 8.00pm-9.30pm at 103 Bournbrook Road. Speak to Andy Martin if you'd like to come along.

**Fri 17 Oct Games Night for 20s and 30s.** 8.00pm at St Wulstans. This is an evening for anyone in their 20s or 30s, whether you are single, married or a parent, whether you've been coming to church for years or just a few weeks. We'd love to have you come along for a night of fun. Please bring snacks or drinks along.

**Nov 14-15 Men's Weekend at Home** with Colin Tamplin of Monyhull Church as our speaker. Please keep Friday evening to Saturday evening free. Details to follow.

## News, Notices and Requests

**Building for the Future News.** The old office (i.e. choir vestry) is now being taken down carefully by our stonemasons, so that the stone can be re-used in the new building.

**Parking** in the streets around the church will become more difficult as the University term begins. A new guide to parking at St. Wulstan's is available from the table at the back of church.

**Acorns and beech nuts** needed for Explorers and Club 114. If you have any, please give them to Helen Buckley. Thank you!

**Job vacancies.** CAP Debt Centre Manager, Day Centre Leader, and Friends International Staff workers and Centre Team Manager. More details are on the Information Table. For full details contact the Parish Office.

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## Welcome to Back to Church Sunday! September 28<sup>th</sup> 2014

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

### 10.00am Morning Service

'Only one way to God?' (John 14:1-14) – Andy Martin

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

**0-3's** Crèche is in the back room, please collect your child during the final hymn.

**3-11's** Will be taken to the Medical Centre across the road, and be brought back at the end of the service.

**11-14's** 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.

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

### 6.00pm Evening Service

'Why bother with Jesus?' – (John 1:43-51) Chris Hobbs

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

## Sermon notes

### Only one way to God?

#### John 14:1-14

**Religion is exclusive and exclusivity leads to oppression and violence**

**What is your solution?**

- **Ignore religion and hope it eventually disappears**
- **Try to control religion**
- **Insist that religion is a private matter to be kept out of public sight**

**Conclusion?**

**Consider the exclusive claims of Jesus:**

**I am the way...**

**... and the truth...**

**... and the life.**

**Consider the inclusive death of Jesus**

**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 Chris Hobbs*

HYMN All creatures of our God and King

THE APOSTLES' CREED

INTERVIEW

SONG Jesus is the King

NOTICES

*Children and young people leave for their activities*

SONG He wraps himself in light

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**O Lord our God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As we come before you now, believers and doubters alike, we all share a deep need, for we are all lost without your grace. Search us, O God, and know our hearts, test us and know our troubled thoughts. Give us true repentance. Forgive us all our wrongs. Transform us by your Spirit to live for you each day, to learn to serve each other and, through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, to come at last to heaven. Amen.**

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 The splendour of the King

BIBLE READING John 14:1-14 (page 44 of the John's Gospels)

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

SERMON Only one way to God?

HYMN O Lord my God!

*Please collect your child from crèche*

CLOSING PRAYER

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