

This Week

TODAY

Service of Baptism & Confirmation, 6.00pm, led by Bishop Maurice Sinclair. Please come and celebrate with the nine candidates.

Mon 12 Jun

Marriage MOT 7.45 for 8.00-9.30pm. Marriage in the service of God, especially in juggling responsibilities like family, work and church. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer to give us an idea of numbers.

Tue 13 Jun

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study, 10.00-11.30am. Crèche provided.

Wed 14 Jun

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

Thu 15 Jun

The World We All Want 8.00 – 9.30pm.
Explorers (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm
Club 114 (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm
'Real Change', 8.00 – 9.30pm.

Fri 16 Jun

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

Looking Ahead

Fri 23 Jun

Music rehearsal and social, 7.00-9.00pm. For all church musicians and anyone interested in getting involved with music ministry. Speak to Allan Ooi for details.

Mon 26 Jun

Lunch with Daniel Qampicha, 1.00pm, 103 Bournbrook Road. See news item below.

Mon 3 Jul

Church Family BBQ, 5.00 – 9.00pm at 18 Selly Wick Road. See information box below.

Mon 3 Jul

Women's Book Group will meet to discuss the book 'Radical' by David Platt. All women welcome. Speak to Elizabeth Barry or Chris Stonehouse for more info.

News and Requests

If you would like **prayer after the service**, please look for people who are wearing the blue 'Prayer Team' badges.

Following on from World Mission Sunday, Andy and Amanda are hosting **Bishop Daniel Qampicha of Marsabit, Kenya**, for lunch on Monday 26th June at 1.00pm. Please join them for lunch and an informal chat with Daniel about some of the challenges facing him as he takes over from Rob Martin. Please let Andy or Amanda know if you're coming.

Offers of help to set up or clear away for our Church family BBQ on 1st July would be gratefully received. Please speak to Chris or Helen Hobbs if you can help.

CAP prayer meeting this week has been cancelled.

Church Family BBQ:

Saturday 1st July, 5.00-9.00pm at

18 Selly Wick Rd. Please bring meat and something to drink for yourselves, plus either bread or salad or pudding to share.

Please SIGN UP on the sheet in the foyer to let us know you are coming and what you are bringing.

11th June 2017

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

10.00am Morning Service with Baptism

A Family Tale (Ruth 1)
Call me Bitter *Chris Hobbs*

6.00pm Confirmation Service

Threefold Strengthening
Bishop Maurice Sinclair



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

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.

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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Morning Service

Name/s

Sermon Notes:
A family tale: Call me Bitter Ruth 1

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Phone

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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

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

OPENING PRAYER *Andy Martin*

HYMN

God we praise you, God we bless you

SONG

You have called us out of darkest night

BAPTISM OF GRACE HINDLEY

(see insert)

SONG Your love will last forever

NEWS *after which children and young people leave for their activities*

SONG

When I fear my faith will fail

BIBLE READINGS *Amanda Martin*

Ruth 1:1-22 (page 267)

Acts 16:25-34 (page 1112)

This is the word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God

SERMON *Chris Hobbs*
Call me Bitter

PRAYERS *David Stokes*

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.

HYMN And can it be
Please collect your child(ren) from crèche

BLESSING

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