



Welcome to our 10am Service

This morning we are beginning a new series of studies in Paul's magnificent letter to the Romans with an introduction to the letter: 'To Rome with love' (focusing on Romans 1:1-17, 15:14-33 and 16:25-27), and we will be sharing the Lord's Supper together.

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There is **Crèche** for under 3's in the Cranmer Room.

Sunday club (age 3 – Year 5) meet upstairs in the Tyndale Room and the Roseveare Room.

Pathfinders (Year 6 – Year 9) meet in the Cranmer Room

Question of the week: Why did God make a rescue plan? (Romans 3: 10 - 22)



Refreshments are served in the Foyer and from the hatch in the Cranmer Room after the service, please stay and join us.



Toilets are in the foyer and upstairs; baby-changing facilities in the disabled toilet.

WELCOME *Andy Martin*

SONG It's a light and a hammer

NEWS

Children go to their activities

SONG By Faith

INTERVIEW WITH THE GRIFFINS

PRAYERS *David Twiss*

SONG We're not alone

BIBLE READINGS *Andy Walker*

Romans 1:1-17 (page 1128)

Romans 15:14-33 (page 1141)

Romans 16: 25-27 (page 1142)

SERMON *Chris Hobbs*

To Rome with love

HYMN And can it be

Please collect your children from crèche

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CONFESSION

COMMUNION

HYMN To God be the glory

CLOSING PRAYER



Welcome to our 6pm Service

This evening we are beginning a new series of studies in the hugely important book of the prophet Isaiah with 'The city of God' (Isaiah 1:1-2:4).

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OPENING PRAYER *Ben Wells*

HYMN Crown him with many crowns

SONGS From the highest of heights
Our only hope is You

CONFESSION

PRAYERS *Sue Fearon*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

NEWS

SONGS His mercy is more
In days of peace and days of rest

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VIDEO – Intro to Isaiah

BIBLE READING *Melanie Britton*

Isaiah 1:1-2:4

SERMON *Andy Martin*

The city of God

SONG I hear the Saviour say

CLOSING PRAYER

Sermon Notes

To Rome with love

Romans 1:1-17,

15:14-33,

16:25-27

What have I learned...

- to praise God for?
- to confess to God?
- to ask God for?

Missed a sermon recently? Visit www.sssw.org.uk (under Resources)

What I have learned?

To praise God for

To confess to God

To ask God for

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Do you know what we are here for as a church? As a church family we are all committed to making disciples of Jesus. It's on all our service sheets in the top right corner as a reminder! We all do this by prayerfully speaking God's word to ourselves, to one another and to people who don't yet know Jesus. However, lots of us are not really sure what that looks like. That is why this term we are working hard at getting Equipped to Serve. Now, to a large extent God is equipping us every time we read our bibles or hear a sermon at church. But it can also help to have specific courses to help us (which we are doing in our Fellowship Groups this term), and even little regular tips and pointers which is what we are going to use these short articles for this term.

Here is one pointer to start. One of the best ways I find to speak God's word to someone in conversation, either here in church or out and about, is to say: "That reminds me of a story about Jesus in the Bible," or "that reminds me of something Jesus said in the Bible," and then see where God takes the conversation. Of course, we need to be familiar with what Jesus says and does for us to be reminded, so why not get reading Mark's gospel or come to Christianity Explored (it's not too late) to get to know Jesus better and then wait to see what opportunities God gives you to speak to someone about Jesus!

Andy Martin
Associate Minister

 CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS YOU'VE EVER HEARD?	CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED is for anyone who'd like to investigate Christianity, or just brush up on the basics. We will be looking at Mark's Gospel and exploring who Jesus is, why he came, and what it means to follow Him.	IT'S NOT TOO LATE! Continues Wednesday evenings, 8-9.30pm at St Stephen's Church, Serpentine Road, B29 7HU Contact the Parish Office to find out more; 0121 472 8253, office@sssw.org.uk
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Sunday Services

10am at St Stephen's, family friendly with activities for children and young people (crèche-Year 9)

6pm at St Wulstan's, relaxed and informal.

Today

Cross Section (Year 10-13) meet from 4.30-5.55pm at St Wulstan's.

This Week

Fellowship Groups continue on:

Tue morning at St Stephens

Wed / Thur evening at various locations.

Please have a chat with Chris Hobbs if you would like to join a group.

**Tue
21**

Rooted for students. 7-9pm at St Wulstan's B29 7DU.

**Wed
22**

Christianity Explored:

8-9.30pm at St Stephen's Church, Serpentine Road, B29 7HU

**Thu
23**

Cross Section Bible Study (Year 10-13) meet at St Stephen's from 4.30pm

Explorers (Year 2-5) from 6-7pm

Pathfinders (Year 6-9) from 6-7.30pm

**Fri
24**

Stay and Play 10-11.30am, baby and toddler group.

**Sat
25**

Friends International Prayer

Breakfast: 8.30-10.30am, Cranmer Room. Enjoy breakfast with others

from across Birmingham and hear from Rachel Chard (F. I. Oxford), about creative ways to engage with international students who are harder to reach. RSVP for catering purposes to Rachel Hill

hills@friendsinternational.uk

Looking Ahead

**Sat
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Feb**

Putting Parenting to Bed: Monyhull Church, 9.30-12.30pm, book by Jan 24th, £5 per family. Please email: parenting@monyhullchurch.org

**Thu
20
Feb**

BDEF Meeting: 7.30-9.00pm

(refreshments from 7.00pm) At St Boniface, Quinton B32 2QD. *'A church for the rich...is it true? Does it matter.'*

Speaker The Rt Revd Philip North, Bishop of Burnley

**Sat
21
Mar**

Marriage Day: St Stephen's, 9.30-

4.45pm. Early Bird rate £30 per couple, from 6th March £35 per couple.

Refreshments and sandwich lunch

provided. For more information: 0121 472 8253/office@sssw.org.uk or visit website

www adaytogether.org

News and Requests

Wanted: Ministry Trainee, Sep 2020-Aug 2021.

Spend a year serving the church and learning gospel ministry. A great way to see if gospel ministry is right for you long-term. Details from Chris Hobbs / Parish Office.

Wanted: Chefs for Rooted!

Could you prepare a meal once a month for our Rooted student group (20 people or so) and wash up after? If you're able to help meet this need, please speak to Ben Wells or email him at ben.wells@sssw.org.uk

Helpers needed: Could you join the refreshments team? Now the refreshments are served from the servery and in the Cranmer Room, a few more people are needed on the team! Contact Margaret Twiss if you think you can help.

Day Centre urgently needs help. A duty manager and a cook are needed with once a month availability to avoid future closures. Speak to Jean Philips or Margaret Twiss to find out more.