



making disciples of Jesus



Welcome to our 10am Service

This morning is an All Age Service where we stay together in Church, asking the question 'What do you really want?' as we continue our studies in Paul's letter to the Romans and hear what he is eager to do (Romans 1:8-15)

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 and the Roseveare Room.

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

Question of the week:



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.

OPENING PRAYER *Chris Hobbs*

HYMN Leaning on the everlasting arms

SONG God speaks

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

BIBLE READINGS *John Williams*

Acts 19:17-22 (page 1115)

Romans 1:8-15 (page 1128)

TALK *Tom Bryant*

What do you really want?

SONG His mercy is more

CONFESSTION

PRAYERS *David Stokes*

ending with the **LORD'S PRAYER**

NEWS

SONG Holy Spirit, breath of God

CLOSING PRAYER

BLESSING



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Welcome to our 6pm Service

This evening we continue our studies in the prophet Isaiah and discover the danger of 'Hiding from reality' (Isaiah 2:5-22) and we will be sharing the Lord's Supper.

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OPENING PRAYER *Chris Hobbs*

SONGS Praise to Christ the Lord incarnate
You spoke to the dust

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

BIBLE READINGS *Dawn Evans*
Isaiah 2:5-22 (page 687)
Revelation 6:1, 9-17 (page 1237)

SERMON *Andy Martin*
Hiding from reality

HYMN When I fear my faith will fail

SONG His mercy is more

PRAYERS *Abigail Embaie*
ending with **The LORD'S PRAYER**

CONFESION

COMMUNION

NEWS

HYMN My hope is built on nothing else

BLESSING

Talk Notes

What do you really want?

Acts 19:17-22

Romans 1:8-15

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)

Sermon Notes

Hiding from reality
Isaiah 2:5-22
Revelation 6:1, 9-17

What I have learned?

To praise God for

To confess to God

To ask God for

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Dear Friends,

Last week we saw that it is God himself who equips us for doing his will (see Hebrews 13:20-21). This week we turn to another ‘equipping’ verse in the New Testament, and we get a clearer picture of how God does the equipping. Writing to his younger ministry colleague Timothy, Paul reminds him that, “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

So, how does God equip us for every good work? It is through his own God-breathed Scriptures, as we allow ourselves to be ‘taught’ what we do not yet know or need reminding of, to be ‘rebuked’ for where we have gone astray in our thinking or living, to be ‘corrected’ and brought back into the right way, and so to be ‘trained’ to walk in the way of righteousness. Only God can do that for us, and only the Scriptures will do that.

That means that we will be at a serious disadvantage in trying to please God, to do his will and to do ‘every good work’ if we do not know our Bibles. It is through reading the Bible that we come to know God: what he’s like, what he’s doing in the world, how he sees the world, and what he wants from us.

Yours warmly, in Christ,
Chris Hobbs (Senior 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 Wednesdays

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

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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

**Tue
4**

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

**4 / 5
Feb**

Prayer Gatherings. Tue 9.30-11.15am (crèche provided) & Wed 7.30pm for refreshments, 8-9.30pm.

We will be praying for our evangelism, John & Ruth McNeill and UoBCU Events Week.

**Wed
5**

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

**Thu
6**

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

**Fri
7**

Explorers (Year 2-5) from 6-7pm
Pathfinders (Year 6-9) from 6-7.30pm

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

**Sat
8
Feb**

Dads' Stay & Play. 10-11.30am, baby and toddler group for Dads. Coffee and bacon butties included.

Looking Ahead

**Tue
11
Feb**

'Just for Starters' begins, 8-9pm (refreshments from 7.45pm). Seven foundational Bible studies. For full details see flyer in foyer.

**Thu
20
Feb**

BDEF meeting, 7.30-9.00pm (refreshments from 7pm) 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
07
Mar**

Growing Young Disciples event: 9.15-4.30pm, Cornerstone Church, Nottingham NG7 1FP. Aimed at training and encouraging all those involved in children and youth work in the church. For more information go to www.mgpyouthandchildren.org or contact Parish Office. Early Bird rate available until the end of next week: £10 or £15 if booked after.

**Sat
21
Mar**

Marriage Day: 'A Day Together' - a seminar for couples to invest in their relationship. 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.

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.

Can you help make Jesus 'Known' in early February? From 3rd-7th February, the Christian Union at UoB have a week of events ('Known'), giving students the life-changing opportunity to hear the gospel. Currently, they have a significant financial shortfall, needing to raise around £15,000 to put the week on. To partner with the CU in giving towards this, please follow the link: tinyurl.com/knownbrum

Women Book Club is now reading 'Is this it?' by Rachel Jones. Please contact Elizabeth Barry if you would like to join the Whatsapp group or just want to know more about the club. Contact details are available from the Parish Office.