

## This Week

**Tue**  
**11**

Tuesday Morning Mums (with crèche provided) 10.00-11.30am

**Wed**  
**12**

**Fellowship Groups restart.** The groups have been reformed, there is a list of groups at the back of church.

**Thu**  
**13**

Explorers (Y2-6) 6.00-7.00pm  
Club114 (Y7-9) 6.30-8.00pm

**Identity.** Looking at John's Gospel to clear up the confusion about who we are and who God is. It's not too late to come, 8.00-9.30pm, 18 Selly Wick Road. Details from Chris Hobbs

**Fri**  
**14**

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

**Autumn Church Family Walk**, starting at 2pm.

**Sat**  
**15**

It is a 3 mile flat walk starting at Baddesley Clinton (National Trust property near Solihull), see the Information Table.

Morning Service. 10.00am

**Sun**  
**16**

'And God said' (Genesis 1:3-23)  
Chris Hobbs

**Church Family Lunch.** Directly after the morning service. Food provided. All welcome!

Evening Service. 6.00pm

'Live in line with the gospel' (Galatians 2:11-21)  
Andy Martin

Cross-section (Y10-13) 7.45pm-9.00pm  
Rooted (Students) 7.45pm-9.30pm

## Looking Ahead

**Sat**  
**22 Oct**

**Midlands Women's Convention**, Solihull, starting at 10.00am.

**Sat**  
**5 Nov**

**Midlands Men's Convention**, Nottingham, starting at 10.00am. Let Rob Davies

know if you'd like to go so that we can do a group booking.

**Welcome Meal.** Newish to St Stephen's. Come and find out what we're about. Invitations from Chris and Helen Hobbs or the Parish Office.

**Mon**  
**14 Nov**

**Parenting Evening.** For parents & parents-to-be. Let Chris Hobbs know of any

issues you would like discussed by Sun 23 Oct.

**Sat**  
**19 Nov**

**'Journey through Childhood'** 7.00pm at Church. Come along for an enjoyable evening in support of a very good cause. See poster on the noticeboard.

## News and Requests

Special welcome to you if you are a **student**. Please find Andy Martin for more details about Rooted, our student group, and for an invitation to lunch.

**The address book** will be revised in the next few weeks. Please make changes to the book at the back of church, and add your details if you'd like. All photos can be sent to [office@sssw.org.uk](mailto:office@sssw.org.uk).

**Congratulations** to Luke Stonehouse and Sarah Foreman who got engaged this summer and are planning to get married next summer.



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

## 9<sup>th</sup> October 2016

taking Jesus seriously,  
taking the Bible seriously

### 10.00am Morning Service

'In the beginning God' (Genesis 1:1-2)  
Chris Hobbs

### 6.00pm Evening Service

'It is God's gospel' (Galatians 1:10-2:10)  
Andy Martin

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

**Creche** and **Club114** leave through the Foyer to go to their rooms. **Scramblers, Climbers** and **Explorers** leave through the Hudson Taylor Room at the front of church.

**This term in Sunday Club** we are looking at the Big Bible story: The King, the snake and the promise. **This morning** we will see that God made a great promise to Abraham. God promised to deal with our sin problem. We'll see that the whole Bible is about God keeping his promise.

**Refreshments** are served after the services in the foyer.

**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 this tear-off slip overleaf and give it to one of the staff or welcome team, or place it in the Gifts Box at the back of church, to let us know who you are. We will get in touch with you shortly to help you feel at home quickly. Please also help yourself to a Welcome Booklet from the Information Table.

# Morning Service

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

## In the beginning God Genesis 1:1-2

1. God our Creator

- He alone is God

- He alone is eternal

2. God our Sovereign

3. God our Saviour

- He is able to save

- He is eager to save

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OPENING PRAYER *(Chris Porter)*

SONGS All creatures of our God and King  
Through all life's sorrows and despairs

THANKSGIVING for Isobel Barry  
*see insert*

SONG My God is so big

NEWS *after which children and young people  
go to their activities*

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

PRAYERS *(David Twiss)*

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 *(Diana Knott)*

Genesis 1:1-2 (page 3)

John 1:1-18 (page 1061)

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

SERMON In the beginning God (Chris  
Hobbs)

SONGS From the highest of heights  
Amazing grace  
*Please collect your child from crèche*

CLOSING PRAYER

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**Sermon Notes**

**It is God's gospel**  
Galatians 1:10-2:10

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**Evening Service**

OPENING PRAYER *(Charles Hindley)*

NEWS

SONG I stand amazed in the presence

APOSTLES' CREED

CONFESSION

**Almighty God, Creator of all. You marvellously made us in your image; but we have rebelled against you, by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbours. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and truly repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the death of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SONGS Our God he bridged the great divide  
Who, O Lord, could save themselves  
There is a Redeemer

BIBLE READINGS *(Paul Coley)*

Acts 9:1-19 (page 1102)

Galatians 1:10-2:10 (page 1168)

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SERMON It is God's gospel  
*(Andy Martin)*

PRAYERS *(Alex Luckwell)*

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

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 In Christ alone

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.**

INTERVIEW *with Bishop Raphael Samuel and Monica Ferreira*