

This Week

Tue 18 Jul **Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study**, 10.00-11:30am. Crèche provided. Please speak to Chris Hobbs if you'd like to join it.

Praying for the Prodigals. A chance for those whose children are not yet believing, to pray together, 8.00-9.00pm latest (drinks from 7.45pm), 18 Selly Wick Road. Please speak to Anne Ruck or Chris Hobbs to find out more.

Wed 19 Jul **Day Centre** (for older people) 10am – 2.30pm

Looking Ahead

Sat 29 Jul **Church family walk**, please help yourself to an info leaflet from the foyer.

Tue 29 Aug **Holiday Bible Club**, Tue 29 Aug – Fri 1 Sep and Sun 3 Sep. For children in Reception through to Yr 6, inclusive.

Fri/Sat 22 Sep **Women's Weekend** at St Stephen's Church, more exciting details to follow soon.

News and Requests

Can you help cook at the Foremarke 2 camp, Sun 30 Jul - Sun 6 Aug, even for a few days? No previous experience required, just willingness! Please contact Chris Hobbs.

Are you helping on a Summer camp? If so, please put your details on the sheet on the notice board, so that we can pray for you over the summer.

Holiday Club needs clean, empty yoghurt pots, fishing nets, metal detectors and clean, clear, plastic drinking bottles (with lids) 500ml size. Please would you start saving them and bring them to church?

Samuel Thornhill goes for respite Fri 14th July – Mon 31st July. Willow House, West Heath Hospital, Rednal, Birmingham B38 8HR (0121 4664060). Visitors welcome.

Short term, local accommodation/lodgings needed for Christian man in his 50's. See Sarah Underwood for more details.



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

16th July 2017

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

10.00am Morning Service with Holy Communion

'Led by the Spirit'
Romans 8:5-17 *Bishop Rod Thomas*

6.00pm Evening Service

'True riches'
Luke 16:14-31 *Andy Martin*

Children and young people will go to their activities part way through the service:
Crèche and Club 114 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.

Sunday Club: this term we look at Mark ch 4-8, learning that Jesus is the King of God's kingdom. Today in ch 7:1-23 we will see that obeying rules can't make us right with God, our sinful hearts need to be changed.
Club 114 is looking at 2 Ways to Live: an outline to help us understand and explain the gospel.

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 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.

August Summer Socials

- 9th **Slides from Bolivia** (Sinclair)
- 16th **Local Evening Walk** (Checketts)
- 23rd **Cheese n Wine/Coffee** (Simcox)
- 30th **Pudding Party** (Twiss)

More information to follow, but save the dates for some summer fellowship.

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:
Led by the Spirit Romans 8:5-17

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OPENING PRAYER *Chris Hobbs*

HYMN Leaning on the everlasting arms

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 Long live the King

NEWS

After which children and young people leave for their activities

HYMN My hope is built on nothing less

INTERVIEW WITH ROD THOMAS

BIBLE READINGS *Helen Hobbs*

Hosea 1:2-2:1 (page 900)
Romans 8:5-17 (page 1134)
This is the word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God

SERMON *Bishop Rod Thomas*

Led by the Spirit

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PRAYERS *David Stokes*

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.

SONG See Him in Jerusalem
Please collect your child(ren) from crèche

COMMUNION (see insert)

SONG Holy Spirit, living breath of God

CLOSING PRAYER

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Sermon Notes:

True riches

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OPENING PRAYER *Chris Hobbs*

SONGS

Creation sings
I will glory in my Redeemer
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CONFESSION

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.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYERS *Tony Ball*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**
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INTERVIEW WITH REBEKAH FOX

NEWS

SONGS

Up to the hill of Calvary
All I once held dear

BIBLE READINGS *Dawn Evans*

Genesis 17:1-16 (page 16)
Luke 16:14-31 (page 1050)
This is the word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God

SERMON *Andy Martin*

True riches

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

HYMN Glorious things of thee are spoken

CLOSING PRAYER