

Sunday 10th February



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

Sunday Club (age 3–Y6) Our Question of the Week is: ***How are our bodies like the Church body?***



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



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

OPENING PRAYER *Tom Bryant*

SONG You have called us out of darkest
night

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

SONG Our God is a great big God

Children leave for their activities

NEWS

SONG You're the Lion of Judah

BIBLE READINGS *Diana Knott*

Exodus 35:1-9, 35:30-36:1 (page 94 and 95)
1 Corinthians 12:12-31 (page 1153)

SERMON *Andy Martin*

One body, many parts

SONG The Church's one foundation

CONFESSION

PRAYERS *David Stokes*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

SONG O Church arise

Please collect your child from crèche

BLESSING

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Welcome to our 4.00pm Service

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

Club114 (Y7-9) meet in the Cranmer Room.

Cross Section (Y10-12) meet after the service in the Tyndale Room.

Our Question of the Week is: ***How are our bodies like the Church body?***



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OPENING PRAYER *Chris Hobbs*

HYMN The church's one foundation

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night

CONFESSION

SONG Our God is a great big God

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Children and young people leave for their
activities*

NEWS

SONG You're the Lion of Judah

PRAYERS *Amy Walker*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

BIBLE READINGS *Sally Hill*

Exodus 35:1-9, 35:30-36:1 (page 94 and 95)
1 Corinthians 12:12-31 (page 1153)

SERMON *Andy Martin*

One body, many parts

SONG O Church arise

Please collect your child from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

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Welcome to our 6.30pm Service

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Andy Martin

HYMN Crown him with many crowns

SONG In days of peace and days of rest

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BIBLE READING *Dawn Evans*

Genesis 39:1-20a (page43)

SERMON *Chris Hobbs*

Just when everything is going well

SONG You called me from the grave by
name

CONFESSION

PRAYERS *Martin Sherlaw*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

SONG God the uncreated one

COMMUNION

NEWS

HYMN When peace like a river

CLOSING PRAYER

1. Rejoice in the unity and in the diversity of our church (12-14)
2. We all belong in our church (15-19)
3. We are all needed in our church (20-26)
4. There are no every-member gifts in our church (27-31)

What I have learned

- to praise God for

- to confess to God

- to ask God for

Missed a sermon recently? Visit www.sssw.org.uk (under Resources)

Joseph: intended for good
Just when everything is going well

Genesis 39:1-20a

God will be with us...

1. In hardship (1-6)

2. In temptation (7-10)

3. In persecution (11-20)

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How to Walk into Church (2)

Dear Friends,

What do you think you're coming to when you walk into church? Your answer to that question will affect *how* you come: gladly or reluctantly; regularly or occasionally; asking what you'll get out of it or seeking to serve others; expectant or resigned. So what are we coming to?

The New Testament word translated "church" simply means an *assembly* or *gathering* of people. But what kind of gathering is it? The book of Revelation provides a couple of brilliant visions:

"After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb" (Revelation 7:9).

"Look! God's dwelling-place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God" (Revelation 21:3).

Our gatherings may seem a pale shadow of these, but they are a shadow – a foreshadowing. That's where we're heading and even where we are already spiritually. So, when we walk into church, "We're walking into a gathering that God himself has called together, as part of his majestic plan to save and gather his people around the Lord Jesus Christ. We're walking into an outpost or foretaste of the great spiritual, heavenly assembly of the people of God" (*How to Walk into Church*, Tony Payne). And who wouldn't want to be part of that?!

Yours warmly, in Christ,



Mar 3 at 6.30pm
What's the point of church?

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Sundays at St Stephens

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

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

Cross Section (Y10-13)

5.30-7.00pm, toasties included

6.30pm service, relaxed and informal

This Week

**Sun
10**

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

**Tue
12**

CAP Prayer meeting. 7.45pm at St Stephen's.

**Wed
13**

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

**Thu
14**

Cross-Section Bible Study (Y10-13) 4.30-5.30pm

Explorers (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm

Club114 (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm

Life Explored continues. 8-9.30pm at Church.

**Fri
15**

Stay and Play baby and toddler group. 10.00-11.30am

**Sun
17**

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

Looking Ahead

**Mar
10**

Suffering Church Prayer Breakfast. 8.30-9.30am in the Cranmer Room.

**Apr
9**

Parenting Evening. More details to follow in the next few weeks.

**Jun
28-30**

Church Family Weekend Away 2019.

We will be going to Hothorpe Hall, please put the date in your diary and plan to join us.

News and Requests

Electoral Roll. The roll has to be renewed from scratch this year, so this is for everyone! If you consider yourself a member of our church, please complete a form and place it in the red box.

Church Manager. We are seeking to appoint a full-time Church Manager. Full details can be found at www.sssw.org.uk/church-manager. Please feel free to contact Chris Hobbs informally. The closing date for applications is **Monday 4th March 2019.**

Giving Letters. Please remember to return your response **TODAY...** or as soon as possible this week. Spare copies are available in the foyer.

'All Things New' OMF conference 1-3 March (or just 2 Mar). Bible teaching from Hugh Palmer and sessions on work across East Asia. See Mark & Rebekah Fox for details.

Accommodation available: in guys house in Selly Oak (B29 6NP), £275pm rent + £100 bills. Social house with large lounge for hosting. Close to Selly Oak railway station and local bus routes. Available immediately. For more info contact Rob Spurling.

New: Prayer Guide. Please collect your new Prayer Guide from the foyer, designed to help us pray for our fellow church members, mission partners and ministries (available to those on Church Suite).