

This Week

TONIGHT

Cross-section (Y10-13)
7.45pm-9.00pm
Rooted (Students)
7.45pm-9.30pm

Tue
14 Feb

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study, 10.00-11:30am.
Crèche provided.

CAP prayer meeting, 7.45pm at Christ Church.

Wed
15 Feb

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

Thu
16 Feb

CAP Money Course continues.
7.30- 9.30pm.

Explorers (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm
Club 114 (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm

Fri
17 Feb

Prayer Gathering for Story:
what's yours? 7.30 – 8.00am

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

Looking Ahead

Sun
19 Feb

Church Family Lunch straight after the morning service.
Please do stay and eat with us.

Fri
24 Feb

Women's Book Club are reading 'The Plausibility Problem' by Ed Shaw. Newcomers welcome! See Elizabeth Barry or Chris Stonehouse for more details.

Mon
27 Feb

Welcome Meal, 7.30pm. Are you new-ish to St Stephen's? Come and find out what we're about. Invitations from Chris and Helen Hobbs.



News and Requests

Judith Butler died peacefully on Tuesday 31st January. There will be a Thanksgiving service on Monday 20th February at 11.45am at St Stephen's.

Men's clean T-shirts needed by Winter Night Shelter, in M or L sizes. Contact Chris Stonehouse or put a monetary gift marked 'night shelter' in an envelope in the Gift box at the back of church.



12th February 2017

making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ

10.00am Morning Service

A Fatal Mistake – *Andy Martin*
Luke 12:13-21

6.00pm Evening Service

Wisdom starts here - *Chris Hobbs*
Proverbs 1:1-7

Children and young people will go to their activities part way through the service:

Creche and **Club114** 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 is learning Prov 4:23 today. We will see that we need to keep watch over our hearts, to see what's going on deep inside. The good news is that we can always say sorry to God and know we can be forgiven.

Club 114 is exploring why we should talk to our friends about Jesus, how amazing he is; and finding out why we wouldn't want to keep this great gift, knowledge and treasure to ourselves.

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 at the back of church. We will get in touch with you shortly. Please also help yourself to a Welcome Booklet from the display in the Foyer.

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

A fatal mistake
Luke 12:13-21

1. Jesus gives a clear warning (v13-15)

2. Jesus tells a challenging parable (v16-21)

Missed a sermon recently?
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OPENING PRAYER *(David Twiss)*

HYMN Crown Him with many crowns
Creation sings the Father's song

CONFESSION
Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

COLLECT for the 3rd Sunday before Lent

SONG God speaks, we listen

NEWS
After which children and young people go to their activities

SONG Mine are days that God has numbered

BIBLE READING *(John Williams)*
Proverbs 8:1-21 (page 641)
Luke 12:13-21 (page 1045)
(This is the word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God)

SERMON A Fatal Mistake (Andy Martin)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS *(Mark Checketts)*

followed by **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 Be thou my vision
Please collect your child from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER
May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our hearts; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. Amen.

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Sermon Notes Wisdom starts here
Proverbs 1:1-7

1. Wisdom is for living (v2-6)

2. Wisdom is for everyone (v4-5)

3. Wisdom is fearing the Lord (v7)

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OPENING PRAYER *(Andy Martin)*

HYMN Praise, my soul, the King of heaven
SONGS To you, O Lord
Who could know your thoughts?

BIBLE READING *(Paul Coley)*

Proverbs 1:1-7 (page 635)
James 3:13-4:10 (page 1215)
(This is the word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God)

SERMON Wisdom starts here
(Chris Hobbs)

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONGS There is no other name
I once was lost in darkest night

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CONFESSION

O Lord our God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As we come before you now, believers and doubters alike, we all share a deep need, for we are all lost without your grace. Search us, O God, and know our hearts, test us and know our troubled thoughts. Give us true repentance. Forgive us all our wrongs. Transform us by your Spirit to live for you each day, to learn to serve each other and, through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, to come at last to heaven. Amen.

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PRAYERS *(Judy Quaintance)*

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NEWS

HYMN Amazing grace

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