

Sunday 11th August



Welcome to our 10.00am Service

This morning we are looking at Psalm 63 'You are my God'.

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 help yourself to a Welcome Booklet, and if you would like us to contact you about our activities then complete a Welcome Card – both are available in the foyer.

Children's activities There will be holiday activities for those aged 3 to year 6 during the service.
Crèche Please feel free to take your children (under 3 only please) through to the Cranmer Room where you will need to supervise them.

Question of the Week: Why is knowing God the best thing?



Refreshments are served in the Foyer after the service, please stay and join us.

 **Toilets** are in the foyer and upstairs; baby-changing facilities in the disabled toilet.

OPENING PRAYER *Chris Hobbs*

HYMN Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

SONG God, the uncreated one

THE APOSTLES' CREED

CONFESSION

SONG Solomon was a young man

NEWS

Children leave for their activities

PRAYERS *David Twiss*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

SONG I want to know you

BIBLE READING *Ian Butler*

Psalm 63 (page 579)

Philippians 3:7-14 (page 118o)

SERMON *Chris Porter*

You are my God

HYMN When I survey

CLOSING PRAYER

BLESSING

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Welcome to our 6.30pm Service

This evening we are thinking about what it means that Christians are 'Hoping and waiting' (Romans 8:18-27), and we will be sharing the Lord's Supper.

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OPENING PRAYER *Andy Martin*

SONG Creation sings the Father's song

HYMN I heard an old, old story

CONFESSION

BIBLE READING *Jane Wong*

Genesis 3:14-24 (*page 5*)

Romans 8:17-30 (*page 1135*)

SERMON *Chris Hobbs*

Hoping and waiting

SONG When darkness deepens

PRAYERS *Mark Fox*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

NEWS

SONG I hear the Saviour say

THE APOSTLES' CREED

COMMUNION

HYMN What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer

CLOSING PRAYER

Missed a sermon recently? Visit www.sssw.org.uk (under Resources)

What I have learned

- to praise God for
- to confess to God
- to ask God for

1. God's *creation* longs for glory (v18-22)

2. God's *children* long for glory (v23-25)

3. God's *Spirit* longs for glory (v26-27)

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Everyone's a worshipper

Dear Friends,

Worship is a bit like faith: everyone worships something or someone, just as everyone has faith in something or someone. The only question is: What/whom do we worship? In what/whom do we have faith?

Here is what the novelist David Foster Wallace said to the 2005 graduating class at Kenyon College, Ohio: "Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what we worship. And the compelling reason for maybe choosing some sort of god or spiritual-type thing to worship ... is that pretty much anything else you worship will eat you alive." He then gives a number of examples, among them power: "Worship power, you will end up feeling weak and afraid, and you will need ever more power over others to numb you to your own fear."

What is impressive is to hear someone who isn't a Christian saying these things. Those of us who are Christians should be even clearer about them, because we know that the God we worship and know in his Son Jesus Christ would rather give his life for us than eat us alive. Indeed, he came to give us life, not to take it from us, that we might "have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10), which is life with God himself, the life we were created for. This God is the only one we can worship and not be left aching and empty – or worse – but truly satisfied.

Yours warmly, in Christ,
Chris Hobbs (Senior Minister)



**Bible stories, games, craft
and loads more!**

Children currently in Reception – Year 6

Tues 27th – Fri 30th Aug and Sun 1st Sep 10am – 12 noon

Please pick up and form and please SIGN UP!

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Sundays at St Stephens

10am service, family friendly with activities for children (crèche – Y6)

4pm service will resume on 8th September.

6.30pm service, relaxed and informal

This Week

The week's normal activities are on pause until September.

**Wed
14**

Day Centre (for older people)
10am-2.30pm. Art Centre workshop morning.

Bangers and Banter at the Davies' house. 28 Wellman Croft, B29 6NP. Please come along from 7pm, sausages on the BBQ (weather permitting!). If coming, please let us know if possible for catering purposes, you can find my details on Church Suite. Bring a bottle of something to drink! All welcome.

Looking Ahead

**Aug
21**

Bible Study at St Stephen's, 8pm. Come along and join together in delving further into Romans 8:28-30 ('Destined for glory') with Andy and Ben.

**Aug
28**

Pudding Party chez Twiss! 7.30pm. An evening of sweet treats at 92 Elm Road, Bournville B30 2AY

**Sep
1**

Evening Service. From Sunday 1st September the evening service will be at St Wulstan's, starting at 6pm, with the aim of making it more attractive to students.

**Sep
16**

Women's Book Club will discuss "The book your pastor wishes you would read", Christopher Ash, AND "Enjoying God" by Tim Chester!
Speak to Elizabeth or Chris S for more info.
All welcome!

New Fellowship Groups

The Wednesday evening Fellowship Groups are being reorganised for September. These groups meet to help one another grow as Christians through Bible study, prayer and friendship. There may also be a new group on a different evening (Tuesday or Thursday). So now is a great time to join a group. Please speak to Chris Hobbs if you would like to know more, or let him know by Sunday 25th August if you would like to join a group (chris.hobbs@sssw.org.uk).

News and Requests

Over the summer the 4pm service is taking a break. However, on Sunday 18th August we would like to invite you all to join us at 4pm here at church for an informal prayer gathering. We will have tea, chat, sing a few songs and then we will pray for the 4pm service and, more widely, that we would be a church family that loves to speak about Jesus.

Day Centre would welcome help with setting up and putting away tables and chairs on 14th and 21st August at 9am and 2.30pm. Please contact Jean Phillips.

Discretionary Fund We would like to establish a fund of £5,000 in order to help those in church who are in need. Please send any gifts to Tony Burridge (Finance Secretary), marked 'Discretionary Fund'.

Spare iPad or similar? Does anyone have a spare iPad that might be used by the church at St Wulstan's? This would help with managing the sound system. Contact Tom Bryant tom.bryant@sssw.org.uk

Ladies bike wanted, in good working order, for a local Cap client. Some payment possible. Please contact Helen Hobbs or the Church office.

Wheelchair belonging to Moseley Hall Hospital found in Day Centre cupboard. Please contact Jean Phillips if you know how it came to be there.