

## This Week

Tues  
10 Oct

**Friendship Evening**, 7.45pm for 8pm. We need to rediscover true friendship that is intimate and faithful and Christ-centred. This evening is for all of us to change our hearts and our friendships.

**CAP Prayer meeting**, 7.45pm at Selly Park Baptist Church

Wed  
11 Oct

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

Thu  
12 Oct

**Explorers** (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm  
**Club 114** (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm

**Life Explored continues**. St Stephens Church, 8pm. Over the six remaining sessions we will explore the Bible's story with short films and time to ask questions. Contact Andy on [andy.martin@sssw.org.uk](mailto:andy.martin@sssw.org.uk)

Fri  
13 Oct

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

**Welcome Meal, 7.30pm**. Are you new-ish to Church? This is for you! Come along for a meal and find out what St Stephen's is all about. Details from Chris and Helen Hobbs or the Parish Office.

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

## Looking Ahead

Tue  
17 Oct

**Christian Institute Meeting:** 'Standing for Christ in the public square', 8.00-9.30pm, at St Stephen's.

Fri  
20 Oct

**A Monk's Tale**. 8.00pm. Don't miss your chance to come to this exciting evening,

posters and flyers are in the foyer as

Mon  
30 Oct

**Women's Book Club** will be looking at *'The Unquenchable Flame'* by Mike Reeves. See Elizabeth Barry or Mrs Chris Stonehouse to find out more.

Tue  
31 Oct

**CAP Money Course** begins, 7.00-9.00pm at St Stephen's. (Also on Nov 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.)

## News and Requests

**Church Weekend Away**, 10-12 Nov. 'Ready Steady Grow'. A weekend for the whole church family. Single rooms and concessions available. Please ask if you'd like help with the cost or can only come part-time. Brochures in the Foyer. Please put completed forms with payment in an envelope marked 'Parish Office' in the Parish Office pigeon-hole in the Foyer. **Deadline for forms is October 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Wanted: Your Story:** If you are contributing to the short book of stories from members of the church family, please would you send your contribution, plus a photo, to Nicky Sammons at [nicola.sammons@gmail.com](mailto:nicola.sammons@gmail.com) **by October 15th.**

A **huge thank you** to the wonderful Gina Davies for her great work in covering maternity leave. You are already missed!

**Office hours.** Jem Huggins has returned to the role of administrator; office hours are: Tues 1-5, Wed and Fri 8-5. The best way to contact the office is by emailing [jem.huggins@sssw.org.uk](mailto:jem.huggins@sssw.org.uk), phoning 472 8253 or through notes in the Parish Office pigeon hole.

**Dangerous Fungi.** Parents please make sure that children don't pick the mushrooms in the church grounds, especially the bright red ones.



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

## 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017

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

### 10.00am Morning Service

Seven marks of a healthy Christian:  
Holiness *Andy Martin*

### 6.00pm Evening Service

How to be good: The path to godliness  
Titus 1:1-4 *Chris Hobbs*

**Children** will go to their activities part way through the service:

**Crèche** leave through the foyer.

**Sunday Club: (Scramblers, Climbers and Explorers)** leave through the Hudson-Taylor room at the front of church.

**Club 114** are away at the Youth Weekend Away.

**This term in Sunday Club** we will be thinking about church. Because God loves us, we love others, especially our church family.

**This morning in Sunday Club** we will be thinking about what it means to become more like Jesus. Christians look like their big brother!

**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 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

**Sermon Notes:  
Holiness**

**1. What is holiness?**

**2. Why should we be holy?**

**3. How can we be holy?**

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

## Morning Service

**WELCOME** *Chris Hobbs*

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power,  
**for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being**  
To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
**be praise and honour and glory and power, for ever and ever! Amen.**

**HYMN** To God be the glory

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**ALL IN**

**SONG** I'm following the king

**NEWS**

*Children leave for their activities*

**SONG** In days of peace and days of rest

**BIBLE READINGS** *Pippa Nicolson*

Exodus 15:1-18 (page 72)

1 Peter 1:13-2:3 (page 1217)

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

**SERMON** *Andy Martin*

Holiness

**HYMN** My hope is built on nothing less

**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.**

**PRAYERS** *Chris Porter*

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.**

**SONG** When I am weak, you are strong  
*Please collect your child(ren) from crèche*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify us through and through. May our whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls us is faithful and he will do it. Amen.**

*Please stay on after the service for tea/coffee and biscuits.*

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**Sermon Notes:**

The path to godliness *Titus 1:1-4*

**The truth that leads to godliness (v1b)**

**... comes from God himself (v2-3a)**

**... through the apostle Paul (v3b, 1a)**

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**OPENING PRAYER** *Andy Martin*

**SONGS** Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty  
Mine are days that God has  
numbered

**PRAYER**

**BIBLE READING** *Paul Coley*  
Psalm 90 (page 599)

**CONFESSION**

Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall  
far short of your glory.

**Have mercy and forgive us.**

Lord, you have given your life for us, and  
poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return  
your love with all our heart.

**Have mercy and change us.**

Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring  
you, Lord, and neglecting others.

**Have mercy and cleanse us.**

Lord, when we do not truly trust and obey  
you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear  
and worry. **Have mercy and deliver us.**

In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure  
love, yet we follow the false hopes and  
desires of this world.

**Have mercy and forgive us.**

Father, through the redeeming death of your  
Son on the cross, by your Spirit and through  
your word, transform and renew us to follow  
you with joy.

**All this we ask, confident in your unchanging  
faithfulness. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**SONGS** Nothing but grace  
Who, O Lord, could save themselves?

**BIBLE READING** *Paul Coley*  
Titus 1:1-4 (page 1198)  
This is the word of the Lord;  
**Thanks be to God**

**SERMON** *Chris Hobbs*  
The path to godliness

**INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS**

**PRAYERS** *Imogen Prasad*  
ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
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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.**

**THE NICENE CREED**

**SONG** Holy Spirit, living breath of God

**COMMUNION** *see insert*

**NEWS**

**HYMN** My heart is filled with thankfulness

**CLOSING PRAYER**

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and cake.*