

This Week

Tue 18 Tuesday Morning Mums (with crèche provided) 10.00-11.30am

Thu 20 Explorers (Y2-6) 6.00-7.00pm
Club114 (Y7-9) 6.30-8.00pm

Fri 21 Stay and Play (baby and toddler group) 10.00am-11.30am

Sat 22 **Midlands Women's Convention,** Solihull, starting at 10.00am.

Sun 23 Morning Service. 10.00am
'The God who made the World' (Acts 17:24-31) John Ruck

Evening Service. 6.00pm
'Don't move on from the gospel' (Galatians 3:1-14) Andy Martin

Cross-section (Y10-13) 7.45pm-9.00pm
Rooted (Students) 7.45pm-9.30pm

Looking Ahead

Tue 1 Nov **Prayer Gathering,** 10.00-11:30am. Crèche provided.

Wed 2 Nov **Prayer Gathering.** 8.00-9.30pm in St Stephen's – with coffee, tea and cakes 7.30-7.55pm.

Sat 5 Nov **Midlands Men's Convention,** Nottingham, starting at 10.00am.

Welcome Meal. Newish to St Stephen's? Come and find out what we're about. Invitations from Chris and Helen Hobbs or the Parish Office.

Sun 6 Nov

Toy Service. Please bring new or good as new toys and books for the BCM toy project.

Especially for 0-3 year olds and 12-16 year olds. Please don't wrap the presents, but donations of wrapping paper are helpful.

Mon 14 Nov

Parenting Evening. For parents & parents-to-be. Let Chris Hobbs know of any issues you would like discussed by next Sunday.

Sat 19 Nov

'Journey through Childhood' 7.00pm at Church. Come along for an enjoyable evening in support of a very good cause. See poster on the noticeboard.

News and Requests

Special welcome to you if you are a **student.** Please find Andy Martin for more details about Rooted, our student group, and please do stay for the lunch!

The address book will be revised in the next few weeks. Please make changes to the book at the back of church, and add your details if you'd like. All photos can be sent to office@sssw.org.uk.

Resolution regarding Women

Bishops. The PCC will be considering this on Tue 29 Nov. Please see the paper on the Information Table for more details.

Congratulations to Luke Stonehouse and Sarah Foreman who got engaged this summer and are planning to get married next summer.



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

16th October 2016

taking Jesus seriously,
taking the Bible seriously

10.00am Morning Service with Holy Communion

'And God said' (Genesis 1:3-23)
Chris Hobbs

6.00pm Evening Service

'Live in line with the gospel'
(Galatians 2:11-21) Andy Martin

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

Creche and **Club114** leave through the Foyer to go to their rooms. **Scramblers, Climbers** and **Explorers** leave through the Hudson Taylor Room at the front of church.

Church family Lunch after the morning service. Food provided, all welcome!

This term in Sunday Club we are looking at the Big Bible story: The King, the snake and the promise. **This morning** we will be learning about King David. God's people were happy, living in the land God gave them. But will it last...?

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 this tear-off slip overleaf and give it to one of the staff or welcome team, or place it in the Gifts Box at the back of church, to let us know who you are. We will get in touch with you shortly to help you feel at home quickly. Please also help yourself to a Welcome Booklet from the Information Table.

Morning Service

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

And God said
Genesis 1:3-23

1. God created an ordered world

2. God created a good world

3. God created an 'unfinished' world

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PRAYER OF PERPARATION *(Andy Martin)*

Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN O God beyond all praising

CONFESSION

Almighty God, Creator of all. You marvellously made us in your image; but we have rebelled against you, by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbours. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and truly repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the death of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG Your love will last forever

NEWS *after which children and young people go to their activities*

SONG Who has held the ocean in his hands?

BIBLE READINGS *(Margaret Twiss)*

Genesis 1:3-23 (page 3), Psalm 33 (page 56o)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON And God said (Chris Hobbs)

PRAYERS *(David Twiss)*

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.

THE NICENE CREED

SONG How deep the Father's love for us

COMMUNION *see insert*

HYMN God we praise you, God we bless you
Please collect your child from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

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Sermon Notes **Live in line with the gospel**
Galatians 2:11-21

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Evening Service

OPENING PRAYER *(Chris Hobbs)*

HYMN Sing to God new songs of worship

SONGS Give thanks to the Lord

You died in my place

CONFESSION

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

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INTERVIEW *with Sarah Evans*

NEWS

SONGS Holy Father rich in mercy
Fairest Lord Jesus

APOSTLES' CREED

BIBLE READINGS *(Peter Richardson)*

Acts 15:1-21 (page 1110)

Galatians 2:11-21 (page 1169)

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

SERMON Live in line with the gospel
(Andy Martin)

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG Love divine

CLOSING PRAYER