

This Week

Sun
4

World Mission Sunday. Join us for an extended coffee/tea (and cake!) time after both morning and afternoon services, when John & Ruth McNeill will be answering questions about how we can all be engaged in world mission. Do you have a question you've always wanted to ask a missionary? Well now's the chance!

Cross Section (Y10-13)

5.30 – 7.00pm, toasties included
Rooted (Student group)
8:00-9:15pm, food included

Mon
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Women's book club, 8pm. Virtually Human, by E Brooks & P Nicholas. Speak to E.Barry and C.Stonehouse to find out more.

Tue
6

Prayer Gathering, 10-11:30am (crèche provided)

Wed
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Day Centre (for older people) 10am – 2.30pm
Prayer Gathering, 7.30 for refreshments, 8-9.30pm

Thu
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Cross Section Bible Study (Y10-13) 4.30-5.30pm
Explorers (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm
Club114 (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm

Fri
9

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

Food for Thought. 7.30pm. 'The pursuit of Happiness.' Dinner and a thought-provoking talk, with time for questions. Tickets available at the back of church.

Sat
10

Dad's Stay and Play, 10-11:30am

There are weekly **Fellowship Group**. Speak to a member of the staff team to find out more.

Looking Ahead

Sun 18
Mar

Daniel Odhiambo will be at church with us. He is our Associate Mission Partner out in Marsabit, North Kenya. Andy and Amanda will be hosting a lunch for him on Sunday: if you would like to join them for lunch to meet Daniel and hear more from him then please let them know.

Tue 27
Mar

Afternoon Tea at the Vicarage, 3.30pm, for those retired and beyond. RSVP:

News and Requests

Wanted: Ministry Trainees, Sep 2018-Aug

2019. Spend a year serving the church and learning gospel ministry. Details from Chris Hobbs/Parish Office.

Welcome Ministries and Children's Team

are still looking for new people to join their teams. Could this be you? Contact the office or speak to a member of staff if so.

Having a half term clear out? We're looking for Orchard **toy board games** for Scramblers and Climbers. (Please check they are complete). We'd also like some **toy cars and dressing dolls**. Please speak to Helen Buckley.

Giving Response. Please return responses to the Giving Letter **today**, even if it is to say 'no change'. There are spare letters on the bookstall.

New service rotas are in the pigeon holes. Please pick yours up if you haven't already, and speak to a staff member if you'd like to be involved in serving on a Sunday.

4th March 2018

making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ

World Mission Sunday

10.00am Morning Service

Lost sons
Luke 15:11-32 *John McNeill*

4.00pm Afternoon Service

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6.30pm Holy Communion

Lost Missionary
Acts 13:1-13, 15:36-41 *John McNeill*

Children at the 10am and 4pm will go to their activities part way through both the 10am and 4pm service:

Crèche (under 3's) leave through the foyer.
Sunday Club (3-10): (**Scramblers, Climbers** and **Explorers**) leave through the Hudson-Taylor room at the front of church.

Today in Sunday Club we will be thinking about World Mission. We will be finding out about some of our Mission Partners and praying for them. Look out for our take-home prayer cards!
Club114 at the 4pm (11-14) also leave through the **Hudson-Taylor room** at the front of church. Today they will be talking to a real-life missionary.

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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Assistant Minister: Andy Martin

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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 at the back of church. We will get in touch with you shortly. Please also help yourself to a Welcome Booklet from the display in the Foyer.

Name/s

Sermon Notes:
Lost sons

Luke 15:11-32

Address

Phone

Email

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- Giving to the church
- Other

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Morning Service

CONFESION

Almighty God, Creator of all. You marvelously made us in your image; but we have rebelled against you, by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbours. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and truly repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the death of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYERS *Elizabeth Barry*
ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
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bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those
who sin against us. Lead us not into
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Please collect your child from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER
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*Please stay on for tea/coffee, cakes and
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OPENING PRAYER *Andy Martin*

SONG All creatures of our God and King

INTERVIEW with the McNeill's

COMMISSIONING of Lyn McNeill

See insert or screen

SONG Sing Jesus ' name

NEWS

Children leave for their activities

SONG There is no other name

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

BIBLE READING *Ian Butler*

Psalm 24 (page 555)

Luke 15:11-32 (page 1049)

SERMON *John McNeill*

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Afternoon Service

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Evening Service

SERMON *John McNeill*

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INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG How deep the Father's love for us

COMMUNION see insert

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYERS *Nick Devas*

INTERVIEW with John, Ruth and Lyn McNeill

NEWS

SONGS Who, O Lord, could save themselves
There is a Redeemer

BIBLE READINGS *Dawn Evans*

Acts 13:1-13, 15:36-41 (page 1107, 1110)

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Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

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