

This Week

Mon
11 Sep

Women's Book Group are meeting at 8pm to discuss 'Kisses from Katie'. Speak to Chris Stonehouse or Elizabeth Barry for more information.

Tue
12 Sep

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study, 10.00-11:30am.
Crèche provided.

Children & Youth Team meeting, 7.45pm for coffee. Do come to chat, pray and encourage!

Wed
13 Sep

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

Thu
14 Sep

Explorers (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm
Club 114 (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm

Fri
15 Sep

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

Looking Ahead

Sun
17 Sep

Church Family Lunch has been cancelled. Apologies for the late notice.

Fri/Sat
22/23
Sep

Women's Weekend: 'Finding Contentment', at St Stephen's. A chance to spend time together and learn from God's word. See Jem Huggins for more details.

6-8
Oct

Youth Weekend Away. Brochures available today! Please return your form by the 24th September. Speak to Tom Bryant for more info.

News and Requests

Registration Sunday TODAY! We would like all parents and carers to complete record sheets for their children and young people. Please make your way to the Cranmer Room after the service where you will find forms, pens and helpful people. For everyone from Crèche up to Cross Section. It's vital we have up to date information each year.

Equip. Our in-house one-year training course designed to 'equip the saints for the work of ministry'. Fully re-worked for 2017! Leaflets in the foyer. Speak to Chris Hobbs if you are interested.

Wanted: Your Story: we are putting together a book of short stories from members of the church family. These could be about how you became a Christian, or of God's work in you at a significant moment of your Christian life. If you'd like to contribute, please get in touch with Nicky Sammons.

Church Weekend Away, 10-12 Nov. 'Ready Steady Grow'. We want everyone to come if they can. Single rooms and concessions are available. Leaflets in the foyer for details and to book. Please put completed forms in an envelope together with money/cheque, and mark for the attention of the Parish Office, into the Parish Office pigeon-hole in the foyer.

Someone in our church is **looking for a cleaning job** for a few hours a week. If you are interested in hiring her, please let Nick Devas know, 0121 4721088.

Sandra Thornhill went to be with the Lord on Wednesday afternoon 6th Sep. The burial/service of thanksgiving is likely to be Fri 29th/Sat 30th Sep tbc.



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

10th September 2017

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

10.00am Morning Service

Seven marks of a healthy Christian
'Church' *Chris Hobbs*

6.00pm Evening Service

The word spreads 'In Jerusalem'
Acts 6:8-8:3 *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.

This week Sunday Club and Club 114 restart: we will share our summer news and get to know new members of our groups.

Refreshments are served after the services.

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 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:
Church

Ephesians 4:11-16

A healthy church is marked by:

• **Ministry (v11-12a)**

of some (v11)

of all (v12a, 15a)

• **Maturity and Unity (v13, 15-16)**

• **Stability (v14)**

Acts 2:42-27

A healthy church is devoted to:

• **Learning (v42)**

• **'Togetherness' (v42, 44-46)**

• **Praising (v42, 46b, 47a)**

• **Prayer (v42)**

Missed a sermon recently? Visit www.sssw.org.uk

OPENING PRAYER *Andy Martin*

HYMN Lord of the Church

SONG Early morning, break of dawn

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CONFESSION

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG God speaks, we listen

NEWS

after which children and young people leave for their activities

SONG When I survey

PRAYERS *Chris Porter*

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.

BIBLE READINGS *Richard Griffith*

Acts 2:36-47 (page 1094)

Ephesians 4:1-16 (page 1175)

This is the word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God

SERMON *Chris Hobbs*
'Church'

HYMN O church arise

Please collect your child(ren) from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

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

Name/s

Sermon Notes:
The word spreads **In Jerusalem**
Acts 6:8-8:3

Address

Stephen is put on trial (6:8-15)

Phone

Stephen speaks to the Sanhedrin (7:1-53)

Email

Abraham and the promises (2-8)

Joseph and the Egyptian Exile (9-19)

Moses, the Exodus and the Wilderness (20-44)

David and Solomon and the temple (45-50)

Stephen is murdered (7:54-8:3)

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OPENING PRAYER *Chris Hobbs*

HYMN I stand amazed

SONG See he dies

CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

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PRAYERS *Mark Fox*

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SONGS Nothing but grace
Fairest Lord Jesus

THE APOSTLES' CREED

NEWS

SONG Have you heard of a God of love?

BIBLE READING *Dawn Evans*

Acts 6:8-8:3 (page 1098)

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SERMON *Andy Martin*

The word spreads: In Jerusalem

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

HYMN Facing a task unfinished

BLESSING

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