

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

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.

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.



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

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

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.

Sunday Club: this term we look at Mark ch 4-8, learning that Jesus is the King of God's kingdom. Today in ch5:1-20 we will see that Jesus loves to set people free and he has power over evil. **Club 114** is looking at 1 Peter. Today we will see that being a Christian isn't easy.

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.

Morning Service

Name/s

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

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

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.