

Sunday 12th May



Welcome to our 10.00am Service

We are continuing the story of Nehemiah with 'The hand of God' (Nehemiah 2).

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

Sunday Club (age 3–Y6) Question of the Week: ***How could Nehemiah be sure the wall would be built?***



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 *David Twiss*

HYMN Guide me O thou great Redeemer

CONFESSION

COLLECT

SONG Clap your hands

NEWS

Children leave for their activities

THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS *Christopher Barry*
ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

SONGS How good it is to sing
Leaning on the everlasting arms

BIBLE READING
Nehemiah 2:1-20 (page 485)

SERMON *Chris Hobbs*
The hand of God

SONG By faith
Please collect your child(ren) from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

Sunday 12th May



Welcome to our 4.00pm Service

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

Sunday Club (age 3–Y6) meet in the foyer before the service starts.

Club114 (Y7-9) meet in Church after the sermon to discuss what we have learnt.

Cross Section (Y10-13) meet after the service in the Tyndale Room?

Question of the Week: ***How could Nehemiah be sure the wall would be built?***



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WELCOME *Andy Martin*

NEWS

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN Guide me O thou great Redeemer

SONG How good it is to sing

CONFESSION

BIBLE READING *Virginie Hannam*

Nehemiah 2:1-20 (page 485)

SERMON *Chris Hobbs*

The hand of God

Please collect your child(ren) from crèche

QUESTIONS, INSIGHTS & TESTIMONY

Club114 leave for their discussion

PRAYERS

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

SONGS Clap your hands

By faith

CLOSING PRAYER

Sunday 12th May



Welcome to our 6.30pm Service

We are beginning the gospel of Mark: Long Live the King, with 'Get ready for the King' (Mark 1:1-8) and we will be sharing The Lord's Supper.

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION *Chris Hobbs*

HYMN I heard an old, old story

SONG How good it is to sing

BIBLE READING *James Bowles*
Isaiah 40:1-11 (page 723)

CONFESSION

BIBLE READING *James Bowles*
Mark 1:1-8 (page 1002)

SERMON *Andy Martin*
Get ready for the King

PRAYERS *Mark Fox*
ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

SONGS See the man
See him in Jerusalem

COMMUNION

NEWS

HYMN Yes finished, the Messiah dies

BLESSING

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

The gospel of Jesus Christ begins with...

1. The prophets (2-3):

- A messenger will come
- The Lord himself will come

2. John the Baptist (4-8):

- His location (4-5)
- His dress code (6)
- His message (4, 7-8)

So what?

Jesus Christ is the Lord!

- more glorious: proceed with humility
- more powerful: proceed with care

What I have learned

- to praise God for

- to confess to God

- to ask God for

What should I have said?

Dear Friends,

I'm sure we've all been in a situation where we wish we'd said something better, something more Christian and Christ-centered, but couldn't work out what to say and so said nothing at all. Let me tell you of one such moment, in the hope that we might help one another to do better next time.

Helen and I were on holiday a couple of weeks ago and found ourselves at a fish and chip lunch in the south of France (yes, it's true – well, somebody has to do it!). Anyway, I was sitting next to a couple who I discovered attend a church there. They'd already found out that I was a vicar, and that hadn't put them off. They then explained that they wouldn't be attending church the following Sunday but that they'd been given a dispensation by their priest.

What should I have said? I didn't want to undermine their desire to go to church, but I sensed something wasn't quite right. The thing is, I'm still not sure how I might have turned that conversation in the direction of Christ and the gospel. I'd be interested to hear your suggestions. You might discuss it over coffee after the service, and see if you can up with something. Even now, a couple of weeks later, the best I can think of is to ask: "Why do you need a dispensation?" or, perhaps better, "Does Jesus think you need a dispensation?"

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

	<h2>Jesus: Myth, Legend or History?</h2> <p>The Christian faith is based around the historical figure of Jesus of Nazareth, but can we really know anything about him – his life, his death, his resurrection?</p> <p>Dr Peter Williams, Principal of Tyndale House, Cambridge, will be speaking on Tues 4th June, 7 – 9.30pm at the ICC.</p> <p>The evening includes a light buffet, a presentation and extended time of Q&A with Dr Williams.</p>
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Sundays at St Stephens

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

4pm service, family friendly with activities for children and young people (crèche – Y9)

6.30pm service, relaxed and informal

Today

Parents' forum 10am Please come to the front of church at the end of the service (we'll have our own drinks there!)

4pm Re-fill your mug and come to the front of the Cranmer room at the end of the service. Thanks, Tom and Helen

**Tue
14**

This Week

Rooted for students. 6.30-9.00pm at St Wulstans, food included

**Wed
15**

Day Centre (for older people)

10am-2.30pm

**Thu
16**

Cross Section Bible Study (Y10-13)

4.30-5.30pm

**Fri
17**

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

Stay and Play baby and toddler group 10.00-11.30am

**Sat
18**

Church Maintenance Morning 10am –

1pm. Please come and help with all sorts of jobs to keep our church grounds looking great! Gardening tools welcome but not essential.

**Sun
19**

Suffering Church Prayer Breakfast

8.30-9.30 am: Praying for the persecuted church: please come and join us in the Cranmer Room!

(More info: Nick Devas)

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

Looking Ahead

**Jun
4**

Jesus: Myth, Legend or History? Tickets now available on Chaplaincy Plus website:

<https://chaplaincyplus.org.uk/events/dr-peter-williams>. Use code SSSW1 to get discounted tickets for £10.

**Jun
10**

Women's book club are reading 'Daring to Hope' by Katie Davis Majors, about suffering, unanswered prayers and trusting God throughout. Speak to Elizabeth Barry or Chris Stonehouse.

**Jun
28-30**

Weekend Away 2019. 'Running the Race', with Wallace and Lindsay Benn. **Deadline to sign up 2nd June.**

**Jul
11-14**

Explore: A Sceptic's Guide to Jesus. Glen Scrivener will be joining us for a long weekend to address questions like "Just who is Jesus, Why is he Important, What did he do?" Please save the dates and start thinking about and praying for people to invite.

News and Requests

Helen Buckley is looking for a couple of **Lego figures** that are builders (with hard hat and hammer), and a couple of Lego cups. Can you donate any for Sunday Club?

Gas BBQ with gas bottle free, see Mike Jones.

Parents/carers, please would you make sure your children don't go on the path around the back of the Cranmer room. It's not a safe area for them to play.

Recorded talks from the 'Unashamed' Midland Men's Convention 2018 are now available to listen to on <https://facebook.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5f4ff067d9d8d4a2a77af4b8c&id=003b78add4&e=doe4aa6d41> including Glen Scrivener, Dan Strange and Dai Hankey.