

Sunday 12th August



Welcome to our 10.00am Service

Chris Porter will be speaking on 'True freedom' (Philemon)

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

This week in **Sunday Club (ages 3-10)** will have Holiday Activities.

Club114 (ages 11-14) will be back after the Summer Holidays (at the 4.00pm service)



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 Creation sings the Father's song

CONFESSION

THANKSGIVING

SONG All through history

NEWS

Children leave for their activities

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BIBLE READINGS *Pippa Nicolson*

Colossians 4:7-18 (page 1185)

Philemon v1-25 (page 1200)

SERMON *Chris Porter*

True freedom

SONG How deep the Father's love for us

PRAYERS *Elizabeth Barry*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

HYMN And can it be

Please collect your child from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

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Welcome to our 6.30pm Service

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OPENING PRAYER *Chris Hobbs*

SONGS Come thou fount of every blessing
There is no other name

CONFESSION

THANKSGIVING

SONGS Bless the Lord, O my soul
Mine are days that God has numbered

BIBLE READINGS *Jeanne Glenn*
1 Samuel 22:1-5 (page 328)
Psalm 57 (page 576)

SERMON *Tom Bryant*
Awake, my soul and sing!

SONG O my soul, arise and bless your maker

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

NEWS

HYMN Crown him with many crowns

CLOSING PRAYER

What I have learned

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- to confess to God

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Passing it on

Dear Friends,

I've never before been likened to Paul Scholes, the former Manchester United and England footballer who retired in 2011 only to come back a year later and play one more season because he missed it so much. Needless to say, any likeness has nothing to do with my footballing prowess, but simply that I was coaxed out of retirement to lead the 'Bereans' programme at the Foremarke 2 CYFA Venture last week, a full ten years after 'hanging up my boots'.

It was so good to be back, and I was struck afresh by how good these ventures are for training the Christian workers of the future, including a number of familiar faces from St Stephen's both past and present. On the leadership team this year were Tom Bryant, Helen Buckley, Joe Hobbs, Sophie Hobbs, Alex Luckwell and Anna Luckwell. Helping to lead the Bereans with me were Ben Wells and Celia Butler. (The Bereans are young adults who come to serve with practical tasks and also study the Bible hard for a week). Meanwhile, the whole venture is co-led by Charlie Butler.

The Bereans were studying 2 Timothy, where Paul asks this of Timothy: "The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others" (2 Timothy 2:2, NIV). That is precisely what is going on year by year on such ventures – and Foremarke is just one of many – and week by week in local churches everywhere.

Your brother in Christ,
Chris Hobbs (Senior Minister/Vicar)

#MeettheFamily (more on Facebook and Instagram)



Jem is an amateur sewer, fitness fanatic, cheese enthusiast and follower of Jesus. Since becoming a mother a few years ago she has lost control of her life - something she found hard to deal with as a perfectionist. There have been a lot of tough lessons learnt as a result, the biggest one being that as much as she wants to run things in her life she just can't control it all - but God can. God is the infinite provider who is sovereign and loving, His ways are best and His plans infinitely better than hers. It's still a bumpy road, and she often needs to be reminded of this - but what a relief to know that there is someone who is more powerful, more wise, more organised and better prepared for the future who loves her deeply.

If you don't have an account with Facebook or Instagram you can see what we get up to by looking at the bottom of our homepage: www.sssw.org.uk

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Sundays at St Stephens

10am service, for all ages with activities for children (crèche to year 6)

6.30pm service, more relaxed and informal.

The 4pm service will return on Sun 9 Sept

This Week

Wed 15 **Pudding Party at the Twisses.**
7.30pm at

We have weekly Fellowship Groups in term time. Speak to Chris Hobbs to find out more.

Looking Ahead

Summer Socials

Aug 22 **An evening in China* at the Devases.**
8pm at *In Selly Park!

Aug 25 **Coffee Morning at the Martins.**
10am-12noon at

Aug 29 **Pizza, snacks, wine and coffee evening at the Simcox's.** 7.00-9.00pm

OUT OF THIS WORLD HOLIDAY CLUB

Aug 28-31 **10am-12noon at St Stephens.**
Sign up forms are in the foyer; take

lots to invite school friends!

Lots of exciting ways that you can help, see the big sign up sheet in the foyer.

**June
28-30
2019**

Church Family Weekend Away, at Hothorpe Hall. There is an opportunity to begin paying for the weekend in instalments now. Contact the Parish Office if this is something you'd like to do.

News and Requests

Holiday Club leaders and helpers. Would all those involved in holiday club please collect their handbook from the pigeon holes. Thank you!

Church Suite is here!

Soon the rota feature will be in full use. **Please upload your unavailability to the 'Rota' section** of the app/system ahead of planning rotas for the autumn term. Contact Jem Huggins if you are having trouble doing this.