

## This Week

Fri  
6 Jan

**Prayer for Growth**, 7.00 – 11.00pm

An evening to pray for the growth of our church. Please find letter in pigeon holes.

**Stay and Play** (baby and toddler group) 10.00am-11.30am

Sun  
8 Jan

**Cross-section** (Y10-13) 7.45pm-9.00pm

Thu  
26 Jan

**CAP Money Course** begins.

Worried about money? A free

course to help you manage your money better, learn to budget, save and spend well. Thursday evenings until 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. Contact the Office for more details.

Wed  
1 Feb

**Faith: Outdated or Essential?**

Birmingham ICC, 7.00 – 9.30pm.

Tickets on sale from the office at £10, including a meal. Pick up a flyer from the information table in the foyer.



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

**1<sup>st</sup> January 2017**

making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ

**10.00am Morning Service for All Ages**

'Brand new day'

(Lamentations 3:22-23) Helen Buckley

**No 6.00pm service.**

**Children and young people** will stay in the service today.

There is a **Crèche** available for 0-3's. this can be found off the foyer in the Cranmer Room.

**Refreshments** are served after the services.

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

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**The Church office opens** on 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan.

## News and Requests

**Wanted: Ministry Trainees**, Sep 2017-Aug 2018. Spend a year serving the church

and learning gospel ministry. Details from Chris Hobbs/Parish Office.

Updated **Church Family Address books and Prayer Guides** are available. Pop your name on the list at the back of church if you'd like one.

**Winter Night Shelter at St Stephen's.**

Thank you for volunteering: you should have received your rota. Please plan to come to the Night Shelter lunch/prayer time/training after the Morning Service on Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Jan.

**Sunday Club Leaders** Please collect your material for next term. It's in your pigeon

## Looking Ahead

Sun  
8 Jan

**Big Questions** begins. See flyer for more information.

Mon  
9 Jan

**Women's book club** are reading 'The Hiding Place'. Newcomers welcome! See Elizabeth Barry or Chris Stonehouse for details.

Tue  
10 Jan

**Tuesday Morning Mum's Bible Study**, 10.00-11:30am. Crèche provided.

Thu  
12 Jan

**Explorers** (Y2-6) 6.00-7.00pm  
**Club 114** (Y7-9) 6.30-8.00pm

Sun  
15 Jan

**Church Family Meal.** Straight after the morning service.

Sat  
21 Jan

**Church Family Walk** at Sutton Park, starting at 2pm. Details from the information table.

## New? Welcome!



You are very welcome – whether you are looking into Christianity for the first time, have been a Christian for years, or are looking for a church in Birmingham.



Please complete this tear-off slip overleaf and give it to one of the staff or welcome team, or place it in the Gifts Box at the back of church, to let us know who you are. We will get in touch with you shortly to help you feel at home quickly. Please also help yourself to a Welcome Booklet from the Information Table.

Name/s

Address

Phone

Email

I would like to know more about:

- Being a Christian
- Newcomers' events
- Small Groups
- Pre-school activities
- Children's / Youth Work
- Student events
- Giving to the church
- Other

Talk Notes

**Brand new day**  
Lamentations 3:22-23

Missed a sermon recently? Visit [www.sssw.org.uk](http://www.sssw.org.uk)

**OPENING PRAYER** (*David Twiss*)

**SONG** Give thanks to the Lord (Forever)

**CONFESSION**

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sin, God is faithful and just; he will forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.**

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins. For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;

**Father forgive us, save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we want to without thinking of you;

**Father forgive us, save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do and think and say;

**Father forgive us, save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;

**Father forgive us, save us and help us.**

In your great love for us, and because Jesus died for our sins;

**Father forgive us, save us and help us.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you that you forgive all who truly turn to you. May your Holy Spirit give us strength to love and serve you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**GAME** Remember Remember

**SONG** Your love will last forever

**Morning Service**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**BIBLE READINGS** (*Margaret Twiss*)

Lamentations 3:1-24 (page 825)

Romans 8:35-39 (page 1135)

(This is the word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God)**

**TALK** Brand new day (*Helen Buckley*)

**SONGS** Great is thy faithfulness

Faithful One

**PRAYERS** (*David Stokes*)

**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.**

**NEWS**

**HYMN** Amazing grace

*Please collect your child from crèche*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**Be with us Lord, as we go out into the world in this New Year. May the lips that have sung your praises always speak the truth; may the ears which have heard your Word listen only to what is good and may our lives as well as our worship be always pleasing in your sight, for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**