

This Week

Wed 6 April **Prayer Gathering.** 8.00-9.30pm in St Stephen's – with coffee, tea and cakes 7.30-7.55pm. (No Tuesday meeting this month.)

Looking Ahead

Tue 12 April **CAP Prayer Meeting.** 7.45pm at Selly Oak Elim.

15-17 April **Just One Life.** Have you ever considered the possibility of serving Christ as a full-time or part-time gospel worker? Flyers on the Information Table.

Mon 18 Apr **Women's Book Group.** We will be discussing "The Cross Centered life" by CJ Mahaney. Speak to Chris Stonehouse or Elizabeth Barry with any questions.

Wed 27 April **Annual Meeting (APCM).** We will be electing three PCC members for the next three years. Please be thinking and praying about who (you?) should fill these important roles in our church's leadership.

Sat 30 April **The Addict in Us All:** how the Bible understands addiction and how the gospel helps. 10.30am-4.30pm, London. Flyers on the Information Table.

7-8 May **Glen and Emma Scrivener** are in town. Flyers will be available next Sunday.

Tues 10 May **MMTC Lite** starts, at St Stephen's. The same quality as the full-blown MMTC, just less quantity. Be sure to book early! Flyers on the Information Table.

Fri 13 May **The God Particle Play.** 8.00pm at St Stephen's. In Birmingham for one night only, don't miss out! See the flyer for more information.

Jul 2-3 **Church Family Weekend at Home.** Andy Upton will be speaking. Please put the date in your diary! More details to come.

News and Requests

The World We All Want. A chance to explore the unfolding story of the Bible – the story of the world we want but don't have, a world that God has promised and is making. Two options, one course is continuing on Tue 13 Apr 10.00-11.30am & the other begins on Thu 21 Apr 8.00-9.30pm. Flyers on the Information Table.

Invitation to join the Electoral Roll. This is the closest thing we have to church membership. If you would like to join the roll please fill in a purple form from the Information Table and send it in to the Parish Office by Apr 17th.

Please could you donate **tins of food** (in date and suitable for a food bank) to help Club 114 complete the Birmingham City Mission Tin Can Challenge. We need 100 cans in all. Thank you.

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

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Welcome

27 March 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 Easter Sunday All-Age Holy Communion

'See, he lives!' (John 20:1-23) – Chris Hobbs

Children and young people will stay in the service today.

0-3s are welcome to stay in the service, but should you require it there is a crèche in the back room that is available throughout the service.

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after the service.

There is NO 6pm service tonight.

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

Easter Sunday

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia

OPENING PRAYER *led by Andy Martin*

SONG See, what a morning

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.

SONG See a song, sing a joyful song

BIBLE READINGS Psalm 24 (page 555), John 20:1-23 (page 1089)

TALK 'See, He lives'

SONG Christ is risen, He is risen indeed

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; He was buried; He was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards He appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.

PRAYERS

NEWS

SONG See he dies, as a lowly man of sorrows

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in your great love you gave your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, through his one offering of himself.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we receiving this bread and this wine may share in his most precious body and blood

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread and gave you thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.
Amen.

ADMINISTRATION *of the bread and wine*

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 Thine be the glory

DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We shall be raised.
We shall be raised, Alleluia.

Death will be destroyed.
It will indeed be destroyed. Alleluia.

God will be all in all.
He will indeed be all in all. Alleluia.

Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.