

## Today

**In Sunday Club** we will see that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. We can go home to God because of Jesus.

**Suffering Church Sunday.** A simple lunch will be provided and there will be a chance to hear more about the work of Christian Solidarity.

## This Week

**Mon 30 Nov Women's Book Group** 8.00-9.30pm at. "The Screwtape Letters" by CS Lewis. Speak to Chris Stonehouse or Elizabeth Barry for details.

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

**Evangelism Forum.** 8.00-9.30pm, St Stephen's. Come along to discuss ideas and plans. We want you there if you have any ideas, or you want to get involve.

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

**Sat 5 Dec Christmas Adventure.** 2.00-4.00pm at St Stephens. Real nativity animals, craft, games and much more. See Helen Buckley for more details or a ticket. Buy a ticket to get a place, £5 for families.

**Sun 6 Dec Acoustic Carols by Candlelight** 6.00pm at St Wulstans, followed by mulled wine and Christmas nibbles.

## Looking Ahead

**Sun 13 Dec All Age Carol Service.** 10.00am at St Stephen's.

## News and Requests

**Carol singers, we need you!** There are lots of chances to sing, please sign up where you can:

- **Acoustic Carols by Candlelight, Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Dec** (Oli Huggins)
- **Carols for Samuel Thornhill, Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** (Sandra Thornhill)
- **Traditional Carols by Candlelight, Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** (Cordelia Checketts).

Rehearsals: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

- **Pub singing,** The Goose on **Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Dec**, Country Girl on **Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** (John McNeill)

**Christmas Cards to the church family.** We will have a notice board up to display cards to the church family, so you don't need to send out lots of individual ones this year.

**New church website.** We've given the website a makeover. Check it out at [www.sssw.org.uk](http://www.sssw.org.uk).

**Night Shelter.** Please consider volunteering to help, details and signing up forms are available at the back of church. More info: Maurice Sinclair,

**House for rent.** 3 bedroom townhouse in Selly Park available from early December 2015; £800pcm unfurnished. Contact Libby Leadbeater for details on

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**ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK**

taking Jesus seriously, taking the Bible seriously



## Welcome

**29 November 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 at St Stephen's

'You are the Christ' (Luke 9:1-20) – Andy Martin

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

**Crèche** is in the Cranmer Room. **Crèche** and **Club 14** need to go the Foyer to access their rooms and all other groups go to the front of church.

**Toilets** are adjacent to the foyer and upstairs; baby-changing facilities are in the disabled toilets.

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

### 6.00pm Communion Service at St Wulstan's

'What is your life?' (James 4:13-5:2) – Chris Hobbs

**Coffee, tea and cakes** will be served at the end of the service.

## Sermon notes

### “You are the Christ” Luke 9:1-20

Jesus: “Who do you say I am?” (20)

Jesus is the King who empowers his followers for mission (1-9)

Jesus is the King who feeds his followers (10-17)

Jesus is the King who comes from God (18-20)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

COLLECT *led by Chris Hobbs*

HYMN O come, o come, Emmanuel

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory.

**Have mercy and forgive us.**

Lord, you have given your life for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart. **Have mercy and change us.**

Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you, Lord, and neglecting others.

**Have mercy and cleanse us.**

Lord, when we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry. **Have mercy and deliver us.**

In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world. **Have mercy and forgive us.**

Father, through the redeeming death of your Son on the cross, by your Spirit and through your word, transform and renew us to follow you with joy.

**All this we ask, confident in your unchanging faithfulness. Amen.**

SONG I'm following the King

NEWS

*Children and young people leave for their activities*

BIBLE READING Psalm 2 (page 543) *read together*

FOCUS ON THE SUFFERING CHURCH

SONG Lord, I come before your throne of grace

PRAYERS

BIBLE READING Luke 9:1-20 (page 1039)

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

SERMON “You are the Christ”

HYMN What grace is mine

*Please collect your child from crèche during this song*

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.**

**1. Don't plan without God (4:13-17)**

**2. Don't envy the rich (5:1-6)**

**3. Be patient in suffering (5:7-12)**

OPENING PRAYER *led by Andy Martin*

SONG Glory and power to the one who loved us

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

NEWS and FOCUS ON THE SUFFERING CHURCH

SONG We have sung our songs of victory

BIBLE READINGS Job 1:12-22, 2:7-10, 42:10-17 (pages 509, 542); James 4:13-5:12 (page 1215)  
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON What is your life?

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

PRAYERS

SONG Man of sorrows, what a name

COMMUNION *see insert*

SONG O church arise

BLESSING