

## This Week

TODAY

**Evening service**, 6.00pm.  
Sacrifice and service: Can you afford it? (Luke 14:25-35)

**Cross Section social** (Y10-13)  
7.45pm-9.00pm

Tue  
6 Jun

**Prayer Gathering**, 10.00-11:30am.  
Crèche provided.

**Women's Tea and Cake Evening** at Boston Tea Party, 7.30pm. All women welcome! Speak to Sarah Underwood or Jem Huggins for more info, and sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

Wed  
7 Jun

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

**Prayer Gathering** 8.00 - 9.30pm.  
Refreshments 7.30 – 7.55pm.

Thu  
8 Jun

**The World We All Want**  
8.00 – 9.30pm.

**Explorers** (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm  
**Club 114** (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm  
'Real Change', 8.00 – 9.30pm.

Fri  
9 Jun

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

## Looking Ahead

Sun  
11 Jun

**Service of Baptism & Confirmation**, 6.00pm, led by Bishop Maurice Sinclair. Please come and celebrate with the nine candidates.

Mon  
12 Jun

**Marriage MOT** 7.45 for 8.00-9.30pm. Marriage in the service of God, especially in juggling responsibilities like family, work and church. A mixture of talk, interview and discussion in couples. For anyone who is, or about to be, married. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer to give us an idea of numbers.

Fri  
23 Jun

**Music rehearsal and social**, 7.00-9.00pm. For all church musicians and anyone interested in getting involved with music ministry. Speak to Allan Ooi for details.

Sat  
1 Jul

**Church Family BBQ**, early evening at the vicarage. Save the date!

Mon  
3 Jul

**Women's Book Group** will meet to discuss the book 'Radical' by David Platt. All women welcome. Speak to Elizabeth Barry or Chris Stonehouse for more info.

## News and Requests

**Mark and Alice Johnston had a baby girl** on 25<sup>th</sup> May, Aoife Winnie Johnston, weighing 7lb13oz. Huge congratulations from us all!

**Church photocopier:** if you haven't yet worked out how to use the new copier, please do make yourself known to the office so we can give you your new code and show you how it works!

## Book of the Term:

'**A Better Story: God, Sex & Human Flourishing**', Glynn Harrison. Only £7 –. What the Bible says and why it is good. A wonderful book. Order it from [10ofthose.com](http://10ofthose.com)!



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## 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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

## 10.00am Morning Service for All Ages

The one about the honey and the lion  
Judges 14 *Helen Buckley*

## 6.00pm Evening Service with Holy Communion

Sacrifice and Service: Can you afford it?  
Luke 14:25-35 *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.

**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 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 one about the honey and the lion**  
Judges 14

**OPENING PRAYER** *Andy Martin*

**HYMN** Amazing Grace

**THANKSGIVING FOR SARAH GREEN**  
(see insert)

**SONG** Solomon was a young man

**GAME**

**BIBLE READING**  
Judges 14:1-20 (page 257)  
This is the word of the Lord;  
**Thanks be to God**

**TALK** *Helen Buckley*  
The one about the honey and the lion

**SONG** Holy Spirit, living breath of God

**CONFESSION**  
If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
**If we confess our sin, God is faithful and just; he will forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.**  
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.**  
**Heavenly Father, we thank you that you forgive all who truly turn to you. May your Holy Spirit give us strength to love and serve you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**PRAYERS** *Chris Porter*  
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.**

**NEWS**

**SONG** O church arise  
*Please collect your child(ren) from crèche*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

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

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

Name/s

Sermon Notes  
Sacrifice and Service: Can you afford it?  
Luke 14:25-35

Address

1. Christians put Jesus before family (v26)

Phone

2. Christians put Jesus before themselves (v26-27)

Email

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3. Christians put Jesus before things (v33)

Can you afford it? (v28-32)

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OPENING PRAYER *Helen Buckley*

SONGS Give thanks to the Lord  
When I fear my faith will fail

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

PRAYERS *Alex Luckwell*

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SONG Speak, O Lord

BIBLE READINGS *Paul Coley*  
Deuteronomy 33:1-29 (page 213)  
Luke 14:25-35 (page 1048)  
This is the word of the Lord;  
Thanks be to God

SERMON *Andy Martin*  
Sacrifice and Service: Can you afford it?

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG What a fearful scene

COMMUNION (see insert)

NEWS

SONG What grace is mine

CLOSING PRAYER

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