

This Week

Tue
11 Jul

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study, 10.00-11:30am. Crèche provided. Please speak to Chris Hobbs if you'd like to join it.

CAP Prayer Meeting 7.45pm at St Stephen's.

Wed
12 Jul

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

Thu
13 Jul

LAST Explorers (Y2-6)

6.00 – 7.00pm

LAST Club 114 (Y7-9)

6.30 – 8.00pm

Please remember that we will be meeting at the yurt, NOT at St Stephen's.

Fri
14 Jul

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

August Summer Socials

9th **Slides from Bolivia** (Sinclair)

16th **Local Evening Walk** (Checketts)

23rd **Cheese n Wine/Coffee** (Simcox)

30th **Pudding Party** (Twiss)

More information to follow, but save the dates for some summer fellowship.

Looking Ahead

Tue
18 Jul

Praying for the Prodigals. A chance for those whose children are not yet believing, to pray together, 8.00-9.00pm latest (drinks from 7.45pm), 18 Selly Wick Road. Please speak to Anne Ruck or Chris Hobbs to find out more.

Sat
29 Jul

Church family walk, watch this space for more details.

Fri/Sat
22 Sep

Women's Weekend at St Stephen's Church, more exciting details to follow soon.

News and Requests

Can you help cook at the Foremarke 2 camp, Sun 30 Jul - Sun 6 Aug, even for a few days? No previous experience required, just willingness! Please contact Chris Hobbs.

Are you helping on a Summer camp? If so, please put your details on the sheet on the notice board, so that we can pray for you over the summer.

Holiday Club needs clean, clear, plastic drinking bottles (with lids) 500ml size. Please would you start saving them and bring them to church?

If you would like **prayer after the service**, please look for people who are wearing the blue 'Prayer Team' badges.

Short term, local accommodation/lodgings needed for Christian man in his 50's. See Sarah Underwood for more details.



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

9th July 2017

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

10.00am Morning Service

'Let's see what happens'

Ruth 3

Chris Hobbs

6.00pm Evening Service

'Prudent planning'

Luke 16:1-13

Andy Martin

Children and young people will go to their activities part way through the service:
Crèche and Club 114 leave through the foyer to go to their rooms.

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

Sunday Club: this term we look at Mark ch 4-8, learning that Jesus is the King of God's kingdom. Today in ch 6:45-52 we will see that Jesus is the King who walks on water! Everyone needs to have their hearts changed before they can understand who Jesus is.

Club 114 is looking at 1 Peter. Today we will see that being part of God's family means fighting enemies!

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
- Newcomers' events
- Small Groups
- Pre-school activities
- Children's / Youth Work
- Student events
- Giving to the church
- Other

Sermon Notes:

Let's see what happens Ruth 3

God intends the story of Ruth to 'make [us] wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15).

It shows us that faith is...

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OPENING PRAYER *Andy Martin*

HYMN To God be the glory
SONG Bless the Lord, O my soul

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

SONG Our God is a great big God

NEWS
After which children and young people leave for their activities

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SONG Through all life's sorrows and despairs

BIBLE READINGS *Andy Walker*
Ruth 3:1-18 (page 269)
Proverbs 31:10-31 (page 667)
This is the word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God

SERMON *Chris Hobbs*
Let's see what happens

PRAYERS *Elizabeth Barry*
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.

HYMN Great is Thy faithfulness
Please collect your child(ren) from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

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

Name/s

Sermon Notes:
Lost and found Luke 16:1-13

Address

Money, money money

Phone

1. What should shape our spending (1-9)

Email

2. What our spending shows about our hearts (10)

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3. Why it is worth it (11-12)

4. Why it matters so much (13)

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OPENING PRAYER *Charles Hindley*

HYMN Praise my soul the King of heaven

SONGS

Glory and power to the one who loves us
Holy father rich in mercy

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ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYERS *Tony Ball*

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NEWS

SONGS

God's saints of old
O great God of highest heaven

THE APOSTLES CREED

BIBLE READINGS *Naomi Bryant*

Proverbs 24:1-22 (page 659)

Luke 16:1-13 (page 1050)

This is the word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God

SERMON *Andy Martin*

Prudent planning

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG Be thou my vision

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.

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