

This Week

Sun
3

Acoustic Carols by Candlelight, 6.00pm, followed by Christmas nibbles and mulled wine.

Tue
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Prayer Gathering. 10-11:30am. (Crèche Provided)
CAP prayer meeting. 7.45pm

Wed
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Day Centre (for older people) 10am – 2.30pm
Prayer Gathering. 8-9:30pm, (7.30pm for refreshments)

Thu
7

Cross-Section Bible Study (Y10-13) 4.30-5.30pm
Explorers (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm
Club 114 (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm

Fri
8

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

Sat
9

Christmas Adventure. 2-4pm. Fun for all the family – with real life nativity animals! Tickets (£5) available from Helen Buckley.

Sun
10

The Bishop of Birmingham, David Urquhart, will be preaching and staying for a Church Family Lunch.
Cross-Section (Y10-13) 7:45-9.00pm

*There are weekly **Fellowship Groups**, on Tuesday Mornings and Wednesday evenings. Speak to a member of the staff team to find out more.*

Looking Ahead

Tue 12
Dec

Carols with Samuel Thornhill. From 7pm, starting singing at 7:15, followed by coffee and cake. Volunteers to set up chairs and bring cake very welcome. Speak to Elizabeth Barry if you plan to attend.

Sat 20
Jan

Compelled by Love. 10am-3pm. This day conference is all about cultivating a heart for the lost, and very much part of our 'Going for Growth' plans. Flyers in the foyer.

News and Requests

Wanted: Ministry Trainees, Sep 2018-Aug 2019. Spend a year serving the church and learning gospel ministry. You don't have to be a student to apply! Details from Chris Hobbs/Parish Office.

Bookstall. Four great books on the Reformation – what happened and why it matters – something for every age/stage. Plus other great titles. Buy yours today!

Christmas invitations. Please help yourself to Christmas invitations to give to friends, family, neighbours, colleagues for Christmas services and events.

Can you help? For the Christmas Adventure we need A TV with a DVD player, any odds and ends of unused envelopes and writing paper. Speak to Helen Buckley.

Night Shelter. Please sign up to volunteer for the shelter running for 6 weeks on Fri night & Sat morning starting on 5 Jan. Sign up forms are at the back of church, please get them in asap.
ststephensnightshelter@gmail.com

Table free to a good home. Table with drawers (currently in the Whitefield Room) is free to anyone who can take it. Let Jem Huggins know if you're interested.

Thanks to all who came to the Suffering Church Sunday lunch. We were able to give £50 to Open Doors from the contributions. Another chance to give to Open Doors with the Christmas collection.



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

3rd December 2017

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

10.00am Morning Service

The man who thought he was good
Luke 18:15-30 *Andy Martin*

6.00pm Acoustic Carols by Candlelight

Chris Hobbs

Children and young people will go to their activities part way through the service:

Crèche and Club114 leave through the foyer.

Sunday Club: (Scramblers, Climbers and Explorers) leave through the Hudson-Taylor room at the front of church.

This morning in Sunday Club we will be looking at Luke 1: 26 - 45, God's gift to Mary. We will see that Jesus is the forever King.

Club114 will be learning about the Man who thought he was good from Luke 18. We will be thinking about how God the father has made it possible to enter His kingdom through God the Son.

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:
The man who thought he was good
Luke 18:15-30

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

Morning Service

OPENING PRAYER *Chris Porter*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

HYMN Lo! He comes with clouds descending

SONG He's our rescuer

CONFESSION

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG All through history

NEWS

Children and young people leave for their activities

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SONG Oh my soul, arise and bless your maker

PRAYERS *David Twiss*

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.

BIBLE READING *Amanda Martin*

Job 42:1-17 (page 542)

Luke 18:15-30 (page 1052)

SERMON *Andy Martin*

The man who thought he was good

HYMN From the squalor of a borrowed stable

Please collect your child(ren) from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

Please stay on for tea/coffee and biscuits.