

## This Week

Sun  
11

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

Wed  
14

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

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

Fri  
16

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

Sun  
18

**Daniel Odhiambo** will be at church  
with us. He is our Associate Mission  
Partner out in Marsabit, North  
Kenya. Andy and Amanda will be hosting a  
lunch for him on Sunday: if you would like to  
join them for lunch to meet Daniel and hear  
more from him then please let them know.

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*There are weekly **Fellowship Groups** on  
Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and  
Wednesday evenings. Speak to a member of  
the staff team to find out more.*

## Looking Ahead

Tue 27  
Mar

**Afternoon Tea at the Vicarage,**  
3.30pm, for those retired and  
beyond. Invitations are in your  
pigeon holes or on the bookstall

Fri 23  
Mar

**Musicians Rehearsal and social**  
(rescheduled after snow)

Tue 20  
Mar

**People and Places: Open  
Deanery Synod**, 7.30pm,  
Immanuel Church Highers  
Heath, B14 4PG. An  
opportunity to hear the latest thinking on  
ministry in Birmingham over the coming  
years, to ask questions and raise concerns.

Thu 29  
Mar

**Church Family Meal, 6.45 for  
7pm start.** Please sign up on  
the sheet in the foyer to come  
along, and let us know what you  
can bring. If you don't bring a meal the cost  
is £5 per adult, £2 for 6-15 yr olds. **There is  
also a help sign up sheet**, if you are able to  
help the evening run smoothly in any way it  
would be very much appreciated.

Sat 31  
Mar

**Church Family Walk.** At Waseley  
Hills (by popular request!).  
More details to follow.

Mon 23  
Apr

**Women's book group** are now  
reading Crazy Love by Francis  
Chan. All women welcome!  
Speak to Chris Stonehouse or  
Elizabeth Barry if you'd like to join us.

Tue 1  
May

**Colin (Buchanan) in concert.**  
**5pm at St Stephen's.** Tickets  
£4.50 for anyone over the age  
of 2. Tickets available online;

[www.wegottickets.com/event/430783](http://www.wegottickets.com/event/430783)

## News and Requests

**Welcome Ministries and Children's Team**  
are still looking for new people to join their  
teams. Could this be you? Contact the office  
or speak to a member of staff if so.

**The Harvey family** will be visiting and need  
offers of accommodation: 15-24 May, 30  
May-8 June, 15-17 June. Can divide up (2 & 3).  
Offers to Nick Devas 07926 616451.

**Christian Institute March Newsletter**  
available in the bookstall.



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## 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018

making and maturing disciples  
of Jesus Christ

### 10.00am All-Age Mothering Sunday Service

Coming home!  
Ruth 1

*Helen Buckley*

### 4.00pm All-Age Mothering Sunday Service

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### 6.30pm Evening Service

Ezra's prayer  
Ezra 9

*Andy Martin*

**Children and young people will stay in the  
service today.**

At the 10am there will be a crèche available for  
0-3's in the Cranmer Room.  
At the 4pm there will be toys set up at the back  
of church for crèche age children.

**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

**Parish Office** St Stephen's Church,  
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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 at the back of church. 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

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- Being a Christian
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- Small Groups
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Talk Notes:  
Coming home!

Ruth 1

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## Morning Service

**OPENING PRAYER** *Chris Hobbs*

**HYMN** O Lord my God

**CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sin, God is faithful and just; he will forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.**

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins. For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;

**Father forgive us, save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we want to without thinking of you;

**Father forgive us, save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do and think and say;

**Father forgive us, save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;

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In your great love for us, and because Jesus died for our sins;

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**Heavenly Father, we thank you that you forgive all who truly turn to you. May your Holy Spirit give us strength to love and serve you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SONG** Your love will last forever

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**QUIZ** Mothers in the Bible

**BIBLE READING** *Heather Woodward*  
Ruth 1 (page 267)

**TALK** *Helen Buckley*  
Coming home!

**SONG** Mine are days that God has numbered

**PRAYERS** *David Twiss*

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.**

**NEWS**

**SONG** Nothing but grace  
*Please collect your child from crèche*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**Be with us, Lord, as we go out into the world: may the lips that have sung your praises always speak the truth; may the ears which have heard your word listen only to what is good; and may our lives in every part be always pleasing in your sight, for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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Ruth 1 (page 267)

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**PRAYERS** *The Martin Family*  
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**Sermon Notes:**  
Ezra's prayer

Ezra 9

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**Not to us, LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.** Psalm 115:1 (NIV)

**OPENING PRAYER** *Chris Hobbs*

**HYMN** Praise to Christ the Lord incarnate  
**SONG** You have called us out of darkest night

### 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

**PRAYERS** *Imogen Prasad*  
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## Evening Service

**SONGS** Take the world but give me Jesus  
When I am weak, you are strong

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

### NEWS

**SONG** My heart is filled with thankfulness

**BIBLE READINGS** *Paul Coley*  
Deuteronomy 7:1-11 (page 186)  
Ezra 9:1-15 (page 482)

**SERMON** *Andy Martin*  
Ezra's prayer

### INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

**HYMN** Yes, finished, the Messiah dies

### 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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