

# Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November



## Welcome to our 10.00am Service

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There is a **Crèche** for under 3's in the Cranmer Room.

Ask a member of **Sunday Club**: Why did Jesus have to die?



**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 *Andy Martin*

### HYMN Abide with me

### CONFSSION

### SONG I'm following the King *Children leave for their activities*

### SONG I want to know you

### BIBLE READINGS *Amanda Martin* Psalm 22:1-21 (page 554) Luke 23:32-43 (page 1060)

### SERMON *Tom Bryant* Jesus: Crucified

### HYMN When I survey the wondrous cross *Please collect your child from crèche*

### ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

### PRAYERS *David Stokes* ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### NEWS

### SONG From the squalor of a borrowed stable

### CLOSING PRAYER

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## Welcome to our 4.00pm Service

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There is a **Crèche** for under 3's in the Cranmer Room.

Ask a member of **Sunday Club** Why did Jesus have to die?

Ask **Club114** what they learnt from the sermon and their discussion afterwards.

**Cross Section** meet after the service and will discuss the sermon, they will be thinking about how to listen well in church, why not ask them if they have any tips!



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**OPENING PRAYER** *Andy Martin*

**HYMN** Abide with me

**CONFESION**

**SONG** I'm following the King

**NEWS**

*Children leave for their activities*

**SONG** I want to know you

**BIBLE READINGS** *Andy Walker*

Psalm 22:1-21 (page 554)

Luke 23:32-43 (page 1060)

**SERMON** *Tom Bryant*

Jesus: Crucified

**HYMN** When I survey the wondrous cross  
*Club114 leave for their group discussion*

**PRAYERS** *Charlie Cook*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**SONG** From the squalor of a borrowed stable  
*Please collect your child from crèche*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

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## Welcome to our 6.30pm Service

Andy Martin will be speaking on 'Useful Christian' (2 Timothy 2:20-26)

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### OPENING PRAYER *Mark Fox*

**SONGS** All people that on earth do dwell  
You're the Word of God the Father

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

### NEWS

**SONG** Speak, O Lord

**BIBLE READINGS** *Dawn Evans*  
Isaiah 6:1-8 (page 690)  
2 Timothy 2:20-26(page 1196)

### SERMON *Andy Martin*

Useful Christian

### CONFESION

**SONGS** God the uncreated one  
What a friend we have in Jesus

### PRAYERS *Rebekah Fox*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**SONG** To You, O Lord

### CLOSING PRAYER

Who said what?

Investigating the evidence...

2 key questions

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2.

My response

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

1. Be useful to the Lord (20-21)

2. Be ruthless with sin (22-23)

3. Be gentle with everyone (24-26)

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What I have learned

- to praise God for

- to confess to God

- to ask God for

# Lest We Forget

Dear Friends,

Remembrance Sunday is especially poignant this year as it falls on the hundredth anniversary of Armistice Day when in 1918, at the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the guns fell silent and peace returned as the fighting of the First World War came to an end. Many of us can only imagine what it might have been like to live through such terrible times. In this we are greatly helped by books, films and documentaries. We are rightly told to remember these things 'lest we forget.'

Remembering and peace are both great Christian themes, and they are wonderfully brought together in Ephesians 2 where Paul urges his Christian friends in Ephesus to remember that they were once outsiders to the things of God. But now that has all changed, because Christ has made peace, not only between them and God but also between them and one another. Christ's "purpose was to create in himself one new humanity ... thus making peace" (verse 15).

So Christians, of all people, should be people of remembrance and peace: remembering the peace won for us at such great cost; living at peace with all people as far as it depends on us; looking eagerly and waiting patiently for the final and eternal peace to come when Christ returns; proclaiming this peace to a restless world that longs for peace but knows not where to find it.

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord,

Your friend and brother,

Chris Hobbs (Senior Minister/Vicar)

#MeettheFamily (more on Facebook and Instagram)



ST STEPHEN'S AND ST WULSTAN'S SELLY PARK  
"ADOPTED AS A CHILD OF GOD"

#MeettheFamily #OurStories Julia once met Princess Ann at Buckingham Palace, loves fantasy & detective novels, she has to visit Scotland at least once a year or she's at risk of suffering withdrawal systems, she loves her job as a family interventions co-ordinator in a prison and is a follower of Jesus. She grew up in a Christian family but drifted away as teenager. She came to realise just how amazing and wonderful God's grace is when watching how God used her Mum's battle with cancer to draw others (including her), to him. The fact that despite her own sin she's been chosen to be adopted as a child of God (Ephesians1:5) never fails to make her feel truly humble and unbelievably blessed. The security of knowing she's loved as a child of God through his grace despite herself is truly amazing in every way.

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# Sundays at St Stephens

**10am**, a family friendly service with activities for children (crèche – Y6)  
**4pm**, a family friendly service with activities for children and young people (crèche – Y9)  
**Cross Section** (Y10-13)  
5.30-7.00pm, toasties included  
**6.30pm service**, more relaxed and informal.

## This Week

**Sun 11** **Cross Section** (Y10-13) 5.30-7.00pm.

**Mon 12** **Women's Book Group** meet to discuss 'Honest Evangelism' (Rico Tice). See Chris Stonehouse or Elizabeth Barry.

**Praying for Cosmic Chemistry.**  
7.45-9.15pm at St Stephens.

**Tue 13** **CAP Prayer Meeting** 7.45pm upstairs in the Tyndale Room at St Stephens.

**CAP Money Course** – A budgeting course to help you gain control of your finances. 7:00-9:00pm, Bournville Community Hub.  
Continues on 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Call 0121 or go to: [www.capmoneycourse.org](http://www.capmoneycourse.org)

**Wed 14** **Day Centre** (for older people)  
10am-2.30pm

**Thu 15** **Service of thanksgiving and celebration for the life of Sarah Underwood.** 2.30-3.30pm at St Stephens.

**Explorers** (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm  
**Club114** (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm

**Three faiths one question: Why do good people do bad things?** 7:30-9:30pm, University of Birmingham. Flyers in the foyer.

**Fri 16**

**Stay and Play** (baby and toddler Group) 10.00-11.30am

**Sun 18**

**Suffering Church Sunday.** Vaughan Thomas from Open Doors will be with us. There will be Church Family lunch, after which (1-2 pm) Vaughan will share about Open Doors work for the persecuted church around the world. Please do plan to join us for that. There will be activities provided for the children. Suggested donation £3 per person. All welcome.

**Cross Section** (Y10-13) 5.30-7.00pm, toasties included.

## Looking Ahead

**Nov 19**

**Cosmic Christianity – Do science and Christianity mix?** Birmingham Town Hall, 7.30-9.30pm. Tickets £15, or £5 with special code. To book visit: [www.chaplaincyplus.org.uk/events/john-lennox](http://www.chaplaincyplus.org.uk/events/john-lennox), to get discount use code: SSSW1

**Nov 24**

**Maintenance Morning.** 9.30am - 1.00pm, All welcome, even for an hour. Tools supplied.

**Nov 30**

**Christmas Craft Evening,** 7.30-9.15pm at St Stephens, with paper crafting. Tickets on ChurchSuite, or from the Parish Office.

## News and Requests

**Volunteers to do some cutting** out for the Christmas Adventure needed.  
Please speak to Helen Buckley.

## Big Question for November

**Do science and Christianity mix?**