

## This Week

Tue  
16 May

**Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study**, 10.00-11:30am.  
Crèche provided.

Wed  
17 May

**Day Centre** (for older people)  
10am – 2.30pm

**CAP Money Course**, 10am-12pm at  
Christ Church.

**Fellowship Groups**, 8-9.30pm

Thu  
18 May

**The World We All Want**  
8.00 – 9.30pm.

**Explorers** (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm  
**Club 114** (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm  
'Real Change', 8.00 – 9.30pm.

Fri  
19 May

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

## Looking Ahead

Sun  
21 May

**World Mission Sunday** with Bishop  
Rob Martin. **Church Family Lunch**;  
then 1-2 pm presentation on the  
challenges of Christian mission in  
Africa under pressure from Islam;  
children's programme also  
provided. Please plan to be there!

Tue  
23 May

**PCC Meeting**, 7.45 for 8.00pm

Tue  
6 Jun

**Women's tea and cake evening** at  
Boston Tea Party. All women  
welcome! Speak to Sarah  
Underwood or Jem Huggins for  
more info, and to let them know  
if you can make it!

Mon  
12 Jun

**Marriage Evening.** Please let  
Chris Hobbs have any topics  
you want covered  
(anonymously if you wish)  
**by Sun 21 May.**

Mon  
3 Jul

**Women's Book Group** will meet  
to discuss the book 'Radical' by  
David Platt. All women  
welcome. Speak to Elizabeth  
Barry or Chris Stonehouse for  
more info.

## News and Requests

**Day Centre helpers needed** from June,  
9.00am – 2.45pm, once or twice per month.  
This would release an existing team member  
to cook. Contact Jean Phillips if you can help.

Helen Buckley would like some **kitchen roll  
cardboard tubes** and a **pass the parcel** for  
Scramblers, about 10 layers, with a prize in  
the middle and a sweet in between each  
layer; for World Mission Sunday (21<sup>st</sup> May),  
please! Speak to Charles if you can help!

**Late payment for Maundy Thursday Meal:** if  
you attended this and still need to pay,  
please pop in and see Gina in the office.  
Thank you!

**Youth and Kids (YAK) newsletter** for the  
Spring term is available in the Foyer.

**The McNeills** would like to borrow a car for  
28 June – 16 July. Offers to Nick Devas please!  
([nandp@psmail.net](mailto:nandp@psmail.net)).

## Book of the Term:

'**A Better Story: God, Sex & Human  
Flourishing**', Glynn Harrison. Only £7 from  
the Foyer. What the Bible says and why it  
is good. A wonderful book.



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14<sup>th</sup> May 2017

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

## 10.00am Morning Service

Sex and marriage: What Jesus says  
*Chris Hobbs*

## 6.00pm Evening Service

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**Children and young people** will go to their  
activities part way through the service:

**Crèche and Club 114** leave through the foyer to  
go to their rooms.

**Sunday Club: Scramblers, Climbers and  
Explorers** leave through the Hudson-Taylor  
room at the front of church.

**Sunday Club:** this term we look at Mark ch 4-8,  
learning that Jesus is the King of God's kingdom.  
Today in ch4:26-34 we will see that God **will** grow  
his kingdom when we tell people about Jesus.  
**Club 114** is looking at 1 Peter. We will see that we  
have been given new life into a new (eternal)  
family through a new birth so live accordingly.

**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

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:

**Sex and marriage: What Jesus says**

**Matthew 19:3-12,  
Matthew 15:18-20**

**1. Jesus is FOR marriage (19:3-6)**

**2. Jesus is AGAINST divorce and adultery (19:7-9)**

**3. Jesus is FOR singleness (19:10-12)**

**4. Jesus is AGAINST sex outside marriage (15:18-20)**

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**OPENING PRAYER** *Andy Martin*

**HYMN** O God beyond all praising

## 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

**SONG** God speaks, we listen

**NEWS** *after which children and young people leave for their activities*

**PRESENTATION: CAP Debt Centre**

*Judy Ward*

**PRAYERS** *Anne Ruck*

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.**

## SONG

You have called us out of darkest night

**BIBLE READINGS** *Andy Walker*

Matthew 15:1-20 (page 982)

Matthew 19:1-12 (page 986)

This is the word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God**

**SERMON** *Chris Hobbs*

Sex and marriage: What Jesus says

**SONG** See the man

**HYMN** What grace is mine

## CLOSING PRAYER

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Name/s

Address

Phone

Email

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**OPENING PRAYER** Charles Hindley

**SONG** By faith  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
I once was lost in darkest night

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**BIBLE READINGS** Dawn Evans  
Matthew 15:1-20 (page 982)  
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**SERMON** Chris Hobbs  
Sex and marriage: What Jesus says

**INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS**

**SONGS** When I fear my faith will fail  
My hope is built on nothing less

**CONFESSION**  
Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and broken your laws. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit enable us to live for you and to please you more and more, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**PRAYERS** Mark Johnston  
ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
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**NEWS**

**SONG** God of grace, amazing wonder

**CLOSING PRAYER**  
To him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and for evermore. Amen.

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