

## This Week

Sun  
6

**Cross Section** (Y10-13)  
5.30 – 7.00pm, toasties included  
**Rooted** (students)  
8:00 9:15pm, food included

Tue  
8

**Prayer Gathering.** 10-11.30am  
(crèche provided).  
**CAP Prayer Meeting.** 7.45-9.00pm  
at St Stephens.

Wed  
9

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

Thu  
10

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

**The World We All Want** continues,  
8.00 – 9.30pm, at Church.

Fri  
11

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

Sat  
12

**Women's Brunch,** 10-11:30 in the  
Cranmer Room. With a talk on  
Identity and lots of time to chat,  
pray & eat. £3 per person.  
Please let Jem know if you can come.

**Dad's Stay and Play** 10-11:30 in Church.  
Bacon butties provided, £1.50 per family

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13

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*We have weekly Fellowship Groups. Speak to  
a member of the staff team to find out more.*

## Looking Ahead

Thu 17  
May

**'Multiply':** Midlands Gospel  
Partnership leaders conference,  
10am-4pm at St Stephen's.

Sat 26  
May

**Inaugural Meeting**  
**Birmingham Diocesan Evangelical  
Fellowship** 10.00am - 12.30pm  
St Boniface, Quinton, B32 2QD

Guest Speaker: Keith Sinclair, Bishop of  
Birkenhead. 'Lamps and Lampstands: insights  
from the Book of Revelation on the challenges and  
opportunities facing evangelicals in the Church of  
England and the Anglican Communion'  
Everyone welcome! Further details  
at <https://www.birminghamdef.org> (or speak to  
Chris Hobbs)

Tue 5  
June

**Marriage Enrichment Evening.**  
7.45-9.30pm at St Stephens. With  
Adrian and Celia Reynolds. See  
flyers for more information.

Mon 9  
July

**Women's book club** have just  
started reading 'Killing fields,  
Living fields', Speak to Elizabeth  
Barry or Chris Stonehouse for  
more information. All Women welcome!

### Church Suite is coming!

Go to: [www.sssw.org.uk/churchsuite](http://www.sssw.org.uk/churchsuite) to  
sign up, please do this **today**. See  
information sheet at the back of church,  
or contact Jem if you have any questions.

See Jem Huggins if you have any  
questions, big or small.

## News and Requests

**Wool needed.** Do you have any in nice  
colours (bright/pretty pastels/ sparkly)?  
Please pass it along to Imogen.

**Wanted: Computer, lap top or desk top,** for  
a church family with no computer. Needed  
for children to do homework. If you have  
recently upgraded or have a computer you  
no longer use could you get in touch with  
Helen Hobbs: Thank you!



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

## 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018

*making and maturing disciples  
of Jesus Christ*

### 10.00am All-Age Morning Service

'I am the bread of life'  
John 6:25-59 *Helen Buckley*

### 4.00pm All-Age Afternoon Service

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### 6.30pm Evening Service

The return of the king  
Luke 19:11-27 *Chris Hobbs*

**Children at the 10am and 4pm** will stay in the  
service. There is a crèche available for **under 3's**  
in the Cranmer Room next door (you'll find it by  
going into the foyer)

**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

**Parish Office** St Stephen's Church,  
Serpentine Road, Selly Park,  
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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.

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**Talk Notes:**  
**'I am the bread of life'**

John 6:25-59

**What have I learnt today?**

**Missed a sermon recently?**  
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## Morning Service

**OPENING PRAYER** *Andy Martin*

**SONG** Come people of the risen King

**CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

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.**

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

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

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**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.**

**GAME** Who am I?

**BIBLE READING** *John Williams*  
John 6:25-59 (page 1070)

**TALK PART 1** *Helen Buckley*  
'I am the bread of life'

**SONG** Long live the King

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**TALK PART 2** *Helen Buckley*  
'I am the bread of life'

**PRAYER**

**Blessed are you, Lord our God. How sweet are your words to the taste, sweeter than honey to the mouth. How precious are your commands for our life, more than the finest gold in our hands. How marvellous is your will for the world, unending is your love for the nations. Our voices shall sing of your promises and our lips declare your praise for ever and ever. Amen.**

**SONG** O my soul, arise and bless your maker

**PRAYERS** *Elizabeth Barry*  
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**

**HYMN** Guide me, O thou great Redeemer  
*Please collect your child from crèche*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, equip us with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

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John 6:25-59 (page 1070)

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## Afternoon Service

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**PRAYERS** *Checketts Family*  
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**Sermon Notes:**

**The return of the king** Luke 19:11-27

- There is a king who will return (v11-15)
  
- There are faithful servants who will be rewarded (v16-19)
  
- There are unfaithful servants who will go unrewarded (v20-26)
  
- There are enemies who will be killed (v14, 27)

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## Evening Service

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION** *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.**

**HYMN** All creatures of our God and King

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**NEWS**

**SONGS** To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul  
When I fear my faith will fail

**BIBLE READINGS** *Paul Coley*  
Luke 19:11-27 (page 1053)  
1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (page 1156)

**SERMON** *Chris Hobbs*  
The return of the king

**INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS**

**CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**  
**Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and broken your laws. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit enable us to live for you and to please you more and more, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PRAYERS** *Imogen Prasad*  
ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
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**SONG** What a fearful scene

**COMMUNION** *see insert*

**HYMN** Glorious things of thee are spoken

**BLESSING**  
The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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