



## Welcome to our 10am Service

This morning we continue our studies in Paul's letter to the Romans with an important question: 'What makes God angry?' (Romans 1:18-32), and we will be sharing the Lord's Supper together.

**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 help yourself to a Welcome Booklet, and if you would like us to contact you about our activities then complete a Welcome Card – both are available in the foyer.

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

**Sunday club** (age 3 – Year 5) meet upstairs in the Tyndale Room and the Roseveare Room.

**Question of the week: How can we help people who are sharing the gospel gift?**  
(Romans 15: 23 - 33)



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

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

**OPENING PRAYER** *Andy Martin*

**HYMN** Amazing grace

**SONG** In Ephesians 3vs18

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**NEWS**

*Children go to their groups*

**HYMN** What a friend we have in Jesus

**BIBLE READINGS** *Ian Butler*

Genesis 3:1-15 (page 5)

Romans 1:18-32 (page 1128)

**SERMON** *Chris Hobbs*

What makes God angry?

**DISCUSSION**

**CONFESSION**

**PRAYERS** *Rob Davies*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**SONG** See Him in Jerusalem

*Please collect your child from crèche*

**COMMUNION**

**SONG** How great the Chasm (Living hope)

**CLOSING PRAYER**



## Welcome to our 6pm Service

This evening we continue our studies in the prophet Isaiah with 'Dreaming of a better world' (Isaiah 11:1-16).

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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** *Andy Martin*

**HYMN** All hail the power of Jesus' name

**SONGS** Who could know Your thoughts  
God of grace, amazing wonder

**CONFESSION**

**BIBLE READINGS** *Jill Webb*

Isaiah 11:1-16 (page 696)

Romans 15:5-13 (page 1141)

**SERMON** *Ben Wells*

Dreaming of a better world

**DISCUSSION**

**SONGS** I heard an old, old story  
His mercy is more

**PRAYERS** *David Sydenham*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**SONG** There is a higher throne

**CLOSING PRAYER**

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What have I learned...

- to praise God for?
- to confess to God?
- to ask God for?

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Dear Friends,

We have been thinking about how God equips us to serve him in prayerfully speaking his word in different situations. Now, the idea of being equipped is closely related to the idea of being ready or prepared. When we're equipped, prepared or ready we have everything we need and don't need anything more.

In 2 Timothy 2:24 Paul speaks to Timothy of being "prepared to do any good work." What will give him this preparation and make him ready for anything (anything good, that is)? The earlier part of the verse says that those who "cleanse themselves" will be "made holy, useful to the Master." And the next verse immediately encourages Timothy to "flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith and love."

This teaches us an important lesson. It is those who are godly who are most useful to the Master. We constantly make the mistake of thinking that what we need is more knowledge or more skills - and we do! But knowledge and skills are no substitute for (godly) character. We find the same in the requirements for church leaders in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1: they are about character rather than knowledge or skills (with the one exception of being able to teach). Why is that? The godly person is more likely to be acquiring, and then using, skills and knowledge for the right reasons: the glory of God and the good of people.

Yours warmly, in Christ,  
Chris Hobbs (Senior Minister)



**CHRISTIANITY|EXPLORED**

WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS  
YOU'VE EVER HEARD?

## **CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED**

is for anyone who'd like to investigate Christianity, or just brush up on the basics. We will be looking at Mark's Gospel and exploring who Jesus is, why he came, and what it means to follow Him.

## **IT'S NOT TOO LATE!**

Continues Wednesday evenings, 8-9.30pm at St Stephen's Church, Serpentine Road, B29 7HU

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## Sunday Services

**10am at St Stephen's**, family friendly with activities for children and young people (crèche-Year 9)

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

## This week

**Tue  
18**

**Rooted** for students. 7-9pm at St Wulstan's B29 7DU.

**'Just for Starters' continues**, 8-9pm (refreshments from 7.45pm). It's not too late to join us! Seven foundational Bible studies. For full details see flyer in foyer.

**Wed  
19**

### Christianity Explored:

8-9.30pm at St Stephen's Church, Serpentine Road, B29 7HU

**No Day Centre this week.**

**Thu  
20**

**BDEF meeting**, 7.30-9.00pm (refreshments from 7pm) At St Boniface, Quinton, B32 2QD. 'A church for the rich... is it true? Does it matter?' Speaker The Rt Revd Philip North, Bishop of Burnley.

## Looking Ahead

**Wed  
26**

**Ash Wednesday Holy Communion**, 6pm at St Stephen's Church. following the Book of Common Prayer. The service will last about

45 minutes, so there will be plenty of time for Fellowship Groups later as well.

**Sat  
7  
Mar**

**Growing Young Disciples**: 9.15-4.30pm, Cornerstone Church, Nottingham NG7 1FP. Aimed at training and encouraging all these

involved in children and youth work in the church. For more information go to [www.mgpyouthandchildren.org](http://www.mgpyouthandchildren.org) or contact Parish Office. £15 per booking

**Wed  
18  
Mar**

**Equipped to Serve Central**: Do be planning to join us on Wednesday evening at 8pm at St Stephen's. We will be meeting together to follow separate sessions. Sign up details to follow.

**Sat  
21  
Mar**

**Marriage Day: 'A Day Together'** - a seminar for couples to invest in their relationship. St Stephen's, 9.30-4.45pm. Early Bird rate £30 per couple, from 6<sup>th</sup> March £35 per couple. Refreshments and sandwich lunch provided. For more information: 0121 472 8253/ [office@sssw.org.uk](mailto:office@sssw.org.uk) or visit website [www adaytogether.org](http://www adaytogether.org)

## News and Requests

**Women Book Club** is now reading 'Is this it?' by Rachel Jones. Please contact Elizabeth Barry if you would like to join the Whatsapp group or just want to know more about the club. Contact details are available from the Parish Office.

**Accommodation for rent**: Large 4 bedroom family house in Selly Oak (B29 6SS) for rent from mid-April. Contact Ruth McNeill to find out more. Contact details are available from the Parish Office.