

## This Week

Mon  
14 Nov

**Parenting Evening.** For parents & parents-to-be. 7.45pm for 8pm start. Flyers at the back of church.

Tue  
15 Nov

Tuesday Morning Mum's Bible Study, 10.00-11:30am. Crêche provided.

Thu  
17 Nov

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

Fri  
18 Nov

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

Sat  
19 Nov

**Maintenance Day.** Starting at St Stephen's at 9am, please come for as long as you can and bring any gardening equipment that you have.

Sun  
20 Nov

Morning Service with Holy Communion, 10.00am.  
'And God commanded'  
(Genesis 2:4-17), Chris Hobbs.

Evening Service, 6.00pm. 'Gospel freedom'  
(Galatians 5:1-15) Andy Martin

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

## Looking Ahead

Fri  
25 Nov

**Christmas Craft Evening.** 7.30-9.15pm at St Stephens. See Jem Huggins for tickets. Invitations are at the back of Church

Sun  
27 Nov

**Suffering Church Sunday**, with a guest from Open Doors: **Church Family Lunch** followed by short presentation from Open Doors. Please do plan to stay for that (finishes at 2 pm, and there will be activities provided for children).

Sat  
3 Dec

**Christmas Adventure.** 2.00-4.00pm at St Stephens. Fun for the whole family! Invitations are at the back of church.

Sat  
17 Dec

**Serving others at Christmas:** choose and wrap presents at Birmingham City Mission. Morning - 6 people; Afternoon - 8 people. Contact Chris Stonehouse to book your space:

Mon  
9 Jan

**Women's book club** are reading 'The Hiding Place', will meet to discuss it. Newcomers welcome! See Elizabeth Barry or Chris for more details.

## News and Requests

We are looking for people to take on (or help with) our monthly **Church Family Lunches**, by signing up for a month in 2017. If you'd like to be involved speak to Jem Huggins, [office@sssw.org.uk](mailto:office@sssw.org.uk).

**The address book** will be revised. Please make changes to the book at the back of church, and add your details **TODAY**. (send photos to [office@sssw.org.uk](mailto:office@sssw.org.uk).)

**Egg boxes** (for 6 eggs) needed for Christmas Adventure. Please give any you have to Helen Buckley. Thanks!

### Resolution regarding Women

**Bishops.** The PCC will be considering this on Tue 29 Nov. See the paper on the Information Table for more details.

**The Real Advent Calendar** from Meaningful Chocolate is the only charity advent calendar with a free Christmas story book designed to be used each day in Advent. Available online at [www.meaningfulchocolate.co.uk](http://www.meaningfulchocolate.co.uk)



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

# 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016

making and maturing  
disciples of Jesus Christ

## 10.00am Morning Service on Remembrance Sunday

'And God rested'  
(Genesis 2:1-3) Chris Hobbs

## 6.00pm Evening Service

'Don't be a slave again'  
(Galatians 4:8-5:1) Andy Martin

**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. **Scramblers, Climbers** and **Explorers** leave through the Hudson Taylor Room at the front of church.

**This term in Sunday Club** we are looking at the big Bible story: The King, the snake and the promise. **This morning** we will be looking at Luke 1 and 2. We will see that God's promise of blessing for the whole world is made true in Jesus!

**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

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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 this tear-off slip overleaf and give it to one of the staff or welcome team, or place it in the Gifts Box at the back of church, to let us know who you are. We will get in touch with you shortly to help you feel at home quickly. Please also help yourself to a Welcome Booklet from the Information Table.

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

And God rested

Genesis 2:1-3

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

## Morning Service

OPENING PRAYER *(Chris Porter)*

HYMNS I will sing the wondrous story  
The Lord's my shepherd

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 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

SONG For God so loved the world

NEWS *after which children and young people go to their activities*

BIBLE READINGS *(Dianna Knott)*

Genesis 2:1-3 (page 4)

Hebrews 4:1-16 (page 1203)

(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON And God rested *(Chris Hobbs)*

SONG There is a higher throne

THE APOSTLES' CREED

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

PRAYERS *(Richard Griffith)*

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.**

SONG Abide with me

*Please collect your child from crèche*

CLOSING PRAYER

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**Sermon Notes**

**Don't be a slave again**

Galatians 4:8-5:1

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**Evening Service**

OPENING PRAYER *(Chris Hobbs)*

NEWS

HYMN Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation

SONG When trials come

BIBLE READINGS *(Alice Johnston)*

Genesis 21:1-21 (page 21),

Galatians 4:8-5:1 (page 117o)

(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

BAPTISM of David Chen

SONGS Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty

In Christ alone

My hope is built on nothing less

SERMON Don't be a slave again *(Andy Martin)*

PRAYERS *(Kathryn Hindley)*

**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.**

SONG When my hope and strength is gone

BLESSING