



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

taking Jesus seriously, taking the Bible seriously

Welcome

31 January 2016

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

'The seven seals' (Revelation 6:1-8:5) – Chris Hobbs

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

Crèche is in the Cranmer Room. **Crèche** and **Club 114** need to go the Foyer to access their rooms and all other groups go to the front of church.

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

6.00pm Evening Service at St Stephen's

'Our God lovingly commands us' (Jeremiah 7:1-29) – Andy Martin

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

Today

This term in **Sunday Club** we are learning about the God of WOW! **Today** This morning we will be learning that God created everything out of nothing at all!

Wrestling with Revelation? 'The Lamb Wins' by Richard Bewes is brilliantly clear and gets to the heart of the book's message. Available for £5.

Short Prayer Gathering, for 15 minutes in the chancel following the Morning Service for In Emergency Break Glass. (Every Sunday until March 6th.)

This Week

Tues 2 Feb **Prayer Gathering**, 10.00-11.30am in St Stephen's.

Wed 3 Feb **Prayer Gathering**, 8.00-9.30pm in St Stephen's – with coffee, tea and cakes 7.30-7.55pm.

Looking Ahead

Mon 8 Feb **Women's Book Group**. "Seeking Allah, finding Jesus" by Nabeel Qureshi. All women welcome! See Chris Stonehouse or Elizabeth Barry to find out more.

Wed 10 Feb **Ash Wednesday** Holy Communion, 6.00pm in St Stephen's (finishes 7.00pm).

Thurs 11 Feb **Has God really said?** Speaker: Kevin DeYoung. Midlands Gospel Partnership annual conference, to renew our confidence in Scripture (10.00am-4.00pm). Evening meeting (7.30-9.00pm): What does God say about homosexuality? Flyers on the Information Table.

Sun 21 Feb **Church Family Meal**. 12noon in the Cranmer Room. Food will be provided, suggested donation of £2 per person. This is a **come & eat** lunch.

Fri 18 Mar **TWIST A Night In With Emu** - an evening of song, Bible and praise for the whole church at St Stephens

Sat 19 Mar **A full day music ministry conference** with EMU at St Stephens

News and Requests

Could gospel ministry be for you? Why not spend a year serving the church and learning Bible teaching and ministry skills as a Ministry Trainee, from Sept 2016? Speak to Chris Hobbs.

Reconciliation in a World of Conflict, OMF missions conference Sat 6th Feb 9.30-1.30 at Monyhull Church. Some great speakers! Lifts available: Nick Devas

To see more from **Paul Hobbs** who visited us last week visit: www.arthobbs.com.

Accommodation needed, 23rd-25th Feb. Contact Natalie if you can help,

Saltmine Theatre Company will be performing, 'Darkness Falls' at Edgbaston High School for Girls on Sun 21 Feb at 2.30pm. Reserve tickets at darknessfallsbrumtickets@hotmail.com.

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6 visions:

- The four horsemen (6:1-8)
- The martyrs under the altar (6:9-11)
- The wrath of the Lamb (6:12-17)
- The 144,000 sealed (7:1-8)
- The multitude saved and praising (7:9-17)
- The prayers of the saints (8:1-5)

1. The Church can expect to live *dangerously* (6:1-8)

2. The Church can expect to live *expectantly* (6:9-17; 8:1-5)

3. The Church can expect to live *fearlessly* (7:1-17)

Missed a sermon recently? Please visit www.sssw.org.uk to hear or download an audio version.

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Porter*

SONGS O God beyond all praising
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners. We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and are mindful of all that we have failed to do. For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past, and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen

COLLECT

SONG Jesus is the King

NEWS including Myanmar Presentation
After which children and young people leave for their activities

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.

SONG See him coming

BIBLE READING Revelation 6:1-8:5 (page 1237)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON The seven seals

HYMN Immortal honours
Please collect your child from crèche during the final hymn

CLOSING PRAYER

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!

1. Our God's grace is not a licence to disobey his loving commands (1-11)

2. Our God's acts in history show how serious disobedience is (12-20)

3. Our God's loving commands require our loving obedience (21-29)

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Hobbs*

HYMN In Christ alone
Awake awake O Zion

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.

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SONGS Our God he bridged the great divide
Who O Lord could save themselves?
There is a Redeemer

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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SERMON Our God lovingly commands us

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

HYMN Before the throne of God above

CLOSING PRAYER