

This Week

Sun
11

Cross Section (Y10-13)
5.30 – 7.00pm, toasties included
Rooted (Student group) 8:00-
9:15pm, food included

Tue
13

**Raising Children in a technology-
obsessed World.** 7.30 for
pancakes, 8pm start. This is for all
parents, whether you parent a toddler, a teen
and all in between. Sign up at the back of
church to give us an idea of numbers.

CAP prayer meeting. 7.45-9.00pm in the
Tyndale Room (upstairs)

Wed
14

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

Ash Wednesday. There will be a service of
Holy Communion in Church following the
Book of Common Prayer, 6pm (over by 7pm).

Thu
15

Cross Section Bible Study
(Y10-13) 4.30-5.30pm
Explorers (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm
Club114 (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm

Christianity Explored continues.

Fri
16

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

Sun
18

Church Family Afternoon Tea.
3-4pm (before the 4pm service).
Everybody welcome! A great chance
to be together as a whole church family.

*There are weekly **Fellowship Groups**. Speak to a
member of the staff team to find out more.*

Looking Ahead

Sat 3
Mar

Men's Breakfast. 8-9.30am "How
far may God's call take you?", with
John McNeill and Bishop Rafeal.

Mon 5
Mar

Women's book club are now
reading *Virtually Human*, by E
Brooks & Pete Nicholas.

Tue 20
Mar

**2020 Birmingham Annual Day
Conference, 'Next Generation'.**
Flyers in the foyer.

News and Requests

**Wanted: Ministry Trainees, Sep 2018-Aug
2019.** Spend a year serving the church and
learning gospel ministry. Details from Chris
Hobbs/Parish Office.

New Treasurer. The Church Council has
appointed Sam Allen to be Treasurer, taking
over from Tony Ball. Many thanks to Tony
for his great work, and to Sam for taking on
this role. Sam can be contacted on

Soup Run Help Needed – Thursdays 7-8pm
in city centre to help serve food, once a
month at most. Speak to Meghan Killen if
you can help.

Cereal needed. Please consider adding a
box of cereal to your next shop to donate to
the hungry Cross Section youth for their
bible studies on Thursdays.

Relationships and Sex Education in primary
and secondary schools. The Department
for Education consultation closes on
tomorrow. Details of how to respond are in
the Foyer, follow this link to submit your
views: <http://www.bit.ly/RSE-EVIDENCE>

Caring Minds event. Tue 20 Feb, 6-8pm at St
Stephen's. Speak to Margaret Clarke to find
out more. Flyers in the foyer.

Thanks. Richard and Ruth are so grateful
for all the prayers and support they have
received from the church family over the
past few difficult weeks. Thanks so much!



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

11th February 2018

*making and maturing disciples of
Jesus Christ in Birmingham*

10.00am Morning Service

Peace in our time
Ephesians 2:11-22 *Chris Hobbs*

4.00pm Afternoon Service

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6.30pm Evening Service

Forward by decrees
Ezra 5 & 6 *Andy Martin*

Children will go to their activities part way
through both the 10am and 4pm service:

Crèche 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 carrying on
looking at Paul the truth teller, the giver of
God's good news. We will be looking at his
letter to the Galatians. Today we will see that
God's family is for everyone! (Gal 3&4, Luke 2)
Club114 will be on during the 4pm service.
They will leave through the foyer. They will be
looking at Ephesians 2:11-22, to see what Jesus
has done for us.

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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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

Sermon Notes:

Peace in our time Ephesians 2:11-22

Address

• Remember what we once were: outsiders (v11-12)

Phone

Email

• Remember what Christ has done: made peace (v13-18)

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

• Remember what we have become: a temple (v19-22)

Missed a sermon recently?

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OPENING PRAYER *Tom Bryant*

PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger, order us in all our doings and guide us to do always what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONGS The church's one foundation
God of grace, amazing wonder

CONFESSION

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.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

ALL-IN

SONG It's a light and hammer

NEWS

Children leave for their activities

SONG You have called us out of darkest night

PRAYERS *Andy Martin*

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 READING *Helen Hobbs*

Isaiah 57:14-21 (page 744)

Ephesians 2:11-22 (page 1174)

SERMON *Chris Hobbs*

Peace in our time

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SONG In Christ alone

Please collect your child(ren) from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

Please stay on for tea/coffee and biscuits.

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Afternoon Service

OPENING PRAYER *Mark Checketts*

HYMN The church's one foundation

SONG God of grace, amazing wonder

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.

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PRAYERS *Sam Allen*

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CLOSING PRAYER

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, equip us with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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Sermon Notes:

Forward by decrees Ezra 5-6

What does the Bible say?

Introducing the prophets (5:1-2)

Introducing the officials (5:3-5)

Tattenai's letter to Darius (5:6-17)

Darius' reply to Tattenai (6:1-12)

Finishing the temple (6:13-18)

Worship in the temple (6:19-22)

So what?

1. God's kingdom is built as his people listen to his word

2. God's kingdom is built through his sovereign rule

3. God's kingdom is built so that his people will worship him with joy

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OPENING PRAYER *Andrew Quaintance*

SONGS I heard an old, old story
From the highest of heights
Mine are days that God has numbered

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SONGS In days of peace and days of rest
I once was lost in darkest night

BIBLE READINGS *Melanie Britton*

Ezra 5:1-5, 6:1-22 (page 477)

SERMON *Andy Martin*

Forward by decrees

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

HYMN What can wash away my sin?

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