

This Week

Wed
18

Day Centre (for older people)
10am – 2.30pm
Fellowship Groups resume

Thu
19

Cross Section Bible Study
(Y10-13) 4.30-5.30pm
Explorers (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm
Club114 (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm

Fri
20

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

Sun
22

Church Family Lunch. 12noon (after
the morning service) Everyone
welcome! Suggested donation of £2
per person.

Cross Section (Y10-13)
5.30 – 7.00pm, toasties included
No Rooted

*We have weekly Fellowship Groups on
Tuesday & Wednesday Mornings and
Wednesday Evenings. Speak to a member of
the staff team to find out more.*

Looking Ahead

Mon 23
Apr

Women's book group are now
reading Crazy Love by Francis
Chan. All women welcome!

Wed
25 Apr

Annual church meeting, 8.00pm,
coffee from 7.30pm. Annual
Reports available next week.

Thu
26 Apr

The World We All Want starts,
8.00 – 9.30pm.

Tue 1
May

**Colin (Buchanan) in concert. 5pm
at St Stephen's.** £4.50 for anyone
over the age of 2. Tickets are going
fast, and are only available online;
www.wegotickets.com/event/430783

Sat 12
May

Women's Brunch, 10-11:30 in the
Cranmer Room. With a talk on
Identity and lots of time to chat,
pray and eat. £4 per person.

Dad's Stay and Play 10-11:30 in Church.
Bacon butties provided, £1.50 per family

News and Requests

Nominations for Church Council. We are
looking for 2 people to serve as
churchwardens, 3 as PCC members and 1 as
Deanery Synod representative (to be
elected at the Annual Meeting, 25 Apr).
Please be thinking and praying who this
should be, and make nominations on the
notice board. See flyer for further details.

Daytime Fellowship Group. Would you like
to be part of a new Daytime Fellowship
Group? Maybe that would be better for you
than an evening? Once we know who is
interested, we can arrange the time. Please
speak to Chris Hobbs.

Refreshment help needed at the 10am
service, if you can help contact Margaret
472 2639 or

Bethan Stonehouse is looking for work;
childcare, dog-walking, cleaning, lawn-
mowing, ironing or any other useful things!
Please contact her on

15th April 2018

*making and maturing disciples
of Jesus Christ*

10.00am Morning Service with Holy Communion

A marriage made in heaven
Ephesians 5:21-33 *Chris Hobbs*

4.00pm Afternoon Service with Holy Communion

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6.30pm Evening Service

'Don't hold on to me'
John 20:10-18 *Nick Devas*

Children at the 10am and 4pm will go to their
activities part way through both the 10am and
4pm service:

Crèche (under 3's) leave through back of church.

Sunday Club (3-10): (**Scramblers, Climbers** and
Explorers) leave through the main doors and
will be guided upstairs, where there will be
holiday activities.

Club114 at the 4pm (11-14) will be back to
normal after the Easter Holidays.

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 at the back of church. 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: Ephesians 5:21-33
A marriage made in heaven

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(v32)...

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So, "wives, submit to your husbands"

2. **"Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her" (v25-27)**
So, "husbands, love your wives"

3. **"Christ [feeds and cares for] the church" (v28-32)**
So, "husbands ought to love their wives"

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Morning Service

OPENING PRAYER *David Twiss*

SONG Who has held the ocean in his hands?

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

SONG Jesus' love is very wonderful

NEWS

After which children leave for their activities

SONG The grace of God has reached for me

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PRAYERS *Chris Porter*

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.

BIBLE READINGS *John Williams*

Genesis 2:15-25 (page 4)

Ephesians 5:21-33 (page 1176)

SERMON *Chris Hobbs*

A marriage made in heaven

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG Man of sorrows

Please collect your child from crèche

COMMUNION *see insert or screen*

SONG The church's one foundation

CLOSING PRAYER

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Afternoon Service

BIBLE READINGS *Emma Cook*

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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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Sermon Notes:
'Don't hold on to me' John 20:11-18

- What are you looking for?

- Do not hold on to me

- Go and tell the others

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Evening Service

THE APOSTLES' CREED *Chris Hobbs*

HYMN Sing to God new songs of worship
SONGS You're the Lion of Judah
Comfort for weary sinners

PRAYER

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Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory. **Have mercy and forgive us.**

Lord, you have given your life for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart. **Have mercy and change us.**

Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you, Lord, and neglecting others.

Have mercy and cleanse us.

Lord, when we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry. **Have mercy and deliver us.**

In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world. **Have mercy and forgive us.**

Father, through the redeeming death of your Son on the cross, by your Spirit and through your word, transform and renew us to follow you with joy. **All this we ask, confident in your unchanging faithfulness. Amen.**

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NEWS

HYMN Immortal honours

SONG Take the world but give me Jesus

BIBLE READINGS *Sarah Evans*

John 20:11-18 (page 1089)

Ephesians 1:15-23 (page 1173)

SERMON *Nick Devas*

'Don't hold on to me'

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG See what a morning

CLOSING PRAYER

Our glorious Father, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, we ask that you may give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that we may know you better. We pray also that the eyes of our heart may be enlightened in order that we may know the hope to which you have called us, the riches of your glorious inheritance in the saints, and your incomparably great power for us who believe. Amen.

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