

Carol Services

If you would like to be involved in the carol services, please speak to Cordelia, and note down the following dates and times for rehearsals: **Dec 5th** at 8pm, **Dec 7th** at 4.45pm, **Dec 16th** at 8.15pm and **Dec 21st** at 4.45pm.

Today

Suffering Church Sunday. Bring and Share lunch with speaker from Barnabas Fund after the morning service. All welcome!

This Week

Tue 2 Dec Prayer Gathering. 10.00-11.30am,

Wed 3 Dec Prayer Gathering. 8.00-9.30pm, St Wulstan's. Coffee, tea and cakes served beforehand, 7.30-7.55pm.

Sat 6 Dec Christmas Advent-ure. Come and join us in the countdown to Christmas. Fun for the whole church family. 2.30-4.00pm at St Wulstans. Fill in a form & return it to Helen Buckley.

Sun 7 Dec Carols by Candlelight, 6.00pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Looking Ahead

Tues 16 & Wed 17th Dec Carols for the Business Community. Brochures are at the back of church, if you work in town don't miss out!

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. Volunteers needed for a range of ways to serve. Forms available on information table or contact Tom for more details.

Mon 22 Dec Carol singing round the fire pit with hot chocolate and gingerbread. 4.30-6.00pm. All Welcome!

News, Notices and Requests

Building for the Future news. Lots of info about the Phase 2 work on the church is passing between St Stephen's and the Diocesan Advisory Committee prior to their meeting on 9 Dec.

How People Change – how Christ changes us by his grace. Twelve 90-minute DVD-based sessions guide people in understanding how Christ's life, death and resurrection bring lasting change. Chris Hobbs intends to run this course again on Monday evenings, **26 Jan - 6 July 2015.** Places are limited, so please speak to him soon if you are interested.

Kitchen roll and wrapping paper cardboard tubes needed (lots and lots!!). Please give any you have to Helen Buckley. Thank you!

Helpers (desperately) needed for the morning refreshments rota, please consider serving church in this vital but fun way and speak to Margaret - men - we need you too.

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK



taking Jesus seriously, taking the Bible seriously

Welcome

30th November 2014

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

10.00am Morning Service

'The Suffering Church' (1 Peter 4:12-19) – Maurice Sinclair

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 final song.

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 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

'How to be content' (Philippians 4:1-23) – Andy Martin

Coffee, tea and cakes are served after the service.

Sermon notes

How to be content

Philippians 4:1-23

Evening Service

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Hobbs*

SONGS Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
From the highest of heights

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and broken your laws. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit enable us to live for you and to please you more and more, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 perfect wisdom of our God

BIBLE READINGS Psalm 66 (page 581), Philippians 4:1-23 (page 1180)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON How to be content

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

HYMN Here is love

COMMUNION *see insert*

NOTICES

SONG By faith

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

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