

## This Week

**Tue 13 Dec** Women's fellowship group social 10.00-11:30am.  
CAP Prayer Meeting 7.45pm

**Wed 14 Dec** Fellowship group socials.  
Equip 7:45 – 9:45pm

**Thu 15 Dec** Club 114 (Y7-9) 6.30-8.00pm  
Carols for Samuel Thornhill,  
6:45 for 7pm

**Sat 17 Dec** **Christmas gifts wrapping** for kids  
in need at BCM.

**Sun 18 Dec** Morning service with Holy  
Communion.10.00am. "Where are  
you?" (Genesis 3:8 – 24)  
Chris Hobbs

**Traditional Carols by Candlelight.** 6.00pm,  
followed by mulled wine and Christmas  
nibbles.

## Looking Ahead

**Tue 20 Dec** **Men's Quiz & Takeaway evening** at St Stephen's,  
7.45pm – 10.00pm. See  
Chris Stonehouse to reserve a place:  
0121 4155131.

**Sat 24 Dec** **Starlight Service for All Ages,**  
4.00pm.

**Midnight Communion,** 11:30pm

**Sun 25 Dec** **Christmas Day All Age Communion,**  
10.00am. Andy Martin.

**Sun 1 Jan** **All-age Service,** 10.00am.  
A brand new  
day.  
(Lamentations 3:22-23).  
Helen Buckley.

**Mon 9 Jan**  
**Women's book club** are  
reading 'The Hiding Place'.  
Newcomers welcome! See Elizabeth  
Barrv or Chris  
Stonehouse for details.

### News and Requests

There will be a board up for **Church Family Christmas cards**, so no need to write out lots of individual ones!

**Wanted: Ministry Trainees,** Sep 2017-Aug 2018. Spend a year serving the church and learning gospel ministry. Details from Chris Hobbs/Parish Office.

New **Church Family Address books and Prayer Guides** are available. Pop your name on the list at the back of church if you'd like one.

**Winter Night Shelter at St Stephen's.** Please sign up to volunteer. Yellow forms with details are in the foyer.

**Carols for the Business Community:**  
Wed 14 Dec at St. Philips Cathedral. Flyers on the information table.

**Helen Buckley needs a cane or piece of dowel** that is just over 3 metres long.  
Has anyone got one they can give to her?

**Christmas Offerings:** will be given to Open Doors for their work amongst persecuted believers and refugees. Envelopes are



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## 11th December 2016

*making and maturing  
disciples of Jesus Christ*

### 10.00am All-Age Carol Service

The mothers of Jesus  
(Matthew 1: 1 - 6) Chris Hobbs

### 6.00pm Evening service with Holy Communion

'Gospel Reward'  
(Galatians 6:1 - 18) Andy Martin

**Children and young people** stay in for the service.

**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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## 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 this tear-off slip overleaf and give it to one of the staff or welcome team, or place it in the Gifts Box at the back of church, to let us know who you are. We will get in touch with you shortly to help you feel at home quickly. Please also help yourself to a Welcome Booklet from the Information Table.

Name/s

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

Sermon Notes      Gospel Reward  
Galatians 6:1-18

**We are family, so love like a family...**

1. ... for better, for worse (1-6)

2. ... for the long haul (7-10)

3. ... for the Lord Jesus's glory (11-18)

Missed a sermon recently? Visit [www.sssw.org.uk](http://www.sssw.org.uk)

OPENING PRAYER *(Chris Hobbs)*

HYMN    Come thou long expected Jesus  
SONG    What a fearful scene

CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYERS *(Mark Johnston)*

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.**

SONG Who could know your thoughts?

BIBLE READING *(Jeanne Glenn)*

Galatians 6:1 – 18 (page 1172)

Revelation 21:1 – 8 (page 1249)

(This is the word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God)**

SERMON Gospel Reward  
*(Andy Martin)*

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG How deep the Father's love for us

COMMUNION

NEWS

SONG Joy has dawned

CLOSING PRAYER