

## This Week

TODAY

**Church Family Lunch**, please stay after the service this morning to have fellowship and lunch here!

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

Tue  
17 Jan

**Women's Fellowship Group**, 10.00 – 11.30am. Crèche provided.

Wed  
18 Jan

**Fellowship Groups**. See new Termcard for details.

Thu  
19 Jan

**Christianity Explored Course** continues. 8.00-9.30pm, contact the Office for more details.

**Explorers** (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm  
**Club 114** (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm

Fri  
20 Jan

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

Sat  
21 Jan

**Church Family Walk** at Sutton Park, starting at 2pm. Details from the information table.

## Looking Ahead

Tue  
24 Jan

**PCC Meeting**, 7.45 for 8.00pm.

Thu  
26 Jan

**CAP Money Course** begins. Worried about money? A free course to help you manage your money better, learn to budget,

save and spend well. Thursday evenings until 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. Contact the Office for more details.

Tue  
31 Jan

**Prayer Gathering**, 10.00-11:30am. Crèche provided.

**Prayer Gathering**. 8.00-9.30pm in St Stephen's – with coffee, tea and cakes 7.30-7.55pm.

Wed  
1 Feb

**Faith: Outdated or Essential?**

Birmingham ICC, 7.00 – 9.30pm. Tickets on sale from the office at £10, including a meal. Pick up a flyer from the information table in the foyer.

16-19  
Mar

**Mission Weekend with Glen Scrivener.**

Please block this out in your

## News and Requests

**Night Shelter started on Friday.** Thanks for your prayers and support. Please keep praying! If you wish to make a small donation towards costs, please put your gift in a labelled envelope in the gift box.

**Free to a good home-** 'Cot-bed' folds out to make a single bed. All mattresses and linen included. Great for post-cot little ones! See Gina Davies

**Microwave and comfortable garden chairs** (to use indoors) needed to borrow by Nicky Sammons for Feb.

**Room to rent:** Short term (6 month) possibility, available March, with 2 other girls. See Elly Quaintance.



# 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017

making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ

## 10.00am Morning Service

'Truth: Why should I trust the Bible?'  
*Andy Martin*

## 6.00pm Evening Service

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**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.

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

**This morning in Sunday Club** we are looking at the book of Proverbs. We'll see that the Bible shapes our everyday lives, looking at ch1:7. We'll try to learn this verse...why not ask one of the children to tell it to you?!

**Club 114** are looking at Daniel 8 and thinking that even when we suffer from big bear for being a Christian, suffering is limited as great bear will destroy big bear. (Ask a young person why we are talking about bears!)

**Refreshments** are served after the services.

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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 and put it in the red box in the foyer, or give it to a member of staff or the welcome team.

**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

Sun 8, 15, 22 Jan 2017

# big questions

10am and 6pm

Questions about God, faith,  
life, Christianity, the Bible  
and Jesus.

Final talk next week:

**Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> - Hypocrisy:  
*How can Christians behave  
so badly?***

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## Sermon Notes

**Why should I trust the Bible?**

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

**OPENING PRAYER** (*Chris Porter*)

**SONGS** Holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty  
God of grace, amazing wonder

**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** I'm following the King

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

**PRAYERS** (*Elizabeth Barry*)

followed by **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.**

## Morning Service

**BIBLE READINGS** (*Diana Knott*)

Luke 1:1-4 (page 1025)

Acts 17:16-34 (page 1113)

(This is the word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God)**

**TALK** Why should I trust the Bible?

(*Andy Martin*)

**SONG** Leaning on the everlasting arms

**QUESTIONS**

*Feel free to send your questions to:*

07716 564560

**SONG** Before the throne of God above

*Please collect your child from crèche*

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### OPENING PRAYER *(Charles Hindley)*

**SONGS** Praise to Christ, the Lord incarnate  
When I am weak, you are strong

### 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.

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### SONGS

Mine are days that God has numbered  
God's saints of old  
Let everything that has breath

## Evening Service

### BIBLE READINGS *(Naomi Bryant)*

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Acts 17:16-34 (page 1113)  
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**TALK** Why should I trust the Bible?  
*(Andy Martin)*

### INTERVAL

### DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

**NEWS** *(Andy Martin)*

**SONG** All creatures of our God and King

### 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.**