

Sunday 9th June



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There is a **Crèche** for under 3's in the Cranmer Room.

Sunday Club (age 3–Y6) meet upstairs in the Tyndale Room.

Question of the Week: How does God build his people?



Refreshments are served in the Foyer after the service, please stay and join us.



Toilets are in the foyer and upstairs; baby-changing facilities in the disabled toilet.

OPENING PRAYER *Chris Porter*

HYMN Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty

BAPTISM OF XIAO LIANG

SONG Oh, God He always keeps His promises

Children leave for their activities

SONGS

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer
From the breaking of the dawn

BIBLE READING

Diana Knott

Nehemiah 8:1-18 (page 492)

SERMON *Chris Hobbs*

A Bible study to remember

PRAYERS *Chris Stonehouse*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

NEWS

SONG Be thou my vision

CLOSING PRAYER

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Welcome to our 4.00pm Service

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There is a **Crèche** for under 3's in the Church.

Sunday Club (age 3–Y6) meet in the foyer before the service starts.

Club114 (Y7-9) meet in Church after the sermon to discuss what we have learnt.

Cross Section (Y10-13) meet after the service in the Tyndale Room

Question of the Week: *How does God build his people?*



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OPENING PRAYER *Oli Huggins*
in Foyer

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CONFESSION

BIBLE READING
Nehemiah 8:1-18 (page 492)

SERMON *Chris Hobbs*
A Bible study to remember

ALL IN TOGETHER

SONG Oh, God He always keeps his promises

PRAYERS *Sam Allen*

SONG Be thou my vision

CLOSING PRAYER

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Welcome to our 6.30pm Service

We continue in the Gospel of Mark with 'The King's priorities' (Mark 1:35-45) and we will share the Lord's Supper.

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION *Chris Hobbs*

HYMN Crown him with many crowns

SONG I come into your presence

CONFESSION

SONG How good it is to sing

BIBLE READINGS *Dawn Evans*

Leviticus 14:1-20 (page 115)

Mark 1:35-45 (page 1003)

SERMON *Maurice Sinclair*

The King's priorities

PRAYERS *David Sydenham*

HYMN Here is love

COMMUNION

NEWS

SONG Comfort for weary sinners

CLOSING PRAYER

1-6	The wall is rebuilt		
7...	The city is re-peopled...		
8-10	The people are reformed	8	Hearing the word of God
		9	Confessing their sins to God
		10	Committing themselves to obey God

...11:1-12:26 ...The city is re-peopled (continued)

Hearing the word of God properly involves:

1. Understanding (v1-8)

2. Joy and Grief (v9-12)

3. Obedience (v13-18)

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Unafraid to be weak

Dear Friends,

Some of us will know David Powlison from his ministry with CCEF. You may not know that he was diagnosed with stage IV pancreatic cancer in November. He was due to give the closing comments at the Westminster Seminary graduation ceremony in May, but was too fragile to attend, and so a statement was read out on his behalf. He took the opportunity to speak of “being unafraid to be publicly weak” which, needless to say, he knows something about.

From his own time at Westminster Seminary he recalls a sermon on Romans 8:26, which speaks of our “weakness” in the singular, not “weaknesses” in the plural. He says, “‘Weakness’ ... is a comprehensive description of our human condition. We are perishable. We are mortal. We face a multitude of afflictions in our lives. And we are sinful, bent from the heart towards pride, self-righteousness, fear of man, and a multitude of desires and fears that beset us. The mercies of God meet us in this comprehensive condition of weakness.”

He shows us weakness in the lives of King David, the apostle Paul and supremely the Lord Jesus, “who warmly welcomes us to the throne of his grace, that we might receive the mercy we need and the grace specific to whatever difficult situation we are in.” And then he concludes: “My deepest hope for you is that in both your personal life and your ministry to others, you would be unafraid to be publicly weak as the doorway to the strength of God Himself.” As the apostle Paul discovered, “When I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Corinthians 12:10).

Yours warmly, in Christ,
Chris Hobbs (Senior Minister/Vicar)

Explore:

A sceptic's
guide to Jesus

July 11-14th



What are you sceptical about? We are all sceptical about some things, and many of our friends are sceptical about God, church and absolute truth. But people today are still interested in Jesus. Over several days, at a variety of events, Glen Scrivener will be exploring what we can learn about Jesus, the God you can believe in, in the pages of Luke's Gospel. 11-14 July. Who will you invite?

With events for all ages, fun, food and discussion.
WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE DETAILS...

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Sundays at St Stephens

10am service, family friendly with activities for children (crèche – Y6)

3.45 for 4pm service, family friendly with activities for children and young people (crèche – Y9)

6.30pm service, relaxed and informal

Today

Church Family Picnic Lunch after this morning's service. Please stay and join us for our 'Bring and Share' picnic, starting approximately 12 noon.

This Week

**Mon
10**

Women's book club are reading 'Daring to Hope' by Katie Davis Majors. Speak to Elizabeth Barry or Chris Stonehouse.

**Tue
11**

Rooted for students. 6.30-9.00pm at St Wulstans, food included

CAP Prayer Meeting 7.45 – 9.15pm in the Cranmer room.

**Wed
12**

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

**Thu
13**

Cross Section Bible Study (Y10-13) 4.30-5.30pm
Explorers (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm
Club114 (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm.

**Fri
14**

Stay and Play baby and toddler group 10.00-11.30am

**Sat
15**

Friends International Prayer Breakfast 8.30am. Please join us in the Cranmer Room as we pray for the work of Friends International and share breakfast together.

Dad's Stay n Play. 10-11.30am. £1.50 per family, bacon butties included.

**Sun
16**

Cross Section (Y10-13) 5.30-7.00pm, toasties included.

Looking Ahead

**Jun
22**

Putting the Gospel First: Join evangelical Christians from churches across the city for the Birmingham Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship meeting starting at 10am, with Bishop David Urquhart speaking. Flyers in the Foyer.

**Jun
28-30**

Weekend Away 2019. 'Running the Race', with Wallace and Lindsay Benn. *If you are booked to come, please do take a leaflet from the Foyer, with directions and necessary info pre-arrival.*

**Jul
11-14**

Explore: A Skeptic's Guide to Jesus. Glen Scrivener will be joining us for a long weekend to address questions like "Just who is Jesus, Why is he Important, What did he do?" Please save the dates and start thinking about and praying for people to invite.

News and Requests

Summer Programme: the dates for our summer evening activities on a Wednesday during July/August are: 31 Jul, 14 Aug and 28 Aug. If you have something you'd like to offer/host, please do let the Office know.

Recorded talks from the 'Unashamed' Midland Men's Convention 2018 are now available to listen to: www.sssw.org.uk/unashamed including Glen Scrivener, Dan Strange, Dai Hankey and Ben Putt.