

This Week

Tue
3 Oct

Prayer Gathering, 10.00 – 11:30am.
Crèche provided.

Wed
4 Oct

Day Centre (for older people)
10am – 2.30pm

Vision Evening 7pm at Church for
dinner, 8-9.30pm for Vision/Prayer.
Please sign up for dinner/pudding
on the sheet in the Foyer TODAY.

Thu
5 Oct

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

Life Explored. We all want to be
happy, but where will you find the greatest
happiness? Over seven sessions we will
explore the Bible's story with thought-
provoking short films and lots of time to ask
questions. St Stephens Church, 8pm.

Contact Andy Martin on
andy.martin@sssw.org.uk

Fri
6 Oct

Stay and Play (baby and toddler
group) 10.00am – 11.30am

Music rehearsal and social 7.00-
9.00pm. For all church musicians
and anyone interested in getting
involved with music ministry. Speak
to Allan Ooi for details.

Looking Ahead

Tue
10 Oct

Friendship Evening, 7.45pm for
8pm: Companionship and
intimacy have become
inseparably linked in our society

with sex. As a result, loneliness is rampant,
even in church, where we might hope that
love and community were abundant. We need
to rediscover true friendship that is intimate
and faithful and Christ-centred. This evening
is for all of us: old and young, married and
single, men and women; to change our hearts
and our friendships.

Fri
13 Oct

Are you new-ish to Church?

Please come to the Welcome
Meal, 7.30pm, and find out
what St Stephen's is all about.

Further details from Chris and Helen Hobbs
or the Parish Office.

Tue
17 Oct

Christian Institute Meeting:

'Standing for Christ in the
public square', 8.00-9.30pm, at
St Stephen's.

Mon
30 Oct

Women's Book Club

are meeting to discuss 'The
Unquenchable Flame' (about
the Reformation) by Mike

Reeves. Ask Elizabeth Barry or Mrs Chris
Stonehouse for more information. All
women welcome!

Tue
31 Oct

CAP Money Course begins,
7.00-9.00pm at St Stephen's.
Also on Nov 7th and 14th.

News and Requests

Church Weekend Away, 10-12 Nov. 'Ready
Steady Grow'. A weekend for the whole
church family. Single rooms and
concessions available. Please ask if you'd
like help with the cost or can only come
part-time. Brochures in the Foyer. Please
put completed forms with payment in an
envelope marked 'Parish Office' in the
Parish Office pigeon-hole in the Foyer.

Wanted: Your Story: If you are contributing
to the short book of stories from members
of the church family, please would you send
your contribution, plus a photo, to Nicky
Sammons at [Nicky Sammons at Nicola.sammons@gmail.com](mailto:Nicola.sammons@gmail.com).

Good news! Two of this year's Night Shelter
guests have just returned to Poland to be
helped by a Christian homelessness charity.
For more info or to help support them
financially please contact Chris Stonehouse
(chrisstonehouse14@gmail.com)

**Charles, Kathryn and Grace Hindley have
moved** to 1 Haden Park Road, Cradley Heath,
B64 7HE. Visitors are more than welcome!



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

1st October 2017

making and maturing disciples of
Jesus Christ in Birmingham
and for the world

10.00am Morning Harvest Service for All Ages

Following Jesus: 'The man who said
'thank you'' *Andy Martin*
Luke 17:11-19

6.00pm Evening Service

Big Questions: 'Transgender?'
Chris Hobbs

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.

Senior Minister (Vicar): Chris Hobbs

Assistant Minister: Andy Martin

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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 the tear-
off slip overleaf and give it
to one of the staff or
welcome team wearing a badge, or
place it in the Gifts Box in the foyer.
We will get in touch with you shortly.
Please also help yourself to a
Welcome Booklet from the display in
the Foyer.

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

Sermon Notes:

The man who said 'thank you'

Luke 17:11-19

OPENING PRAYER *Helen Buckley*

HYMN We plough the fields and scatter
*...during which we bring our harvest gifts
up to the front*

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.**

SONG Who, O Lord, could save
themselves

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

ERIC SAYS 'THANK YOU'

Morning Service

BIBLE READINGS *Andy Walker*

Leviticus 13:45-46 (page 114)

Leviticus 14:1-9 (page 115)

Luke 17:11-19 (page 1051)

This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**

TALK *Andy Martin*

The man who said 'thank you'

SONG Clap your hands

PRAYERS *Davies family*

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.**

NEWS

SONG Give thanks to the Lord
Please collect your child(ren) from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

**Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we
humbly thank you for all your gifts so freely
given: for life and health and safety, for work
and rest and friendship,
and for the wonder of creation. Above all, we
praise you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ, for
his death and resurrection, for your life-
giving Spirit and the hope of sharing in your
glory. Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in
believing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please stay on after the service for tea/coffee
and biscuits.*

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**Sermon Notes:
Big Questions: Transgender?**

- **Compassion**

- **Clarity**

- **Confidence**

Missed a sermon recently? Visit www.sssw.org.uk

OPENING PRAYER *Andy Martin*

SONG Blessed be your name

STARTER DISCUSSION

CONFESSION

O Lord our God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As we come before you now, believers and doubters alike, we all share a deep need, for we are all lost without your grace. Search us, O God, and know our hearts, test us and know our troubled thoughts. Give us true repentance. Forgive us all our wrongs. Transform us by your Spirit to live for you each day, to learn to serve each other and, through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, to come at last to heaven. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG Speak O Lord

BIBLE READINGS *Dawn Evans*

Genesis 1:1-2, 24-31; 2:15-3:7 (page 3)
Matthew 19:1-6 (page 986)
Revelation 21:1-5 (page 1249)
This is the word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God

TALK *Chris Hobbs*
Big Questions: Transgender?

INTERVAL

SONG What a fearful scene

QUESTIONS AND INSIGHTS

SONG Holy God in love became

PRAYERS *Nick Devas*
ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**
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NEWS

HYMN O Lord my God

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