

This Week

Sun 7 **Cross-Section**
(Y10-13) 7.45 – 9.00pm

Mon 8 **Women's Book Group.** "The Life You Never Expected" by Andrew & Rachel Wilson. All women welcome.

Tue 9 **Prayer Gathering.** 10-11:30am
(crèche provided)
CAP prayer meeting, 7.30-9.30pm

Wed 10 **Day Centre** (for older people)
10am – 2.30pm
Prayer Gathering. 8-9:30pm,
refreshments from 7:30pm.

Thu 11 **Cross-Section Bible Study**
(Y10-13) 4.30-5.30pm
Explorers (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm
Club 114 (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm

Christianity Explored starts, 8.00pm at Church. Contact Andy to find out more.

Fri 12 **Stay and Play** (baby and toddler group) 10.00am – 11.30am

Night Shelter continues. To help or contribute financially email:
ststephensnightshelter@gmail.com

Sat 13 **Dad's Stay and Play,** 10-11.30am.
Church Family Walk. From 1.15pm.
At Tardebigge, B60 3AH.
Information sheets are in the foyer.

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*There are weekly **Fellowship Groups** that start back next week, on Tuesday Mornings and Wednesday evenings. Speak to a member of the staff team to find out more.*

Looking Ahead

Sat 20 Jan **Compelled by Love.** 10am-3pm.
This day conference is all about cultivating a heart for the lost. Flyers in the foyer. Let the office know if you are going so that we can arrange lifts. Several reduced price tickets available, contact the office for them.

Sun 28 Jan **New 4pm service starts & the 6.00pm service moves to 6.30pm**

Mon 29 Jan **Butcher and Beer.** 7.30pm at St Stephens. Pick up a ticket today. Flyers in the foyer.

News and Requests

Wanted: Ministry Trainees, Sep 2018-Aug 2019. Spend a year serving the church and learning gospel ministry. You don't have to be a student to apply! Details from Chris Hobbs/Parish Office.

Day Centre urgently need two helpers to go on the rota once per month, from February, in order to maintain a full service to our members. Contact Jean Phillips 477 3045 or 077929720034 if you think you can help.

Address Book and Prayer Guide. New books are available. Please sign up for one in the foyer (books will only be available to those who are in the book).

Christmas Offering. Today is the last chance to contribute to Open Doors, gift box in the foyer, with Gift Aid envelopes.

News from St Andrew's Kendary (a church we support prayerfully and financially) is available in the information rack.



7th January 2018

making and maturing disciples of
Jesus Christ in Birmingham

10.00am All Age Service

To God be the glory
Psalm 115:1 *Andy Martin*

6.00pm Holy Communion

Why did Jesus come? To serve
Mark 10:45 *Mark Checketts*

Children and young people will stay in church today. There is a **Crèche available for 0-3's.** You'll find it through the foyer.

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

Talk Notes:

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Psalm 115:1

Missed a sermon recently? Visit www.sssw.org.uk

Morning Service

OPENING PRAYER *Tom Bryant*

SONG You're the word of God the Father

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Matthew 22:36-40 (page 991)

CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

All 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.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of 2018. Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger, order us in all our doings and guide us to do always what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

VERSE OF THE YEAR

SONG You know everything about me

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

BIBLE READING *Amanda Martin*

Psalm 115 (page 615)

Romans 11:33-36 (page 1139)

TALK *Andy Martin*

To God be the glory

SONG It's a light and a hammer

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

SONG To God be the glory

Please collect your child(ren) from crèche

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 biscuits.

Evening Service

Name/s

Address

Phone

Email

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Sermon Notes:

Why did Jesus come? To serve Mark 10:45

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OPENING PRAYER *Andy Martin*

HYMNS Praise my soul, the King of heaven
By faith

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PRAYERS *Mark Fox*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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SONG Holy Spirit, living breath of God

BIBLE READING *Naomi Bryant*

Isaiah 52:13-53:6 (page 740)

Mark 10:32-45 (page 1014)

SERMON *Mark Checketts*

Why did Jesus come? To serve

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

CONFESSION

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice

COMMUNION *see insert*

NEWS

SONG From heaven you came

CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your holy word. May it be a lantern to our feet, a light to our paths, and a strength to our lives. Take us and use us to love and serve in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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