

Today

Paul Hobbs is visiting to tell us more about his art exhibition "In Emergency Break Glass".

This term in **Sunday Club** we are learning about the God of WOW! **Today** we are learning that God is eternal. He always was and always will be.

Church Family Meal. 12noon in the Cranmer Room. This is the beginning of our monthly meals together. Food will be provided, suggested donation of £2 per person. This is a **NOT** a bring & share, it's a **come & eat** lunch.

This Week

Tues 19 Jan PCC meeting, 7.45pm in the Cranmer Room, St Stephen's.

Thu 21 Jan Identity course begins. 8.00-9.30pm,. Identity is a seven-week course that examines the Gospel of John to clear up the confusion about who we are and who God is. If you would like to come, or to know more, contact the office.

Thu 21 Jan CAP Prayer Meeting. 1.30pm at Stirchley Community Church

Sun 24 Jan Short Prayer Gathering , for 15 minutes in the chancel following the Morning Service for In Emergency Break Glass. (Every Sunday until March 6th.)

Looking Ahead

Mon 8 Feb Women's Book Group. "Seeking Allah, finding Jesus" by Nabeel Qureshi. All women welcome! See Chris Stonehouse or Elizabeth Barry to find out more.

Thurs 11 Feb Has God really said? Speaker: Kevin DeYoung. A day conference to renew our confidence in Scripture. Flyers on the Information Table.

News and Requests

Rotas for **Sunday Services** and **Crèche** are in the pigeon holes, as well as material for **Sunday Club leaders**. Please pick up your copy.

Could gospel ministry be for you? Why not spend a year serving the church and learning Bible teaching and ministry skills as a Ministry Trainee, from Sept 2016? Speak to Chris Hobbs.

Stay and Play are looking for **v-shaped pillows** and **baby support rings**. If you'd like to donate please speak to Chris Stonehouse or Amanda Martin.

Welcome to **Harry**, born on Thursday to Andy and Sally.

The **green safe** (currently in the Hudson-Taylor Room) is **free** to anyone who can take it away. Let the Parish Office know if you are interested.

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Welcome

17 January 2016

If you are new, you are especially welcome. Please help yourself to a Welcome Booklet and, if you have time, introduce yourself and ask any questions you may have.

10.00am Holy Communion at St Stephen's

'The Lion and the lamb' (Revelation 4-5) – Chris Hobbs

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

Crèche is in the Cranmer Room. **Crèche** and **Club 14** need to go the Foyer to access their rooms and all other groups go to the front of church.

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after the service in the foyer.

6.00pm Evening Service at St Stephen's

'Our God loves us deeply' (Jeremiah 2:1-25) – Andy Martin

Coffee, tea and cakes are served after the service in the foyer.

1. There is a throne in heaven (4:1-11)

2. There is a Lamb on the throne (5:1-14)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION *led by 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 Jesus is Lord, the cry that echoes

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

SONG Our God is a great big God

PAUL HOBBS - IN EMERGENCY BREAK GLASS part 1

NEWS

After which children and young people leave for their activities

PAUL HOBBS - IN EMERGENCY BREAK GLASS part 2

BIBLE READING Revelation 4:1-5:14 (page 1236)

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

SERMON The Lion and the lamb

PRAYERS

SONG The mystery of the cross

COMMUNION *see insert*

HYMN Crown him with many crowns

BLESSING

1. Our God loves us deeply as our perfect husband (2:1-7a)

- **He rescues**
- **He protects**
- **He provides a perfect home**

2. Our sin is spiritual adultery (2:5-3:10)

- **It is personal (2:5-8)**
- **It is senseless (2:9-19)**
- **It is inexcusable (2:20-37)**

Would you take you back? (3:1-5)

3. Our God welcomes us back in faithful forgiveness (3:6-18)

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Hobbs*

HYMN Come thou fount of every blessing

SONG Over all the earth

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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.

OPEN PRAYER

INTRODUCING 'IN EMERGENCY BREAK GLASS'

NEWS

SONGS The perfect wisdom of our God

Creation sings

BIBLE READINGS Jeremiah 2:1-19; 3:6-18 (page 756, 758)

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SERMON Our God loves us deeply

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

HYMN All creatures of our God and King

CLOSING PRAYER

Our loving Father, we pray that our love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that we may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of your name. Amen.