

This Week

TONIGHT	No Cross-section
Tue 4 Apr	Prayer Gathering. 10.00 – 11:30am. Crèche provided.
Wed 5 Apr	Day Centre 10am – 3pm (for older people) Prayer Gathering. 8.00 - 9.30pm. Refreshments 7.30 – 7.55pm.
Thu 6 Apr	Explorers (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm. Club 114 (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm. 3,2,1. 8.15-9.15pm with refreshments at 7.45pm.
Fri 7 Apr	Stay and Play Easter Party (baby and toddler group) 10.00 – 11.30am.

Looking Ahead

**Sun
9 Apr** **10.00am Morning service with Holy Communion.** Revolutionary love. Luke 14:1-14. Andy Martin.

6.00pm Evening service
And another thing... Proverbs 30:1-33
Chris Hobbs.

**Thu
13 Apr** **Church family meal**
6.45 for 7pm.
Please sign up in the foyer (to come, to bring food, to help) by 9th April at latest.

**Fri
14 Apr** **Good Friday.**
All Age Service, 10.00am. "What's so good about Good Friday?"
Quiet Reflection, 11.30am.
"Christ Crucified: God's foolish wisdom"

Looking Ahead

**Sat
15 Apr** **Church Family Walk**, 2pm, at Waseley Hills Country Park. Further info in the foyer.

**Sun
16 Apr** **Easter Sunday.**
All Age Celebration with Holy Communion, 10.00am.

News and Requests

Electoral Roll. Please complete a form and return it to the Parish Office TODAY.

Nominations for Church Council. We are looking for 2 people to serve as churchwardens, 3 as PCC members and 4 as Deanery Synod representatives. Please be thinking and praying who this should be, and make nominations on the notice board. See flyer for further details.

Sunday Club leaders please pick up your folder (in the pigeon holes) with next term's material "The King of God's Kingdom".

Confirmation. There will be a Confirmation service at St Stephen's on Sunday 11 Jun, 6.00pm, led by Bishop Maurice Sinclair. Please speak to Chris Hobbs if you are interested in being confirmed (or baptised). There will be a short preparation course.

Cake-Bakers and Soup-servers needed for the city-centre Churches' Soup Run. One Thursday evening each month, we help serve food and drink. Contact Chris Stonehouse to help serve (3 – 4 times a year) or make cakes.

The **Real Easter Egg** is the first and only Fairtrade chocolate Easter egg to share the Easter story. Meaningful Chocolate Company is owned by Christians and they support various charities from their profits. All eggs available online at www.realeasteregg.co.uk.



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

2nd April 2017

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

10.00am Morning Service

Is Christianity exclusive?
Luke 13:22 – 35 (*Andy Martin*)

6.00pm Evening Service with Holy Communion

The hand of God
Proverbs 16:1 – 15 (*Chris Hobbs*)

Children will go to their activities part way through the service:
Creche leaves through the foyer to go to their room.
Sunday Club: Scramblers, Climbers and **Explorers** leave through the Hudson-Taylor Room at the front of church.

This week in **Sunday Club** we are looking at the Easter story and having some Easter fun!
Club 114 is not meeting today, due to Youth Weekend Away.

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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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

**Is Christianity exclusive?
Luke 13:22-35**

Is Christianity exclusive? (22-23)

1. Yes: God will reject some people (24-28)

2. No: God will welcome millions from all over the world (29-30)

3. How you respond to Jesus is the key (31-35)

What about you? (24)

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

OPENING PRAYER *Chris Hobbs*

HYMN Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty

SONG Come praise and glorify

CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and broken your laws. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit enable us to live for you and to please you more and more, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

BIBLE READING *Read together*
Psalm 118 (page 616)

SONG I'm following the King

NEWS

after which children leave for their activities

SONG O great God

BIBLE READING *Diana Knott*
Luke 13:22-35 (page 1047)

This is the word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God

Morning Service

SERMON Is Christianity exclusive?

Andy Martin

THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS *Elizabeth Barry*

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.

HYMN At the name of Jesus

CLOSING PRAYER

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

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Proverbs 16:1-15

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Evening Service

OPENING PRAYER *Andy Martin*

HYMN O God beyond all praising

SONG Blessed be your name

CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

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PRAYERS *Mark Johnston*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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SONG

Speak O Lord

BIBLE READINGS *Jeanne Glenn*

Proverbs 16:1-15 (page 650)

1 Corinthians 2:4-16 (page 1145)

This is the word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God

SERMON The hand of God *Chris Hobbs*

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG

The mystery of the cross

COMMUNION (*see insert*)

NEWS

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HYMN

The Lord's my shepherd

CLOSING PRAYER

Be with us, Lord, as we go out into the world: 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 in every part be always pleasing in your sight, for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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