

This Week

Wed 11 **CAP Prayer Meeting.** 7.45pm at St. Stephen's

Wed 11 **Prayer Gathering.** 8-9:30pm, refreshments from 7:30pm. Not on Tuesday this month.

Our regular children's, youth and fellowship groups are paused over the Easter Break.

Looking Ahead

Fri 20 Apr **Cross-Section Escape Room Social.** 7.00-9.00pm with pizza, bring a friend!

Sun 22 Apr **Church Family Lunch. 12noon** (after the morning service) Everyone welcome! Suggested donation of £2 per person

Mon 23 Apr **Women's book group** are now reading Crazy Love by Francis Chan. All women welcome! Speak to Chris Stonehouse or Elizabeth Barry if you'd like to join us.

Wed 25 Apr **Annual church meeting** 8.00pm, coffee from 7.30pm

Thu 26 Apr **The World We All Want** starts, 8.00 – 9.30pm.

Tue 1 May **Colin (Buchanan) in concert. 5pm at St Stephen's.** Tickets are going fast, buy one soon to avoid disappointment! £4.50 for anyone over the age of 2. Tickets available online; www.wegotickets.com/event/430783

1-3 May

Birmingham Spring Convention. Evenings at 7.30pm, at Carrs Lane Church Centre. Flyers on the bookstall.

Sat 12 May

Women's Brunch, 10-11:30 in the Cranmer Room. With a talk on Identity and lots of time to chat, pray and eat. £4 per person.

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

News and Requests

Electoral Roll. If you consider yourself a member of this church, this is for you! Please complete a form from the Bookstall and return it to the Office **TODAY.** See Chris Hobbs if you have any questions.

Nominations for Church Council. We are looking for 2 people to serve as churchwardens, 3 as PCC members and 1 as Deanery Synod representative (to be elected at the Annual Meeting, 25 Apr). Please be thinking and praying who this should be, and make nominations on the notice board. See flyer for further details.

Sunday Club Leaders please pick up material for the next term from your pigeon hole. Thanks!

Daytime Fellowship Group. Would you like to be part of a new Daytime Fellowship Group? Maybe that would be better for you than an evening? Once we know who is interested, we can arrange the time. Please speak to Chris Hobbs.

Bethan Stonehouse is looking for work to raise money for her trip to Bolivia with Latin Link. She's happy to do: childcare, dog-walking, cleaning, lawn-mowing, ironing or any other useful things! Please contact her



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

8th April 2018

making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ

10.00am Morning Service

A life of love
Ephesians 5:1-20 *Andy Martin*

4.00pm Afternoon Service

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6.30pm Evening Service with Holy Communion

The empty tomb
John 20:1-9 *Maurice Sinclair*

Children at the 10am and 4pm will go to their activities part way through both the 10am and 4pm service:

Crèche (under 3's) leave through back of church.

Sunday Club (3-10): (**Scramblers, Climbers and Explorers**) leave through the main doors and will be guided upstairs, where there will be holiday activities.

Club114 at the 4pm (11-14) will be back to normal after the Easter Holidays.

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

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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.

Name/s

Address

Phone

Email

I would like to know more about:

- Being a Christian
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- Student events
- Giving to the church
- Other

Sermon Notes:

A life of love

Ephesians 5:1-20

1. Live in love (1-5)

2. Live as children of light (6-14)

3. Live wisely (15-20)

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Morning Service

OPENING PRAYER *Maurice Sinclair*

HYMN Sing to God new songs of worship

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 Lord the light of your love is shining

THE APOSTLES' CREED

NEWS

After which children leave for their activities

SONGS Take the world but give me Jesus
Jesus is Lord, the cry that echoes

PRAYERS *Richard Griffith*

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.

BIBLE READINGS *Margaret Twiss*

Isaiah 60:1-3, 15-22 (page 746)

Ephesians 5:1-20 (page 1176)

SERMON *Andy Martin*

A life of love

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG Love divine, all loves excelling
Please collect your child from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

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Afternoon Service

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Evening Service

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Sermon Notes:
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John 20:1-9

Easter for Ever

John comes to believe with heart and mind

Peter comes through shame to glory

Mary comes to believe, hearing her Name

Spreading Resurrection Faith

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OPENING PRAYER *Andy Martin*

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.

HYMN Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

SONG Awake, awake, O Zion

BIBLE READINGS *Anna Luckwell*

Psalm 16 (page 549)

John 20:1-9 (page 1089)

SERMON *Maurice Sinclair*

The empty tomb

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG Early morning, break of dawn

THE APOSTLES' CREED

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

O Lord our God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As we come before you now, believers and doubters alike, we all share a deep need, for we are all lost without your grace. Search us, O God, and know our hearts, test us and know our troubled thoughts. Give us true repentance. Forgive us all our wrongs. Transform us by your Spirit to live for you each day, to learn to serve each other and, through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, to come at last to heaven. Amen.

PRAYERS *Andrew Quaintance*

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SONG See he dies

COMMUNION

NEWS

HYMN Thine be the glory

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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