

This Week

Sun
10

Bookstall. Four great books on the Reformation – what happened and why it matters – something for every age/stage. **Last chance today!**

Church Family Lunch. 12noon. All welcome! Please stay on even if you hadn't planned to. Suggested donation of £3 per adult.

Cross-Section (Y10-13) 7:45-9.00pm
(last one of the year)

Mon
11

Rehearsal for Traditional Carol Service. 8.00-9.00pm

Tue
12

Carols with Samuel Thornhill. From 7pm, followed by coffee and cake. Volunteers to set up chairs and bring cake very welcome. Speak to Elizabeth Barry if you plan to attend.

Wed
13

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

Thu
14

Explorers (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm
Club 114 (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm
(last ones of the year)

Fri
15

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

Sun
17

All Age Carols, 10.00am, followed by Christmas refreshments

Traditional Carols by Candlelight, 6.00pm, followed by Christmas nibbles & mulled wine.

Who can you invite to next Sunday's Carols, 10am and 6pm? Plenty of invitation cards available in the Foyer.

Most fellowship groups finish off the year with socials this week. If you'd like to know more about being in a fellowship group speak to one of the staff team.

Mon 18
Dec

Carol Singing in the Country Girl. 7.45pm. Contact Andy Martin or Mark Johnston to find out more.

Mon 8
Jan

Women's Book Group. "The Life You Never Expected" by Andrew & Rachel Wilson. All women welcome.

Sat 13
Jan

Church Family Walk (in the afternoon). More details to follow.

Sat 20
Jan

Compelled by Love. 10am-3pm. This day conference is all about cultivating a heart for the lost. Flyers in the foyer.

Sun 28
Jan

New 4pm service starts.

Mon 29
Jan

Butcher and Beer. 7.30pm at St Stephens. Flyers in the foyer.

News and Requests

Wanted: Ministry Trainees, Sep 2018-Aug 2019. Spend a year serving the church and learning gospel ministry. You don't have to be a student to apply! Details from Chris Hobbs/Parish Office.

Christmas cards. We will be displaying cards to the church family on the notice board. Feel free to pop one up.

Address Book and Prayer Guide. New books will be available next week, please sign up for one in the foyer, or email: jem.huggins@sssw.org.uk. (Books will only be available to those who are in the book)

Night Shelter will be running for 6 weeks on Fri nights & Sat mornings from 5 Jan. To help or contribute financially email: ststephensnightshelter@gmail.com



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

10th December 2017

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

10.00am Morning Service with Holy Communion

The blind man who could see
Luke 18:31-43 *Bishop David Urquhart*

6.00pm Evening Service with Holy Communion

What really matters
Titus 3:8-15 *Chris Hobbs*

Children and young people will go to their activities part way through the service:
Crèche and Club114 leave through the foyer.
Sunday Club: (Scramblers, Climbers and Explorers) leave through the Hudson-Taylor room at the front of church.

This morning in Sunday Club we are looking at Luke 2: 21 - 35, God's gift to the Shepherds
We will see the amazing truth that Jesus came into the world to rescue us!

Club114 will be learning about the blind man who could see, from Luke 18.

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

Sermon Notes:
The blind man who could see
Luke 18:31-43

Address

Phone

Email

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- Newcomers' events
- Small Groups
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- Other

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

Morning Service

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

OPENING PRAYER *Chris Hobbs*

CAROL O come, o come Emmanuel

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.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG Unto us a child is born

NEWS

Children and young people leave for their activities

SONG Joy has dawned upon the world

INTERVIEW with Bishop David

BIBLE READING *Margaret Twiss*

Psalm 22:1-21 (page 554)

Luke 18:31-43 (page 1053)

SERMON *Bishop David*

The blind man who could see

PRAYERS *Mark Checketts*

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 See him in Jerusalem

Please collect your child(ren) from crèche

COMMUNION *see insert or screen*

HYMN Amazing grace

CLOSING PRAYER

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NEWS

THE NICENE CREED

SONG O great God of highest heaven

BIBLE READING *Paul Coley*
Psalm 133-134 (page 625)
Titus 3:8-15 (page 1199)

SERMON *Chris Hobbs*
What really matters

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG The mystery of the cross

COMMUNION *see insert or screen*

HYMN From the squalor of a borrowed stable

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