

This Week

Mon
8 May

Women's Book Group meets at 8pm at Joanne Butler's house.

Tue
9 May

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

CAP Prayer Meeting, 7.45pm Selly Park Baptist Church

Wed
10 May

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

CAP Money Course, 10am-12pm at Christ Church.

Thu
11 May

The World We All Want
8.00 – 9.30pm.

Explorers (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm
Club 114 (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm
'Real Change', 8.00 – 9.30pm.

Fri
12 May

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

Sat
13 May

Maintenance Morning at St Stephen's. Spend as long or as short as you wish between 10am – 1.00pm.
Gardening tools useful but not essential.

Friends International 'New Chapter' event to say farewell to the McCullochs and welcome their successors. Please come along and hear encouraging stories, 3.00-5.00pm here.

Looking Ahead

Sun 21 May. World Mission Sunday with Bishop Rob Martin. Church Family Lunch; then 1-2pm presentation on the challenges of Christian mission in Africa under pressure from Islam; children's programme also provided. Please plan to be there!

Tue 23 May. PCC Meeting, 7.45 for 8.00pm

Tue 6 Jun. Women's tea and cake evening at Boston Tea Party. More details soon!

Mon 12 Jun. Marriage Evening. Please let Chris Hobbs have any topics you want covered (anonymously if you wish) by Sun 21 May.



7th May 2017

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

10.00am Morning Service for All Ages

A saviour is born
Judges 13 *Andy Martin*

6.00pm Evening Service with Holy Communion

The good wife
Proverbs 31:10-31 *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
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- Giving to the church
- Other

Sermon Notes

A saviour is born
Judges 13: 1-25

Missed a sermon recently?
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OPENING PRAYER *Charles Hindley*

HYMN O Lord my God

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

GAME

SONG Oh God he always keeps his promises

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

BIBLE READINGS *Pippa Nicolson*
Judges 13:1-25 (page 256)

This is the word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God

TALK A saviour is born *Andy Martin*

SONG From the breaking of the dawn

PRAYERS *Rob Davies*

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 From the squalor of a borrowed stable

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.

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The good wife
Proverbs 31:10-31

1. A good wife is to be valued (v10-12)

2. A good wife works to provide for others
(v13-27)

3. A good wife is to be praised (v28-31)

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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 The church's one foundation

THE NICENE CREED

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 *Tony Ball*
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.

SONGS You're the Lion of Judah
There is no other name

BIBLE READINGS *Melanie Britton*
Proverbs 31: 10-31 (page 667)
Revelation 19:4-10 (page 1247)
This is the word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God

SERMON The good wife
Chris Hobbs

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG The perfect wisdom of our God

COMMUNION (*see insert*)

NEWS

HYMN
O church arise

CLOSING BLESSING

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and cake.*