

Sunday 13 October 2019

ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS

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*making disciples of Jesus*



## Welcome to our 10am Service

This morning we are starting a new series entitled 'Jesus: Power Incarnate' (Mark 4-6).

**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 help yourself to a Welcome Booklet, and if you would like us to contact you about our activities then complete a Welcome Card – both are available in the foyer.

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

**Sunday Club** (age 3-Year 5) meet upstairs in the Tyndale Room.

**Question of the Week:** *What do people do when they hear God's word?*



**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** *Andy Martin*

**HYMN** Come people of the risen King

**SONG** Sing Jesus' name

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**NEWS**

*Children leave for their groups*

**HYMN** What a friend we have in Jesus

**BIBLE READING** *John Williams*

Isaiah 6:1-10 (*page 690*)

**CONFESSION**

**PRAYERS** *Chris Porter*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**SONG** Though the nations rage

**BIBLE READING** *John Williams*

Mark 4:1-20 (*page 1005*)

**SERMON** *Ben Wells*

'The uncomfortable truth'

**HYMN** I cannot tell

**CLOSING PRAYER**



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## Welcome to our 4pm Service

This afternoon we are starting a new series entitled 'Jesus: Power Incarnate' (Mark 4-6).

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

**Question of the Week:** *What do people do when they hear God's word?*



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**%PENING PRAYER** *Oli Huggins*

*Children go to groups*

**NEWS**

**BIBLE READING** *Anita Riley*

Isaiah 6:1-10 (*page 690*)

**SONG** Come people of the risen King

**SONG** Though the nations rage

**CONFESSION**

**BIBLE READING** *Anita Riley*

Mark 4:1-20 (*page 1005*)

**TALK** *Ben Wells*

'The uncomfortable truth'

**ALL IN TOGETHER**

**PRAYERS** *Jonathan Hannam*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**SONG** Sing Jesus' name

**HYMN** I cannot tell

**CLOSING PRAYER**



## Welcome to our 6pm Service

This evening we are starting a new series entitled 'A Precious Faith' (2 Peter), and we will be sharing the Lord's Supper.

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**Refreshments** are served after the service, please stay and join us.



**Toilets** are in the foyer; baby-changing facilities in the disabled toilet.

**OPENING PRAYER** *Andy Martin*

**HYMN** Come, thou fount of every blessing

**SONG** Creator, Sustainer

**SONG** Our only hope is You

**NEWS**

**PRAYERS** *Christy Fung*

**BIBLE READING** *David Li*

Luke 5:1-11 (*page 1032*)

**CONFESSION**

**SONG** See Him in Jerusalem

**BIBLE READING** *David Li*

2 Peter 1:1-11 (*page 1222*)

**SERMON** *Chris Hobbs*

'We have everything we need'

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**SONG** Holy God in love became

**COMMUNION**

**SONG** From the breaking of the dawn

**CLOSING PRAYER**

# Sermon Notes

Jesus: Power Incarnate

**The uncomfortable truth**

Mark4:1-20

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What have I learned...

- to praise God for?
- to confess to God?
- to ask God for?

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

# Sermon Notes

A Precious Faith

**We have everything we need**

2 Peter 1:1-11

Christians have:

1. The power of Christ (v3)

2. The promises of Christ (v4)

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What I have learned?

To praise God for

To confess to God

To ask God for

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## Learning Christ together

Dear Friends,

Thank you to everyone who came to the Vision Evening this week. For those who weren't able to make it, and as a reminder for those who did, we considered how we might both 'learn Christ' ourselves and also help others to 'learn Christ':

### *Learning Christ yourself*

What fresh commitment will you make to engage with God's word and pray to him?

### *Helping others to learn Christ*

What one thing can you do in each of these contexts to help someone else learn Christ?

- Your household – those you live with.
- The world – those who are not Christians.
- Your small group – probably your Fellowship Group.
- Church on Sundays.

It's a good idea to tell someone else your answers to these questions, and to pray for each other in putting them into practice. Then you can ask one another in a few weeks' time, "How's it going?" And you can do the same with others you meet at church, asking them, "How did you answer those two questions?" Imagine what a difference it will make if we're all consciously seeking to learn Christ ourselves and to help others learn him – and encouraging one another to do so more and more, consistently and regularly.

Yours warmly, in Christ,

Chris Hobbs (Senior Minister)

## Calling all students!

If you're a new student looking at churches here in Birmingham, we'd love to meet you.

Please come and chat to Ben Wells, our Assistant Minister here at St Stephen's, who heads up the student group at church. He'd be delighted to give you a flyer and further details of our Rooted group for students.

We meet during term time on Tuesdays at St Wulstan's, 7-9pm, starting from 1<sup>st</sup> October.

**Senior Minister (Vicar)** Chris Hobbs

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## Sunday Services

**10am at St Stephen's**, family friendly with activities for children (crèche-Year 5)

**3.30 for 4pm at St Stephen's**, family friendly with activities for children and young people (crèche – Year 9)

**6pm at St Wulstan's**, relaxed and informal.

## This Week

**Mon 14** **Prayer Meeting for 4pm Service.** 8-9pm in the Cranmer Room.

**Tue 15** **Christianity Explored**, 7-9pm at St Wulstan's. Includes a meal, short video talks, an opportunity to find out about Jesus Christ, to ask your questions and hear the Bible's answers. Contact Andy Martin for more details:  
[andy.martin@sssw.org.uk](mailto:andy.martin@sssw.org.uk)

**Wed 16** **Day Centre** 10am-2.30pm.

**Thu 17** **Cross Section Bible Study** meet at St Stephen's from 4:30pm  
**Explorers (Year 2-5)** from 6-7pm.  
**Pathfinders (Year 6-9)** from 6-7pm. Change of time for one week only.

**Fri 18** **Stay and Play** baby and toddler group. 10.00-11.30am.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**20 – 26 Oct** **Christian Institute Prayer Week**  
Detailed prayer guides are available in the foyer to aid your prayers in support of this organisation.

**Tue 22** **Prayer Meeting for Stay and Play.** 8-9pm. Contact office for details. All are welcome.

**Fri 25** **Harvest Meal.** 6.45 for 7pm start in Church. A 'bring and share' meal. Sign up from Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October on sheet in foyer or on Church Suite. Further details from Helen Hobbs.

**Sat 26**

**Church Walk.** Meeting at 2pm at Kingsbury Water Park, more details to follow.

**Sun 27**

## Guest Services

Sun 27 Oct, 6pm at St Wulstan's:  
**'What is the truth about Jesus?'**

Sun 10 Nov, 10am & 4pm at St Stephen's:  
**'Jesus: Powerful to give life'**

Great opportunities to hear what Christianity is all about, especially for those new to church.

**Sat 9 Nov**

**Men's Convention** 'The Joyful Fear of the Lord.' Why not join our group going from church? Flyers in the Foyer. Book at

[christianconventions.org.uk/mmc](http://christianconventions.org.uk/mmc)

and go on Church Suite to let us know you are going. Details from Chris Stonehouse.

**Thu 14 Nov**

**Connecting Christ and Culture.** An evening with Kristi Mair (formerly of St Stephen's!), 7.30-9.00pm, St Bartholomew's Church, B15 3TA.

Birmingham Diocesan Fellowship.

**Sat 16 Nov**

**Maintenance Morning** November 16th, 9.00am to noon. Come for part or all of the morning. Contact Tim Pearson for further information.

**Mon 25 Nov**

**Women's Book Club** are now reading *Enough*, by Helen Roseveare and *The Night the Angels Came*, by Cassie Chapman. Speak to Elizabeth if you'd like to join the WhatsApp group.

## News and Requests

**Can you sing or play an instrument?** We'd love to hear from you if you'd like to serve the church by using your musical gifts! Speak to Allan Ooi to find out more about how to get involved.

**Matt, Meghan + baby Poppy** would like to thank everyone for all the love, support, prayers, and kind cards and gifts - including those given anonymously!