

## This Week

Thurs  
13 Apr

### Church family meal

6.45 for 7pm. Please sign up in the foyer (to come, to bring food, to help) **TODAY**.

Fri  
14 Apr

### Good Friday.

**All Age Service**, 10.00am. "What's so good about Good Friday?"

**Quiet Reflection**, 11.30am.

"Christ Crucified: God's foolish wisdom"

Sat  
15 Apr

**Church Family Walk**, 2pm, at Waseley Hills Country Park. Further info in the foyer.

## Looking Ahead

Sun  
16 Apr

### Easter Sunday.

**All Age Celebration with Holy Communion**, 10.00am.

**No evening service.**

Wed  
26 Apr

### Annual church meeting.

Thu  
27 Apr

'**The World We All Want**' starts, 8.00 – 9.30pm.

2,3, 4  
May

**Birmingham Spring Convention.** 3 evenings looking at 'A Lord worth loving', 'A church worth joining' and 'A faith worth sharing'. See

flyers in the foyer

Thu 4  
May

'**Real Change**' starts, 8.00 – 9.30pm. A six-session Bible-

centred course on becoming more like Jesus

## News and Requests

**Nominations for Church Council.** We are looking for 2 people to serve as churchwardens, 3 as PCC members and 4 as Deanery Synod representatives. See flyer for further details.

**Sunday Club leaders** please pick up your folder (in the pigeon holes) with next term's material "The King of God's Kingdom".

**Confirmation.** There will be a Confirmation service at St Stephen's on Sunday 11 Jun, 6.00pm. Please speak to Chris Hobbs if you are interested in being confirmed (or baptised).

The **Real Easter Egg** is the first and only Fairtrade chocolate Easter egg to share the Easter story. Eggs available online at [www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk).

More **volunteers needed to serve refreshments** on Sunday mornings. Please contact Margaret Twiss asap

We all dream of a better world – a world of security, plenty and friendship. Christians believe that God promises such a new world. Over seven Thursday evenings in **The World We All Want**, we take a tour through the unfolding story of the Bible. Each session involves informal discussion of what the Bible says. If you would like to come, or to know more, please contact Andy Martin or pick up a flyer in the foyer.



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

9<sup>th</sup> April 2017

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

### 10.00am Morning Service

#### with Holy Communion

Revolutionary love  
Luke 14:1 – 14 (*Andy Martin*)

### 6.00pm Evening Service

And another thing...  
Proverbs 30:1 – 33 (*Chris Hobbs*)

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

**Crèche** leaves through the foyer to go to their room.

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

**3 – 11s** will be all together in the Tyndale Room for holiday cover.

There is **no Club 114** today.

**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

## Revolutionary love Luke 14:1 - 14

One meal, three courses:

1-6 Jesus heals a man on the Sabbath ... again.

7-11 Jesus speaks to the guests about the seating arrangements.

12-14 Jesus speaks to the host about the guest list.

So what?

1. Following Jesus means love not legalism

2. Following Jesus means humility not pride

3. Following Jesus means grace not greed

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**OPENING PRAYER** *Chris Hobbs*

**HYMN** All hail the power of Jesus' name

**BIBLE READING**  
Philippians 2:1 – 11 (page 1179)

**SONG** All through history

**NEWS**  
*after which children leave for their activities*

**SONG** The splendour of the King

**BIBLE READING** *Margaret Twiss*  
Luke 14:1 - 14 (page 1047)  
This is the word of the Lord;  
**Thanks be to God**

**SERMON** Revolutionary love  
*Andy Martin*

**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** *Anne Ruck*

**SONG** We're not alone

**COMMUNION** (*see insert*)

**HYMN** All creatures of our God and King

**CLOSING PRAYER**  
**May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, equip us with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

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Sermon Notes    And another thing...  
Proverbs 30:1 - 33

1. Ignorance: 'I don't know' (v2-3)

2. Mystery: 'Who knows?' (v4)

3. Revelation: 'God knows' (v5-6)

4. Prayer: 'Lord, you know' (v7-9)

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OPENING PRAYER    *Andy Martin*

SONG    Christ is risen, He is risen indeed

CONFESSION

Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SONGS    All people that on earth do dwell  
Who could know your thoughts

BIBLE READINGS    *Jane Wong*

Proverbs 30:1 - 33 (page 665)  
This is the word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God

SERMON    And another thing...    *Chris Hobbs*

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONGS

You have called us out of darkest night  
See the man

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

HYMN

Before the throne of God above

BLESSING

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