

## This Week

Tue  
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Tuesday Morning Mums (with crèche provided) 10.00-11.30am

Wed  
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**Vision Evening.** 7pm at Church for dinner, 8-9.30pm for the Vision Meeting. If you'd like to come for the meal sign up at the back of church **today**.

Thu  
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Explorers (Y2-6) 6.00-7.00pm  
Club114 (Y7-9) 6.30-8.00pm

**Identity starts.** 8.00-9.30pm at 18 Selly Wick Road. A series of evenings providing the chance to clear up the confusion about who we are and who God is. Details from Chris Hobbs,

Fri  
7

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

**Musicians' social and rehearsal.** 7-9pm in the Cranmer Room, including food. For everyone involved in church music or for those interested in getting involved. Speak to Allan Ooi ([allan.ooi@live.co.uk](mailto:allan.ooi@live.co.uk)) for more details.

**The Bolivians are coming!** 8.00pm at Open invitation to meet Maurice and Gill's guests.

Sun  
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Morning Service. 10.00am  
'In the beginning God' (Genesis 1:1-2)  
Chris Hobbs

Evening Service. 6.00pm  
'It is God's gospel' (Galatians 1:11-2:10)  
Andy Martin

Cross-section (Y10-13) 7.45pm-9.00pm  
Rooted (Students) 7.45pm-9.30pm

## Looking Ahead

Sat  
15 Oct

**Autumn Church Family Walk,** starting at 2pm. It is a 3 mile flat walk starting at Baddesley

Clinton (National Trust property near Solihull), further information will be available on the Information Table.

Sat  
22 Oct

**Midlands Women's Convention,** Solihull, starting at 10.00am. Let Helen Hobbs

know if you'd like to go so that we can do a group booking.

Sat  
5 Nov

**Midlands Men's Convention,** Nottingham, starting at 10.00am. Let Rob Davies

know if you'd like to go so that we can do a group booking.

## News and Requests

Special welcome to you if you are a **student**. Please find Andy Martin for more details about Rooted, our student group, and for an invitation to lunch.

Thanks for helping the **fire practice** last Sunday run so smoothly! Feedback would be welcome to the Parish Office.

**Fellowship Groups.** If you would like to join a group when they restart on 12 Oct, and haven't already been in one, please speak to Chris Hobbs.

In November the **Women's Book Club** are meeting to discuss 'Instruments in the Redeemer's hands'. Speak to Elizabeth Barry or Chris Stonehouse for more details.

Eman is **looking for a homestay** for the year. If you can help her, [emanemanuel730@gmail.com](mailto:emanemanuel730@gmail.com).



## 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2016

taking Jesus seriously,  
taking the Bible seriously

### 10.00am Morning Service for All Ages

'Harvest Sunday' (Matthew 9:35-38)  
Chris Hobbs

### 6.00pm Evening Service with Holy Communion

'There is only one gospel' (Galatians 1:1-10) Andy Martin

**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 in the foyer.

**Toilets** are in the foyer and upstairs; baby-changing facilities are in the disabled toilets.

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ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

## 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 this tear-off slip overleaf and give it to one of the staff or welcome team, or place it in the Gifts Box at the back of church, to let us know who you are. We will get in touch with you shortly to help you feel at home quickly. Please also help yourself to a Welcome Booklet from the Information Table.

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

## Talk Notes Harvest Sunday

Sheep need a shepherd (v36)

The harvest needs workers (v37-38)

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

## Morning Service

OPENING PRAYER *(Andy Martin)*

HYMN We plough the fields and scatter  
*Please bring your harvest gifts to the front*

VIDEO *Eric says thanks*

### CONFESSION

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.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

SONG Give thanks to the Lord

BIBLE READINGS *(John Williams)*

Psalm 23 (page 555),

Matthew 9:35-38 (page 974)

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

TALK Harvest Sunday *(Chris Hobbs)*

SONG Clap your hands

PRAYERS *(Rob Davies)*

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

HYMN Creation sings

*Please collect your child from crèche*

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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**Sermon Notes**

**There is only one gospel**  
Galatians 1:1-9

Gospel = good news

1. Paul has the right to tell us the gospel (1)

2. The gospel is all about what God did (1-5)

Who we are

What Jesus did

What God the Father did

Why

3. There's no other gospel (6-9)

A different gospel means no Christ

A different gospel means no gospel

A different gospel means condemnation

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**Evening Service**

OPENING PRAYER *(Chris Hobbs)*

HYMN To God be the glory

SONG Through all life's sorrows and  
despairs

BIBLE READINGS *(Dawn Evans)*

Acts 13:13-52 (page 1107),

Galatians 1:1-9 (page 1168)

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

SERMON There is only one gospel

*(Andy Martin)*

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG Our only hope is you

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PRAYERS *(Mark Fox)*

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.**

SONG See him Jerusalem

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.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

COMMUNION *see insert*

INTERVIEW *with Jonathan Burton*

NEWS

SONG There is no other name

CLOSING PRAYER

**To him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and for evermore. Amen.**