

This Week

Tue 7 **Prayer Gathering.** 10-11:30am

CAP Money Course continues, 7.00-9.00pm at St Stephen's.

Wed 8 **Day Centre** (for older people) 10am – 2.30pm

Prayer Gathering. 7.30 for refreshments, 8-9.30pm

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

Fri 10 **Stay and Play** (baby and toddler group) 10.00am – 11.30am

Church Family Weekend Away. Booklets are available in the foyer. Please let the office know if you'll arrive after 7pm so that we can cater for you.

Sun 12 **Remembrance Sunday.** There will not be a morning service, but there will be an Act of Remembrance during the 6.00pm service.

*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

Sun 19 Nov **Suffering Church Sunday.** Church family lunch - followed by (1 - 2 pm) a presentation from Open Doors Activities for children also provided.

Fri 1 Dec **Christmas Craft Evening.** Tickets available from Jem Huggins. (£10, incl ring, bling & refreshments.

Mon 8 Jan

Women's Book Group. "The Life You Never Expected" by Andrew & Rachel Wilson. All women welcome. Speak to Chris Stonehouse or Elizabeth Barry for more information.

Sat 13 Jan

Church Family Walk (in the afternoon). More details to follow. Sadly there isn't an autumn walk outside of the Weekend Away.

News and Requests

We are updating the **Church Family Address Book and Prayer Guide.** To comply with data protection we need your permission for your details to be in the book. This means you have to opt in by filling out the yellow card and returning it to us. If you don't return the form we will include you by name, but list no other details for you.

If you are new to church, or are not yet in the book, please fill out a form so that church family can pray for and contact you. **The deadline for the forms is Sun 19 Nov.**

Books will be available in December, and they will be for those who are in the book. We would also love to include as many photos as possible, please send these to: jem.huggins@sssw.org.uk

Stay and Play are looking for some extra help... could that be you? Date needed is: 10 Nov. Speak to Helen Buckley.

Day Centre requires help with washing up between 12.45 - 1.45 on a Wed, approx once per month from the beginning of Nov. Please see Jean Phillips if you can help.

Needed: donations of plain white pillowcases/ cushion covers for club 114? If you have any please let Imogen know. An old mobile phone for a CAP client? Speak to Nick Devas if you have one.



5th November 2017

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

10.00am Morning Service for All Ages

The woman who kept praying
Luke 17:20-18:8 Helen Buckley

6.00pm Evening Service with Holy Communion

Taught by grace
Titus 2:11-15 Chris Hobbs

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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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:

Talk

OPENING PRAYER *Tom Bryant*

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we humbly thank you for all your gifts so freely given: for life and health and safety, for work and rest and friendship, and for the wonder of creation. Above all, we praise you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ, for his death and resurrection, for your life-giving Spirit and the hope of sharing in your glory. Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG Creation sings

during which we bring our toys up to the front of church

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;

All Father forgive us, save us and help us.

For behaving just as we want to without thinking of you;

All Father forgive us, save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do and think and say;

All Father forgive us, save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;

All Father forgive us, save us and help us.

In your great love for us, and because Jesus died for our sins;

All 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.

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.

PRAYERS *Rob Davies*

INTERVIEW with Lyn McNeill

SONG It's a light and a hammer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

BIBLE READING *Helen Hobbs*

Luke 17:20-18:8 (page 1051)

TALK *Helen Buckley*

The woman who kept praying

SONG Our God is a great big God

NEWS

SONG What a friend we have in Jesus
Please collect your child(ren) from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

Be with us, Lord, as we go out into the world: may the lips that have sung your praises always speak the truth; may the ears which have heard your word listen only to what is good; and may our lives in every part be always pleasing in your sight, for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stay on for tea/coffee and biscuits.

Missed a sermon recently?

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Sermon Notes:

Taught by grace

Titus 2:11-15

This needs to be taught (v15), and received:

• **God's grace has appeared, bringing salvation (v11-12)**

• **God's glory will appear, bringing our Saviour (v13-14)**

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Evening Service

OPENING PRAYER *Andy Martin*

Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONGS Crown him with many crowns
Up to the hill of Calvary

BIBLE READING *Gemma Bowes*

Exodus 19:1-8 (page 76)
Titus 2:11-15 (page 1199)

SERMON *Chris Hobbs*

Taught by grace

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONGS See the man

CONFESSION

Almighty God, you graciously sent your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to redeem us by his death on the cross and to make us a people of your very own. But we confess that we often forget your grace, say 'yes' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and live wickedly and selfishly. We often see doing good as a chore and not a joy. Have mercy on us and, for the sake of your Son who died to redeem us, forgive us, wash us and renew us. Transform us by your Spirit to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS *Andrew Quaintance*

INTERVIEW with Lyn McNeill

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SONG O to see the dawn

COMMUNION *see insert*

NEWS

SONG Nothing but grace

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.

Please stay on for tea/coffee and cake.