

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.

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.)

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



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

13th 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.

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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

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)*

BAPTISM of David Chen

Genesis 21:1-21 (page 21),

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

SONGS Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God
Almighty

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

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