

Today

Short Prayer Meeting, for 15 minutes in the front of church following the Morning Service for In Emergency Break Glass. (Every Sunday until March 6th.)

This Week

Mon 8 Feb Women's Book Group. "Seeking Allah, finding Jesus" by Nabeel Qureshi. All women welcome! See Chris Stonehouse or Elizabeth Barry to find out more.

Wed 10 Feb Ash Wednesday Holy Communion, 6.00pm in St Stephen's (finishes 7.00pm).

Thurs 11 Feb Has God really said? Midlands Gospel Partnership annual conference, (10.00am-4.00pm). Evening meeting (7.30-9.00pm): What does God say about homosexuality? Flyers on the Information Table.

Looking Ahead

Sun 21 Feb Church Family Lunch. 12noon in the Cranmer Room. Food will be provided, suggested donation of £2 per person. This is a **come & eat** lunch.

Fri 18 Mar TWIST A Night In With Emu - an evening of song, Bible and praise for the whole church at St Stephens

Sat 19 Mar A full day music ministry conference with EMU at St Stephens

Thu 12 May Rend Collective (an Irish Christian band) are at the O2 Institute in Birmingham, 6.30pm. Tickets £20.50. Speak to Betty Underwood if interested.

News and Requests

Could gospel ministry be for you? Why not spend a year serving the church and learning Bible teaching and ministry skills as a Ministry Trainee, from Sept 2016? Speak to Chris Hobbs.

Colin Bevington, who many of you will remember as Vicar here, died on Sun 31 Jan. His funeral will be on 11 Feb at 11:30am at St Thomas in Lancaster.

Accommodation needed, 23rd-25th Feb. Contact Natalie if you can help,

The Church of England Vocations team are running a course called **'Signposts'** for those that want to explore going into ordained ministry. 16, 23 Feb, 1, 8 Mar from 7.30-9.30 at St Luke's Church. Details on the information table.

Saltmine Theatre Company will be performing, 'Darkness Falls' at Edgbaston High School for Girls on Sun 21 Feb at 2.30pm. Reserve tickets at darknessfallsbrumtickets@hotmail.com. They will also be performing, 'A Gardener's Tale' on Sun 13 Mar at 2.30pm. Contact City Church to book tickets,

Newsletters from the **Christian Institute** are available on the information table.

Women's World Day of Prayer. Fri 4 Mar, 10.30am at Weoley Hill United Reform Church,

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Welcome

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If you are new, you are especially welcome. Please help yourself to a Welcome Booklet and, if you have time, introduce yourself and ask any questions you may have.

10.00am All-Age Morning Service at St Stephen's

'Ten words: Love marriage' (Deuteronomy 5:18) – Helen Buckley

Children and young people will stay in church today.

Crèche is in the Cranmer Room for 0-3's. To access crèche go to the back of church.

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after the service in the foyer.

6.00pm Holy Communion Service at St Stephen's

'Our God is like no one else' (Jeremiah 10:1-25) – David Twiss

Coffee, tea and cakes are served after the service in the foyer.

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

WE DRAW NEAR TO GOD *led by Chris Hobbs*

SONG When I was lost

WE SAY SORRY TO GOD

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.**

SONG God always keeps his promises

WE SAY WHAT WE BELIEVE

GAME

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Deuteronomy 5:6-21 (page 184), Matthew 5:27-32 (969)

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

TALK Ten Words: Love marriage

SONG Faithful one

WE TALK TO GOD**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.****WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD**

NEWS

HYMN O Lord my God *please pick up your child from crèche during the final hymn*

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.

The people's delusions:

V2-7 Delusion: living God or dead idols?

V8-10 Delusion: made objects or eternal King?

V11-13 Delusion: certain to perish or created by God?

V14-18 Delusion: fraudulent or eternally true?

“The LORD is the true God; He is the living God, the eternal King (Jer.10:10)

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION *led by 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 Praise my soul the King of heaven

SONG Who has held the ocean in his hands?

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PRAYERS 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 Our only hope

BIBLE READING Jeremiah 10:1-25 (page 768)

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SERMON Our God is like no one else

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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.

HYMN Here is love

COMMUNION *see insert*

SONG When my hope and strength is gone

CLOSING PRAYER