

# Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September



## Welcome to our 10am Service

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There is **Creche** for under 3's in the Cranmer Room.

**Sunday Club** (age 3-Year 5) meet upstairs in the Tyndale Room.

**Question of the Week:** *What is a disciple?*



**Refreshments** are served in the Foyer after the service, please stay and join us.



**Toilets** are in the foyer and upstairs; baby-changing facilities in the disabled toilet.

**OPENING PRAYER** *Chris Hobbs*

**SONG** By faith

**CONFESSION**

**SONG** Jesus is the King

**NEWS**

*Children and young people leave for their activities*

**SONG** When darkness deepens

**BIBLE READINGS** *Pippa Nicolson*

Mark 1:14-20 (*page 1002*)

Mark 8:34-38 (*page 1012*)

Ephesians 4:17-24 (*page 1175*)

**SERMON** *Andy Martin*

'What is a disciple?'

**PRAYERS** *David Stokes*

**HYMN** Here is love

**COMMUNION**

**HYMN** And can it be

**BLESSING**

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## Welcome to our 4pm Service

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There is a **Crèche** for under 3's in the Church.

**Sunday Club** (age 3-Year 5) meet upstairs in the Tyndale Room.

**Pathfinders** (Year 6-9) meet next door in the main church building.

**Question of the Week:** *What is a disciple?*



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**OPENING PRAYER** *Chris Hobbs*

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**NEWS**

**PRAYERS** *Sarah Allen*

**HYMN** Here is love

**HYMN** And can it be

**BIBLE READINGS** *Peter Richardson*

Mark 1:14-20 (*page 1002*)

Mark 8:34-38 (*page 1012*)

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**TALK** *Andy Martin*

'What is a disciple?'

*All in together*

**CONFESSION**

**COMMUNION**

**SONG** Jesus is the King

**BLESSING**

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## Welcome to our 6pm Service



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**Refreshments** are served after the service, please stay and join us.



**Toilets** are in the foyer; baby-changing facilities in the disabled toilet.

**OPENING PRAYER** *Ben Wells*

**HYMN** O God beyond all praising

**SONGS** In days of peace and rest  
My heart is filled with thankfulness

**CONFESSION**

**PRAYERS** *Nick Devas*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**SONGS** Early morning, break of dawn  
Though the nations rage

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**NEWS**

**BIBLE READINGS** *Jill Webb*

Mark 1:14-20 (*page 1002*)

Mark 8:34-38 (*page 1012*)

Ephesians 4:17-24 (*page 1175*)

**TALK** *Andy Martin*

'What is a disciple?'

**SONG** What grace is mine

**CLOSING PRAYER**

# SERMON NOTES

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Our Vision: Making Disciples of Jesus

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## Three Ways to Live

Dear Friends,

Tertullian, the ancient church father, is sometimes quoted as saying, “Just as Jesus was crucified between two thieves, so the gospel is ever crucified between these two errors.” (It seems he may not actually have said this, but the principle remains sound). What are these two errors to be avoided? Tim Keller calls them *religion* and *irreligion: legalism* (living by law) and *antinomianism* (living without law). Or we could think of them in the Bible’s categories of *unrighteousness* and *self-righteousness*.

Those of us who have been brought up with the gospel outline *Two Ways to Live* instinctively protest that there are only *two* ways to live – not three – and that they are ‘our way’ and ‘God’s way’. However, what Keller rightly understands is that there are two distinct ways of living ‘our way’. They are illustrated for us in the famous parable of the Prodigal Son, where the younger son is a model of *irreligion* (“give me my share of the estate”), while his elder brother is a model of *religion* (“All these years I’ve been slaving for you”).

The first imagines that we don’t need to be righteous at all, while the second imagines that we can establish our own righteousness. Meanwhile, the gospel is ‘crucified’ by both errors: in the gospel we are given *God’s* righteousness. To say that we don’t need his righteousness, or that we can provide our own, are both equally offensive and mistaken.

Yours warmly, in Christ,

Chris Hobbs (Senior Minister)

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## Sunday Services

**10am service at St Stephen's**, family friendly with activities for children (creche-Year 5)

**3.45 for 4pm service at St Stephen's**, family friendly with activities for children and young people (crèche – Year 9)

**6pm service at St Wulstan's**, relaxed and informal.

## This Week

**Sun  
15**

**Cross Section** meet from 6-7.30pm at St Stephens in the Cranmer Room. Toasties included!

**Mon  
16**

**Women's Book Club** will discuss "The book your pastor wishes you would read", Christopher Ash, AND "Enjoying God" by Tim Chester! Speak to Elizabeth Barry or Chris Stonehouse for more info. All welcome!

**Wed  
18**

**Day Centre** (for older people) 10am-2.30pm. This week there is an outgoing to Beckett's Farm.

**Thu  
19**

**Cross Section Bible Study** meet at St Stephens in the Tyndale room from 4:30pm for cereal followed by the study at 5-5:30pm.

**Explorers (Year 2-5)** meet at St Stephens from 6-7pm.

**Pathfinders (Year 6-9)** meet at St Stephens from 6-7.30pm.

**Fri  
20**

**Stay and Play** baby and toddler group. 10.00-11.30am

## Looking Ahead

**Fri  
4  
Oct**

**Welcome Meal.** If you are new-ish to St Stephen's and St Wulstan's, please join us for a meal to meet others and find out more about the church. Please speak to Chris or Helen Hobbs or the Parish Office for an invitation.

**Sun  
6**

**Harvest Sunday All Age Services**, 10am and 4pm.

**Wed  
9  
Oct**

**Church Vision Evening**, 7.30pm for 8.00pm at St Stephen's

**Oct  
10 –  
13**

**Youth Weekend Away** for Year 6-13. Book by THIS SUNDAY (15<sup>th</sup>) for the Early Bird discount. Brochure in the information rack. Speak to Tom Bryant for more details.

**Sun  
13  
Oct**

**Join us for breakfast**, to pray for the persecuted church and the work of Open Doors: 8.30-9.30 am, Cranmer Room.

## News and Requests

**Can you help with crèche on a Tuesday morning?** The Tuesday morning fellowship group is in need of crèche help from 9:45-11:15am on term-time mornings. Seeking 2-3 people to free mums to join their regular Bible study. If you can help, or want to find out more, please speak to Amanda Martin.

**Help is needed at the Day Centre** so we can maintain a regular service. We meet weekly from 9am to 2.45pm. Contact Jean Phillips if you feel you can help