

This Week

Thu
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Life Explored continues. St Stephens Church, 8pm. Over the five remaining sessions we will explore the Bible's story with short films with time to ask questions. Contact Andy on andy.martin@sssw.org.uk

Over half term our regular weekly activities are paused.

*There are weekly **Fellowship Groups**, on Tuesday Mornings and Wednesday evenings. Speak to a member of the staff team to find out more.*

Looking Ahead

Mon
30 Oct

Women's Book Club will be looking at *'The Unquenchable Flame'* by Mike Reeves. See Elizabeth Barry or Chris Stonehouse to find out more.

Tue
31 Oct

CAP Money Course begins, 7.00-9.00pm at St Stephen's. (Also on Nov 7th and 14th.)

Sun
5 Nov

Toy Service. Please bring new toys for the BCM toy project. Please don't wrap the presents, but rolls of wrapping paper are helpful.

OM's 60th Anniversary. 2.30-4pm at The Octagon, Edgbaston High School for Girls. Flyers in the foyer.

Mon
29 Jan

Butcher and Beer, please note a change of date.

News and Requests

Church Weekend Away, 10-12 Nov. 'Ready Steady Grow'. A weekend for the whole church family. Single rooms and concessions available. Please ask someone on the staff team if you'd like help with the cost or can only come part-time. Brochures in the Foyer. Please put completed forms with payment in an envelope marked 'Parish Office' in the Parish Office pigeon-hole in the Foyer. **Deadline for forms TODAY.**

We are updating the **Church Family Address Book and Prayer Diary**. If you are new to the church and would like to be included or if you'd like to update your details or photo please add your details to the sheet in the foyer, or send them to jem.huggins@sssw.org.uk.

Stay and Play are looking for some extra help... could that be you? Can you help set up or tidy away or make refreshments? Dates needed are: Fri 3 Nov, 10 Nov. Speak to Helen Buckley for more details.

Day Centre requires someone to help us with washing up between 12.45 and 1.45 on a Wednesday approximately once per month from the beginning of November. Please see Jean Phillips (or phone/email) if you can help.



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

15th October 2017

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

10.00am Morning Service with Holy Communion

Seven marks of a healthy Christian:
Witness *Andy Martin*

6.00pm Evening Service

How to be good: Unfinished business
Titus 1:5-16 *Chris Hobbs*

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

Crèche and Club114 leave through the foyer.

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

This morning in Sunday Club we will be thinking about serving.

We want to do the things that God has made us good at and help each other to grow to be more like 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 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:
Witness

Conviction

Compassion

Confidence

Missed a sermon recently?
Visit www.sssw.org.uk

Morning Service

BIBLE READINGS *John Williams*

Matthew 28:1-20 (page 1000)

1 Peter 3:8-16 (page 1219)

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

SERMON *Andy Martin*

Witness

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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.

HYMN Here is love

Please collect your child(ren) from crèche

COMMUNION *see insert*

HYMN Facing a task unfinished

CLOSING PRAYER

Be with us, Lord, as we go out into the world: may the lips that have sung your praises always speak the truth; may the ears which have heard your word listen only to what is good; and may our lives in every part be always pleasing in your sight, for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stay on for tea/coffee and biscuits.

WELCOME *Chris Hobbs*

Praise the LORD, all you nations;

extol him, all you peoples.

For great is his love towards us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever.

Praise the LORD.

SONG Come people of the risen King

CONFESSION

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins. For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;

All: Father forgive us, save us and help us.

For behaving just as we want to without thinking of you;

All: Father forgive us, save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do and think and say;

All: Father forgive us, save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;

All: Father forgive us, save us and help us.

In your great love for us, and because Jesus died for our sins;

All: Father forgive us, save us and help us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG Everybody praise

NEWS

Children and young people leave for their activities

SONG You have called us out of darkest night

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Sermon Notes:

Unfinished business *Titus 1:5-16*

Churches must have teachers who are godly (v5-9)

because there are false teachers who are ungodly (v10-16)

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OPENING PRAYER *Helen Buckley*

SONGS Immortal Honours
Christ is Risen
Holy Father, rich in love

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 *Alex Luckwell*
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NEWS

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SONGS Awake, awake o Zion
The perfect wisdom of our God

BIBLE READINGS *Naomi Bryant*

Jeremiah 23:16-32 (page 783)
Titus 1:5-16 (page 1198)
This is the word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God

SERMON *Chris Hobbs*

Unfinished business

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG Leaning on the everlasting arms

CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your holy word. May it be a lantern to our feet, a light to our paths, and a strength to our lives. Take us and use us to love and serve in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stay on for tea/coffee and cake.