

Sunday 2nd September



Welcome to our 10.00am Service

Helen Buckley will be telling us all they learnt at Holiday Club this week and we will be staying together as one church family.

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 a **Crèche (for under 3's)** in the Cranmer Room.



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 *Chris Hobbs*

BIBLE READING *read together*
Psalm 148 (page 633)

HYMN To God be the glory

SLIDE SHOW

GAME

SONG God made everything
Our God is a great big God

BIBLE READING *Pippa Nicolson*
Philippians 2:5-11 (page 1179)

TALK *Helen Buckley*
Out of this World

SONG God showed us His love

MEMORY VERSE

PRAYERS *Jem Huggins*
ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

NEWS

SONG There is a redeemer
Please collect your child from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

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Welcome to our 6.30pm Service

Maurice Sinclair will be speaking on 'With God, victory' (Psalm 60)

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OPENING PRAYER *Chris Hobbs*

SONGS I heard an old, old story
You have called us out of darkest night

CONFESSION

THANKSGIVING

BIBLE READINGS *Dawn Evans*

2 Samuel 8:1-14 (page 312)

Psalm 60 (page 578)

SERMON *Maurice Sinclair*

With God, victory

SONG God's saints of old

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

SONG Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice

COMMUNION

NEWS

SONG O Church arise

CLOSING PRAYER

Holiday Club Service
Out of this World

What I have learned

- to praise God for

- to confess to God

- to ask God for

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The Arrogance of Unbelief

Dear Friends,

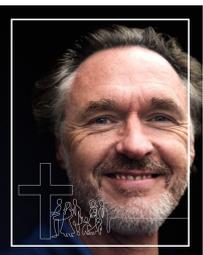
"I don't understand how you can think you have a monopoly on the truth. How dare you claim that? It's sheer arrogance!" Have you heard something like that? Maybe you've been accused in similar terms? The thought is that it is arrogant to be sure of what we believe, and even more arrogant to suggest that someone else is wrong in what they believe.

There is of course some force to the accusation. If the best each of us can do is to make our own assessment of what is true, then we are bound to have at best a partial grasp of the truth, and at worst a hugely distorted version of it. Either way, we can have no real certainty, and then it is indeed arrogant to assert that 'we know' while others don't know.

If however there is a God who created the world and us, and this God has revealed himself to us, then that changes everything. That is precisely the Christian claim, for example in Hebrews 1:1-2, that "In the past God spoke ... at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son". If the best we have is human investigation, then it is arrogant to claim that my investigation is better than yours. But if there is divine revelation it changes everything. Who is now arrogant? Surely it is those who ignore what God has said and dare to think they know better?

Your brother in Christ,
Chris Hobbs (Senior Minister/Vicar)

#MeettheFamily (more on Facebook and Instagram)



John is a Belfast boy who is living with the vikings in Denmark, making Jesus known is his passion and career, he now has more grandchildren than children and he's a follower of Jesus.

He was introduced to Jesus as a teen at school and has been following Him ever since. He sees his life as an adventure with Jesus, who leads the way as the captain, and as he gets older he sees the need to take greater risks for God, because His grace rocks and is more than enough.

If you don't have an account with Facebook or Instagram you can see what we get up to by looking at the bottom of our homepage: www.sssw.org.uk

Speak to Jem Huggins if you'd like to be featured.

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Sundays at St Stephens

10am service, for all ages with activities for children (crèche to year 6)

6.30pm service, more relaxed and informal.

The 4pm service will return on Sun 9 Sept

This Week

**Wed
5**

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

Prayer Gathering. 7.30pm for refreshments,
8-9.30pm at Church.

**Sun
9**

The 4pm service is back!

There will be a **Church Family
Afternoon Tea** from 3pm-4pm. All
welcome, whichever service you plan
going to!

*Our term-time children's and youth
activities start back next week.*

*We have weekly Fellowship Groups in term
time. Speak to Chris Hobbs to find out more.*

Looking Ahead

**Sep
10**

The Word 121 equipping evening.
7.30-9.30pm Monyhull Church, St
Francis Dr, B30 3PS. (refreshments
from 7.00pm). The Word 121 is a

brilliant way to start reading the Bible with
your not-yet-Christian friend. It allows the
Gospel (of John) to tell the good news. This
evening will be a great chance to learn how to
use this great resource.

**Sep 10
& 11**

**Student Cap Money course, 3:45-
6:00pm** at
Get your finances sorted right from
the start with this brilliant budgeting course.
There is a cost of £2 for the coursebook.
Please let Helen Hobbs know if you'd like to
come,

**Sep
17**

Women's Book Group are meeting to
discuss 'None Like Him' by Jen Wilkin,
speak to Chris Stonehouse or Elizabeth
Barry for more information.

**Oct
5-7**

Youth Weekend Away. At the Gaines.
For anyone in senior school. £75 per
person, with an earlybird rate of £70 if
paid by Sept 16. Speak to Tom if you'd like to
know more about the cost. Deadline for signing
up is Sept 23. Leaflets in the information rack.

**Oct
13**

Midlands Women's Convention
Renewal Conference Centre, Solihull.
'Now I See', John 9.

**Nov
3**

Midlands Men's Convention.
Cornerstone Church, Nottingham.
'Unashamed. The Gospel: The better
story.'

Look out for more details on both conventions
in the next few weeks.

News and Requests

The Vine Project. Would you like to be part a
team considering how to 'shape the whole
culture of our church in the direction of
disciple-making'? We'll be meeting on
Wednesday evenings for most of the coming
year. If so, please speak to Chris Hobbs
(quickly!) – we start on Wed 12 Sept.

Christian Institute Annual Review and
Newsletters are available at the bookstall.
Please help yourself!