

## Today

In **Sunday Club** we are sharing our Christmas news.

## This Week

**Tues 12 Jan Prayer meeting** for all Youth and Children's leaders and helpers, 7.45pm for coffee in the Tyndale room.

**CAP Prayer Meeting.** 7.45pm at **Stirchley Community Church**. See Sarah Underwood for more details.

**Sun 17 Jan Paul Hobbs** will be visiting to tell us more about his art exhibition "In Emergency Break Glass". He'll speak in the service then join us for lunch afterwards. Please join us as we get ready to host the exhibition in March!

**Church Family Meal.** 12noon in the Cranmer Room. This is the beginning of our monthly meals together. Food will be provided, suggested donation of £2 per person. This is a **NOT** a bring & share, it's a **come & eat** lunch.

## Looking Ahead

**Thu 21 Jan Identity course begins.** Invitations are on the table at the back of church.

**Thu 21 Jan CAP Prayer Meeting.** 1.30pm at Stirchley Community Church

**Mon 8 Feb Women's Book Group.** "Seeking Allah, finding Jesus" by Nabeel Qureshi. All women welcome! See Chris Stonehouse or Elizabeth Barry to find out more.

**Thurs 11 Feb Has God really said?** Speaker: Kevin DeYoung. A day conference to renew our confidence in Scripture as God's word for all of life, with an evening meeting: "What does God say about homosexuality?" Flyers on the Information Table.

## News and Requests

**Rotas** for **Sunday Services** and **Crèche** are in the pigeon holes. Please pick up your copy.

**Could gospel ministry be for you?** Why not spend a year serving the church and learning Bible teaching and ministry skills as a Ministry Trainee, from Sept 2016? Speak to Chris Hobbs.

Have you got unwanted (clean!) **adult socks?** Fun colours or patterns. Please give them to Helen Buckley.

**"Reconciliation in a World of Conflict", OMF missions conference** Sat 6th Feb 9.30-1.30 at Monyhull Church. Some great speakers. More details from Nick Devas.

**Nicky Sammons** is looking for a **cleaner** (2 hours per week). Contact on

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## Welcome

**10 January 2016**

*If you are new, you are especially welcome. Please help yourself to a Welcome Booklet and, if you have time, introduce yourself and ask any questions you may have.*

### 10.00am Morning Service at St Stephen's

'The lavish love of God' (1 John 3:1) – Chris Porter

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

**Crèche** is in the Cranmer Room. **Crèche** and **Club 114** need to go the Foyer to access their rooms and all other groups go to the front of church.

**Coffee, tea and biscuits** are served after the service in the foyer.

### 6.00pm Evening Service at St Stephen's

'Our God speaks!' (Jeremiah 1:1-19) – Andy Martin

**Coffee, tea and cakes** are served after the service in the foyer.

OPENING PRAYER *led by Andy Martin*

SONGS As with gladness  
By faith we see the hand of God

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and broken your laws. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit enable us to live for you and to please you more and more, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SONG In Ephesians 3v18

NEWS

*After which children and young people leave for their activities*

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.**

SONG Our mouths were open graves (Our only hope)

BIBLE READINGS Deuteronomy 7:6-11 (page 186), I John 2:26-3:3 (page 1226)  
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON The lavish love of God

HYMN Be thou my vision

CLOSING PRAYER

**1. Our God speaks with words (1-3)**

**2. Our God speaks his words through his messenger in the Bible (4-8, 17-19)**

**3. Our God does things with his words (9-16)**

OPENING PRAYER *led by Helen Buckley*

SONGS O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness  
From the highest of heights  
He wraps himself in light

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**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.**

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SONGS When trials come  
See the man

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BIBLE READINGS Jeremiah 1:1-19 (page 755); Romans 10:5-21 (page 1137)  
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Our God speaks!

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

NEWS

SONG Lord for the years

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.**