

Looking Ahead

- Mon 5 Jan** Fellowship Group Leaders Meeting. 8.00pm, 18 Selly Wick Road
- Tues 6 Jan** Prayer Gathering, 10.00am-11.30am at St Wulstans
- Wed 7 Jan** Prayer Gathering, 8.00-9.30pm, St Wulstan's. Coffee, tea and cakes served beforehand, 7.30-7.55pm.
- Fri 16 Jan** Birmingham Churches Night Shelter starts. Every Friday from Jan 16th to March 6th at St Wulstan's. Overnight shelter for 12 homeless men. Contact Tom Lovatt if you'd like to know more or help out. (tom.lovatt@sssw.org.uk)
- Mon 19 Jan** 'How People Change' starts. Twelve Monday evening sessions on how Christ's grace brings lasting change to our lives (finishes 6th July): "I wish everyone in the church could do this excellent course" (Chris Hobbs). Please speak to Chris soon if you are interested. Each session is 90 minutes, including a DVD, and there is also 'homework' between sessions.
- Thur 22 Jan** The World We All Want begins. This seven week course will be held at 18 Selly Wick Road and will start at 8.00pm. Invitations are on the information table. See Chris Hobbs for more information.
- Thu 5 Feb** Biblical Counselling in the Local Church, Day Conference 10.00am-4.30pm. Evening session, 7.30-9.00pm: 'The heart of depression'. Brochures on the Information Table.

News, Notices and Requests

Building for the Future news. Phase 2 (the work on the church):- the DAC "RAISED NO OBJECTION.....and will forward the petition to the Chancellor.... so that he can issue Faculty permission". (There will be a few conditions, but no "show stoppers".) Please give grateful thanks to the Lord!

New Address books are available, see Jem Huggins if you'd like one!

Pews for sale. If you would be interested in buying a pew from St Stephens let Jem Huggins know as soon as possible.

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK



taking Jesus seriously, taking the Bible seriously

Welcome

28th December 2014

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

10.00am Morning Service

'Jesus, the First and the Last' (Revelation 1:12-18) – David Twiss

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

0-3s Toys are in the back room, you are welcome to take your child there, but will have to stay with them.

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

11-14s will stay in church today.

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

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after the service.

There is no 6.00pm service today

Sermon notes 'Jesus, the First and the Last' Revelation 1:12-18

OPENING PRAYER *led by Andy Martin*

SONG See amid the winter's snow

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.

SONG Let me tell you about a baby

NOTICES

Children and young people leave for their activities

SONG See he dies as a lowly man of sorrows

BIBLE READINGS Daniel 7:8-14 (page 892), Revelation 1:9-20 (page 1233)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Jesus the First and the Last

SONG Of the Father's love begotten

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.

HYMN Glory and power to the one who loves us

CLOSING PRAYER

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

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