

## This Week

TONIGHT

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

Tue  
7 Mar

**Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study**, 10.00-11:30am.  
Crèche provided.

Wed  
8 Mar

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

Thu  
9 Mar

**Explorers (Y2-6)** 6.00 – 7.00pm  
**Club 114 (Y7-9)** 6.30 – 8.00pm

**Living Out**, Elim Church Selly Oak,  
7.30-9.30pm:

**Sam Alberry** from Living Out will be helping students and Christians from a number of local churches understand what the Bible teaches about same-sex attraction, with opportunities for questions. He will explain how we can live for Jesus through this and help us articulate what the Bible says to friends in a way that is compelling and attractive. Ages 16-30 welcome.

Fri  
10 Mar

**Prayer Meeting for 'Story'**,  
7.30-8.00am, Cranmer Room.  
**Stay and Play** (baby and toddler group) 10.00am-11.30am

## Looking Ahead

10-12  
Mar

**Rooted Student Weekend Away**,  
See Andy Martin for more details.

Sun 12  
Mar

**Church Family Lunch** straight  
after the morning service.  
Please stay and eat with us!



Story: What's yours?

Mar 16-19



**Thu 16<sup>th</sup>:**

7.30pm - Men's Curry Night

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup>:**

10am - Stay & Play

7pm - Pizza & Movie

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup>:**

10am - Ladies Brunch

10am - Dads' Stay & Play (Bacon Butties)

3pm - Love is... Concert

5.30pm - Pancakes & Pandemonium  
(7-14 yrs)

7.30pm - Classical Dinner

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup>:**

10am - Morning Service

6pm - Café Church

Please pick up a flyer on the Information Table for more info on events. Tickets can also be reserved or purchased from the foyer.

## News and Requests

**Maurice Sinclair is in Bolivia** with Bishop David Urquhart. Please continue to pray for them.

**Women's Book Group** will meet on 8<sup>th</sup> May to discuss 'Out of the Black Shadows'. Newcomers welcome! Speak to Elizabeth Barry or Chris Stonehouse for more details.



5<sup>th</sup> March 2017

making and maturing  
disciples of Jesus Christ

**10.00am Morning Service  
for All Ages**

Christ, the Divider – *Helen Buckley*  
*Luke 12:49-59*

**6.00pm Evening Service  
with Holy Communion**

A fatal attraction - *Chris Hobbs*  
*Proverbs 5:1-23*

**Refreshments** are served after the services.

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

**Senior Minister (Vicar):** Chris Hobbs

**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

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

Christ, the Divider  
Luke 12:49-59

Missed a sermon recently?  
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**OPENING PRAYER** *Chris Hobbs*

**HYMN** Sing to God new songs of worship

**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**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**SONG** He's the King of kings

**Morning Service**

**BIBLE READINGS** *Amanda Martin*

Micah 7:1-7 (page 935)

Luke 12:49-59 (page 1046)

This is the word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God**

**TALK** Christ, the Divider *Helen Buckley*

**SONG** Bless the Lord O my soul

**PRAYERS** *Explorers*

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** You're the Lion of Judah

**CLOSING PRAYER**

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

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Sermon Notes

A fatal attraction  
Proverbs 5:1-23

1. Listen to this (v1-6)

2 Sex outside marriage will lead to disaster  
(v7-14)

3. Sex within marriage is to be a delight  
(v15-20)

4. The Lord is watching (v21-23)

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## Evening Service

**OPENING PRAYER** *Andy Martin*

### SONGS

Early morning, break of dawn  
Holy Father, rich in mercy

**BIBLE READINGS** *Melanie Britton*

Proverbs 5:1-23 (page 639)

1 John 2:15-17 (page 1226)

This is the word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God**

**SERMON** A fatal attraction *Chris Hobbs*

### INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

**SONG** God of grace, amazing wonder

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### PRAYERS

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**SONG** How deep the Father's love for us

### 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)

### NEWS

**HYMN** My hope is built on nothing less

### BLESSING

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