

## This Week

Mon  
7 Nov

**Thanksgiving service for the life of Zachary Matias Quaintance** at 1.00pm at Monyhull Church, B30 3PS and all including children are welcome.

**Woman's Book Group.** 8.00pm. See Elizabeth Barry or Chris Stonehouse for more information.

Tue  
8 Nov

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

Thu  
10 Nov

Explorers (Y2-6) 6.00-7.00pm  
Club114 (Y7-9) 6.30-8.00pm

Fri  
11 Nov

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

Sun  
13 Nov

Morning Service for Remembrance Sunday (with Act of Remembrance at 11.00am). 10.00am. 'And God rested' (Genesis 2:1-3), Chris Hobbs.

Evening Service with Baptism of David Chen. 6.00pm. 'Don't be a slave again' (Galatians 4:8-5:1) Andy Martin

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

## Looking Ahead

Mon  
14 Nov

**Parenting Evening.** For parents & parents-to-be. 7.45pm for 8pm start. Flyers at the back of church.

Sat  
19 Nov

**Maintenance Day.** Starting at St Stephen's at 9am, please come for as long as you can and bring any gardening equipment that you have.

Fri  
25 Nov

**Christmas Craft Evening.** 7.30-9.15pm at St Stephens. See Jem Huggins for tickets. Invitations are at the back of Church

Sat  
3 Dec

**Christmas Adventure.** 2.00-4.00pm at St Stephens. Fun for the whole family! Invitations are at the back of church.

Sat  
17 Dec

**Serving others at Christmas:** choose and wrap presents at Birmingham City Mission. Morning - 6 people; Afternoon - 8 people. Contact Chris Stonehouse to book your space:

## News and Requests

Special welcome to you if you are a **student**. Please find Andy Martin for more details about Rooted and for an invitation to lunch.

We are looking for people to take on (or help with) our monthly **Church Family Lunches**, by signing up for a month in 2017. If you'd like to be involved speak to Jem Huggins, [office@sssw.org.uk](mailto:office@sssw.org.uk).

**The address book** will be revised in the next few weeks. Please make changes to the book at the back of church, and add your details by Nov 13. Photos can be sent to [office@sssw.org.uk](mailto:office@sssw.org.uk).

### Resolution regarding Women

**Bishops.** The PCC will be considering this on Tue 29 Nov. See the paper on the Information Table for more details.

**The Real Advent Calendar** from Meaningful Chocolate is the only charity advent calendar with a free Christmas story book designed to be used each day in Advent. Available in the Foyer after the service or online at [www.meaningfulchocolate.co.uk](http://www.meaningfulchocolate.co.uk)



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

## 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016

*making and maturing  
disciples of Jesus Christ*

### 10.00am Morning Service for All Ages

'How to be wise'  
(Matthew 2:1-12) Helen Buckley

### 6.00pm Evening Service with Holy Communion

'Not slaves but children'  
(Galatians 3:26-4:7) 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.

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

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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 this tear-off slip overleaf and give it to one of the staff or welcome team, or place it in the Gifts Box at the back of church, to let us know who you are. We will get in touch with you shortly to help you feel at home quickly. Please also help yourself to a Welcome Booklet from the Information Table.

# Morning Service

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

Talk Notes

How to be wise  
Matthew 2:1-12

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

OPENING PRAYER *(Andy Martin)*

HYMN To God be the glory  
*Please bring your toys to the front*

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

QUIZ

SONG God speaks, we listen

BIBLE READINGS *(Helen Hobbs)*

Isaiah 60:1-7 (page 746)

Matthew 2:1-12 (page 966)

(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

TALK How to be wise *(Helen Buckley)*

SONG O God, He always keeps His promises

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYERS *(The Hannam Family)*

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 By faith

*Please collect your child from crèche*

CLOSING PRAYER

## Evening Service

**Sermon Notes**      **Not slaves but children**  
Galatians 3:26-4:7

**1. Every Christian is a child of God (3:26-29)**

**2. Even Jews had to become God's children (4:1-5)**

**3. Every Christian has the Spirit of God (4:6-7)**

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OPENING PRAYER *(Andy Martin)*

HYMNS The church's one foundation  
Early morning, break of dawn

BIBLE READINGS *(Charles Hindley)*

Psalm 103 (page 605),  
Galatians 3:26-4:7 (page 1170)

(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Not slaves but children  
*(Chris Hobbs)*

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG I once was lost in darkest night

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 *(Dawn Evans)*

SONG Jesus Christ I think upon your sacrifice

COMMUNION *see insert*

NEWS

HYMN From the squalor of a borrowed stable

BLESSING