



## **Welcome to our 10am Service**

As we mark the beginning of Advent, we will be looking at 'Compassionate Power' (Mark 6:30-44).

**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.

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

**Sunday Club** (age 3-Year 5) meet upstairs in the Tyndale Room.

**Question of the week: What do we all need?**



**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.

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### **LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE**

**OPENING PRAYER** *Ben Wells*

**HYMN** O come, o come Emmanuel

**CONFESSION B**

**SONGS** My God is so big

**NEWS**

*Children leave for their activities*

**SONG** He's our rescuer

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**PRAYERS** *Richard Griffith*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**SONG** Creator, sustainer

**BIBLE READINGS** *Pippa Nicholson*

2 Kings 4:38-44 (*page 372*)

Mark 6:30-44 (*page 1009*)

**SERMON** *Chris Hobbs*

'Compassionate power'

**SONG** Jesus is Lord

*Please collect your child(ren) from crèche*

**CLOSING PRAYER**



## **Welcome to our 4pm Service**

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There is a **Crèche** for under 3's in the Church.

**Sunday Club** (age 3-Year 5) meet upstairs in the Tyndale Room.

**Pathfinders** (Y6-9) meet during the service in the Tyndale Room

### ***Question of the week: What do we all need?***



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### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**OPENING PRAYER** *Oli Huggins*

**HYMN** O come, o come Emmanuel

*Children and young people leave for their activities.*

### **NEWS**

**SONGS** He's our rescuer  
Creator, sustainer

### **CONFESSION B**

**PRAYERS** *Anna Luckwell*  
ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **BIBLE READINGS** *Peter Richardson*

2 Kings 4:38-44 (*page 372*)

Mark 6:30-44 (*page 1009*)

### **SERMON** *Chris Hobbs*

'Compassionate power'

### **ALL IN TOGETHER**

*Please collect your child(ren) from crèche*

**SONG** My God is so big

### **CLOSING PRAYER**



## **Welcome to our 6pm Service**

As we mark the beginning of Advent, we will be looking at 'What kind of people ought we to be? (2 Peter 3:11-18), and we will be sharing the Lord's Supper.

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



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**OPENING PRAYER** *Chris Hobbs*

**HYMN** O come, o come Emmanuel

**SONGS** You spoke to the dust

**BIBLE READINGS** *Dominic Tan*

Isaiah 65:17-25 (*page 752*)

2 Peter 3:11-18 (*page 1224*)

**SERMON** *Andy Martin*

'What kind of people ought we to be?'

**SONG** Joy has dawned upon the world

**PRAYERS** *Christy Fung*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**CONFESSION D**

**SONG** O to see the dawn

**COMMUNION B**

**NEWS**

**SONG** God the uncreated one

**BLESSING**

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What have I learned...

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

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What I have learned?

To praise God for

To confess to God

To ask God for

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

## How should we vote?

Dear Friends,

For some, the question of which candidate to vote for in the upcoming General Election was decided long ago. Others are still wondering which way to cast their vote. I am still not sure myself, although it won't surprise you that I am not going to tell you whom to vote for. However, there are some things we can say with confidence about how we should vote (and these apply also to those among us who for various reasons may not have a vote in this election):

- **We should vote thankfully** – that we are able to choose our leaders, and can be confident that the election will be conducted fairly.
- **We should vote prayerfully** – that we ourselves would know whom to vote for, for the candidates and their families, and for the overall outcome.
- **We should vote trustingly** – that the result is in God's hands, and that nothing can threaten his kingdom.

Finally, it is worth remembering that we are not the first generation of Christians to ask this question! In *The Journal of John Wesley* we find the following good advice: "October 6, 1774. I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them:

1. To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy.
2. To speak no evil of the person they voted against, and
3. To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side."

That final line of advice would be something to pray for ourselves and this nation at this time.

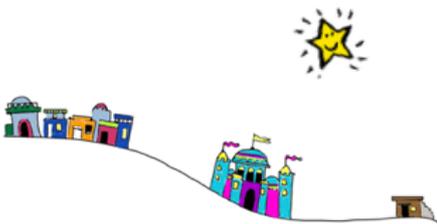
Yours warmly, in Christ,  
Chris Hobbs (Senior Minister)

### **Christmas Advent-ure**

You and your family and friends are invited to our Christmas Advent-ure!

**2 - 4pm, Saturday 7th December at St. Stephen's**

£8 per family group (children must be accompanied by an adult)



Come and see some real nativity animals, eat cake in our Christmas cafe, make some lovely Christmas crafts and follow with star to find the true King of Christmas.

See flier for full details or check with Helen Buckley.

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## Sunday Services

**10am at St Stephen's**, family friendly with activities for children (crèche-Year 5)

**3.30 for 4pm at St Stephen's**, family friendly with activities for children and young people (crèche – Year 9)

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

## This Week

**Sun  
1**

**Cross Section** (Year 10-13) meet from 6-7.30pm at St Stephen's in the Tyndale Room

**Tue  
3**

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

**Prayer Gatherings** – Tuesday morning / Wednesday evening. We will be praying for youth work in Marsabit (Kenya), for our Christmas events and services, for the Day Centre and for the General Election.

**Wed  
4**

**Day Centre** Lunch outing.

**Thu  
5**

**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  
6**

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

**Sat  
7  
Dec**

**Christmas Advent-ure.** 2-4pm. featuring a Bible Story, animals, games, craft and a cafe. Tickets cost £8 for the whole family. See flier for full details or check with Helen Buckley.

## Looking ahead

**Sun  
8  
Dec**

**Prayer Breakfast for Open Doors and persecuted believers**, 8.30 - 9.30 am in Cranmer Room. Please come and join us to pray!

**Cake sale for Open Doors:** some of our young people will be selling cakes after the 10am & 4pm services with funds raised going to Open Doors.

**Fri  
13  
Dec**

## St Stephen's Christmas Craft Evening

Wicker wreath decorating. 7pm. Tickets available from Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov on Church Suite, or from Church Office. Details from Amanda Martin.

**Tue  
14  
Jan**

**Blokes with Books:** Join us at The Country Girl, 8pm, to talk about the book, *United* by Trillia Newbell. All blokes welcome!

**Sun  
15  
Dec**

## Christmas Offering for Open Doors:

This Christmas there will be an opportunity to show our concern for Christian believers facing persecution.

The Christmas Offering will start on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December. A response box will be placed in the foyer. Response envelopes will be available.

## News

### Traditional Carols: change of date and time.

Our Traditional Carols will now take place at 6.30pm on Sun 15 December at St Stephen's. Please note your diaries.

There will not be afternoon or evening services on Sun 22 December.

**Books for Advent:** We have three books for Advent on the bookstall: Repeat the Sounding Joy (£7), The Radiant Dawn (£2) and Bake through the Bible (£7)

**Would you like to invite an international student or two to your home for a meal during the Christmas period?** Or before Christmas, such as for tree decorating, or baking, or tea before the carol service? If so, contact Rachel Hill; more information from Nick Devas. Contact details from office.