

Today

In Sunday Club this week we are carrying on from last week and thinking more about world mission. We will be looking at what Jesus says to his friends in Matthew 28: 18 – 20.

Looking Ahead

- Tues 7 June** **Prayer Gathering**, 10.00-11.30am in St Stephen's.
- Wed 8 June** **Prayer Gathering**, 8.00-9.30pm in St Stephen's – with coffee, tea and cakes 7.30-7.55pm.
- Sun 12 June** **Afternoon Tea to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday**. 4pm at St Stephen's Church. We need help to make scones, serve refreshments and set up. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church.
- Mon 13 June** **Marriage Evening**. 7.45 for 8pm to 9.30pm. Marriage MOT: looking at how we communicate and deal with conflict; we'll have time to listen to God in His Word, interviews with some couples, time for questions, chatting and praying.
- Tue 14 June** **CAP Prayer Meeting**, 7.45pm, Selly Park Baptist Church. More information from Sarah Underwood.
- Jul 2-3** **Church Family Weekend at Home**. Andy Upton, of Knighton Church Leicester, will be speaking on 'Hosea: Straight from the Heart', about God's passionate love for his people. Please see brochures for more information.

- Sat 22 Oct** **Midlands Women's Convention**, Solihull
Sat 5 Nov **Midlands Men's Convention**, Nottingham.

Brochures for both are on the information table, booking & travel arrangements will be made closer to the time.

News and Requests

Car parking. To ensure that the grounds of church are as safe as possible please don't park in the car park unless you really have to, and if you do please reverse into your space so that you have better visibility when you leave. Thank you!

Updated Termcards are on the Information Table. (some changes to the sermons and speakers)

Homestay family needed for Eman Tsang from mid-Sept 2016 to mid-June 2017 (will pay rent). Contact her on if you can help, or if you know someone that can.

Birmingham City Mission are looking to hire a part-time Children's Evangelist, to start in Sept 2016. More information from Sue Fearon,

Vicar: Chris Hobbs (on sabbatical until mid-August) **Assistant Minister:** Andy Martin
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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

taking Jesus seriously, taking the Bible seriously



29th May 2016

Welcome

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

'The mystery of God' (Colossians 1:24-2:5) – Andy Martin

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

Creche leave through the Foyer to go to their rooms. **Scramblers, Climbers** and **Explorers** leave through the Hudson Taylor Room at the front of church. There is no **Club114** this week.

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after the service in the foyer.

6.00pm Evening Service

'How do I get to heaven?' (Luke 10:25-37) – Mark Checketts

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.

1. The gospel is so precious it is worth suffering for
(1:24-25, 28-29)

2. The gospel is so precious because it is about real treasure and real glory
(1:26-27, 2:2-3)

3. The gospel is so precious, it will comfort and protect you
(2:1-5)

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OPENING PRAYER *led by David Twiss*

SONG By Faith

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 first Sunday after Trinity

SONG In Ephesians 3 verse 18

NEWS *after which children and young people go to their activities*

HYMN Come thou fount of every blessing

SONG When I am weak you are strong

BIBLE READINGS Proverbs 2:1-22 (page 636), Colossians 1:24-2:5 (page 1183)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON The mystery of God

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.

HYMN Guide me o thou great Redeemer
Please collect 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.

Luke 10:25-37

OPENING PRAYER *led by Andy Martin*

SONGS I hear the saviour say
Our God he bridged the great divide

PRAYER OF 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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SONG Speak O Lord

BIBLE READINGS Luke 10:25-37 (page 1042), 1 John 4:7-21 (page 1227)
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SERMON How do I get to heaven?

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

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SONGS Fairest Lord Jesus
God's saints of old

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NEWS

SONG I cannot tell

BLESSING