

Sunday 1st September



Welcome to our 10.00am Service

This morning we will be staying together as a church family and hearing what happened at the Knight's Tale Holiday Club.

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 help yourself to a Welcome Booklet, and if you would like us to contact you about our activities then complete a Welcome Card – both are available in the foyer.

Crèche Please feel free to take your children (under 3 only please) through to the Cranmer Room where you will need to supervise them.



Refreshments are served in the Foyer after the service, please stay and join us.



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

OPENING PRAYER *Andy Martin*

HYMN I stand amazed in the presence

SLIDE SHOW

GAME

SONG All through history

SONG He's our rescuer

BIBLE READING *Pippa Nicolson*
Genesis 1:1-3, 26-31 (*page 3*)

TALK 1 *Helen Buckley*

SONG I once was lost in darkest night

BIBLE READING *Pippa Nicolson*
Philippians 2 :1-11 (*page 1179*)

TALK 2 *Helen Buckley*

MEMORY VERSE

PRAYERS *Chris Stonehouse*
ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

NEWS

SONG Our God is a great big God

CLOSING PRAYER

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Welcome to our 6.00pm Service at St Wulstan's

This evening we are completing our series 'What is a Christian' with 'More than a conqueror' (Romans 8:35-39).

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OPENING PRAYER *Chris Hobbs*

HYMN Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

SONGS By faith

How great the chasm

CONFESSION D

PRAYERS *Charlie Robinson*

NEWS

THE APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN it is well with my soul

BIBLE READINGS *Dawn Evans*

Psalm 44 (*page 568*)

Romans 8:31-39 (*page 1135*)

SERMON *Ben Wells*

More than a conqueror

HYMN When my hope and strength is gone

CLOSING PRAYER

Holiday Club Service

Genesis 1:1-3, 26-31

Philippians 2:1-11

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I need Christ

Dear Friends,

It was somewhat dispiriting to return from holiday and open the September edition of *Evangelicals Now* (an excellent paper which I would highly recommend). And not because it means that holiday is over and summer is slipping away, but because one of the first articles my eyes fell on announced that American pastor Mark Driscoll is back leading a church in Arizona. For those who don't know, he was the pastor of megachurch Mars Hill in Seattle until 2014 when it collapsed and he resigned, accused of bullying and plagiarism and using church money to promote one of his books. And he's back with a difference, now denying and mocking as "garbage" the Reformed theology he once preached.

It got worse when I turned the pages and read that another high-profile American pastor, Joshua Harris, has announced that he and his wife are separating after 20 years and that he no longer identifies as a Christian. He, like Mark Driscoll, was one of the 'young, restless and Reformed' leaders in The Gospel Coalition that many looked to.

This is clearly a deep personal tragedy for these men and their families and the congregations they once served. But this is nothing new. The New Testament warns us repeatedly, with examples, of leaders deserting the faith and leading others astray with them. However, the apostles refused to let this dent their confidence in Christ. In fact, it shows me how much I need Christ. Were it not for his grace I have no idea what kind of mess I would be in, but it would not be pretty.

Yours warmly, in Christ,
Chris Hobbs (Senior Minister)

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Sundays at St Stephens

10am service at St Stephen's, family friendly with activities for children (crèche – Y6)

4pm service at St Stephen's will resume on 8th September.

6pm service at St Wulstan's

Today

The Evening Service moves to St Wulstan's today and starts at 6pm. Why not join us for this fresh start?

New Fellowship Groups. Please speak to Chris Hobbs TODAY if you would like to join a Fellowship Group this September. There will also be a new Thursday evening group.

This Week

Wed
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Day Centre. Closed Weds 4th September.

Prayer Gathering. 7.30pm for refreshments, 8-9.30pm. We will be praying for Phil and Ceri Keates, student work and Edgbaston Old Church.

Sep
5

Explorers & Pathfinders Startup. 6.00pm start. Explorers to 7pm and Pathfinders to 7.30pm.

Looking Ahead

Sep
12

Blokes and books (Men's Book Group). Please join Andy at 8pm in The Country Girl for an informal chat about Dan Strange's book *Plugged In*. You can get hold of the book from www.100ofthose.com or www.thegoodbook.co.uk - there's still time to read it.

Sep
14

Mens Breakfast, 8.00-9.30am. "What really is the gospel?" - talk, discussion and prayer. Full English breakfast, £4. Sign up on Church Suite or see Chris Stonehouse for more details.

Sep
16

Women's Book Club will discuss "The book your pastor wishes you would read", Christopher Ash, AND "Enjoying God" by Tim Chester! Speak to Elizabeth or Chris S for more info. All welcome!

News and Requests

Congratulations to Matt and Meghan on the birth of Poppy Miriam, born on Thursday evening, 7lbs.

Can you help with crèche on a Tuesday morning?

The Tuesday morning fellowship group is in need of crèche help from 9:45-11:15am on term-time mornings in the Cranmer and Tyndale Rooms. Seeking 2-3 people. If you can help, or want to find out more, please speak to Amanda Martin