

This Week

Wed
16 Aug

Local Evening Walk

For our 2nd August Summer Social, meet at 7.50pm at the MAC, Cannon Hill Park (by the lakeside entrance), for a 1-hour circular walk followed by a drink at the bar. Parking available at the MAC.
Mark Checketts

Looking Ahead

Tue
29 Aug

Holiday Bible Club, Tue 29 Aug – Fri 1 Sep and Sun 3 Sep. For children in Reception through to Yr 6, inclusive.

Fri/Sat
22/23
Sep

Women's Weekend: 'Finding Contentment'

A chance to spend time together and learn from God's word. Please sign up using flyers in the foyer. This is for all women, regardless of age or how long you've been coming to St Stephen's. Please put completed flyer in the marked box in the foyer.

August Summer Socials

23rd Cheese n Wine/Coffee

Come along to 7 Selly Wick Road 7.30-9.30pm for cheese and wine. All welcome!

Liz and Adam Simcox

30th Pudding Party

7.30pm start at 92 Elm Road, Bournville, bring a drink if you wish.

David and Margaret Twiss

News and Requests

Church Weekend Away, 10-12 Nov. 'Ready Steady Grow'. We want everyone to come if they can. Single rooms and concessions are available. See separate leaflet in the foyer for details and to book. Please put completed forms in an envelope together with money/cheque, and mark for the attention of the Parish Office, and put in the Parish Office pigeon-hole in the foyer.

Equip Our in-house one-year training course designed to 'equip the saints for the work of ministry'. Fully re-worked for 2017! Leaflets in the foyer. Speak to Chris Hobbs if you are interested.

Holiday Club leaders please find your handbook in your pigeon hole.

Holiday Club needs fishing nets, metal detectors, and a free standing garden parasol. Please would you bring them to church if you can help?
Please register your children!

Wanted: Your Story: we are putting together a book of short stories from members of the church family. These could be about how you became a Christian, or of God's work in you at a significant moment of your Christian life. To contribute, contact Nicky Sammons (07554 418703).

The Church Office will be closed from Monday 14th – 28th August.

GAFCON, "gathering faithful Bible-believing Anglicans around the world to guard and proclaim the one true gospel." Pick up a leaflet and see if you would like to become a supporter.

Sunday morning refreshments need more help in serving coffee. Please contact Margaret Twiss 4722639 or dampthwiss@blueyonder.co.uk



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

13th August 2017

making and maturing disciples of
Jesus Christ in Birmingham
and for the world

10.00am Morning Service

'Whiter than snow'

Psalm 51

Chris Porter

6.00pm Evening Service

'The promise of unconquerable love'

Romans 8:37-39

Tom Bryant

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

Crèche leaves through the foyer.

3-11 year olds will be upstairs in the Tyndale Room for Holiday Cover, and will leave through the Hudson-Taylor room at the front of church.

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

Name/s

Sermon Notes:
Whiter than snow

Psalm 51

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

OPENING PRAYER *David Twiss*

SONGS

What can wash away my sin?
Mine are days that God has numbered

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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.

In John's first letter we read: "God assures us that, if anybody sins, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense - Jesus Christ the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins".

So we say: **May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image, to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

COLLECT for the 9th Sunday after Trinity

SONG Your love will last forever

NEWS

After which children leave for their activities

SONG We're not alone

BIBLE READINGS *Margaret Twiss*

Psalm 51 (page 573)
Romans 3:1-8 (page 113o)
This is the word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God

SERMON *Chris Porter*

Whiter than snow

THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS *Elizabeth Barry*

ending with **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 I hear the Saviour say
Please collect your child(ren) 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.

Please stay on after the service for tea/coffee and biscuits.

Name/s

Sermon Notes:
The promise of unconquerable love
Romans 8:37-39

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Missed a sermon recently? Visit www.sssw.org.uk

OPENING PRAYER *Helen Buckley*

SONGS Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
From the highest of heights

CONFESSION
Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BIBLE READING *Gemma Bowes*
Psalm 103 (page 605)
This is the word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYERS *Nick Devas*
ending with **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.

NEWS

SONGS
My hope is built on nothing less
Through all life's sorrows and despairs
The perfect wisdom of our God

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

BIBLE READING *Gemma Bowes*
Romans 8:28-39 (page 1135)
This is the word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God

SERMON *Tom Bryant*
The promise of unconquerable love

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG
More than conquerors

CLOSING PRAYER
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we humbly thank you for all your gifts so freely given: for life and health and safety, for work and rest and friendship, and for the wonder of creation. Above all, we praise you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ, for his death and resurrection, for your life-giving Spirit and the hope of sharing in your glory. Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stay on after the service for tea/coffee and cake.