

## This Week

Tue  
19 Sep

**Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study**, 10.00-11:30am.  
Crèche provided.

Wed  
20 Sep

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

Thu  
21 Sep

**Explorers** (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm  
**Club 114** (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm

Fri  
22 Sep

**Stay and Play** (baby and toddler group) 10.00am – 11.30am

Fri/Sat  
22/23  
Sep

**Women's Weekend: 'Finding Contentment'**, at St Stephen's. A chance to spend time together and learn from God's word. See Jem Huggins for more details.

## Looking Ahead

Sun 1  
Oct

**Harvest Sunday.** Please would you consider bringing non-perishable food to the quantity of what your family would use in a day?

Fri  
6 Oct

**Music rehearsal and social** 7.00-9.00pm. For all church musicians and anyone interested in getting involved with music ministry. Speak to Allan Ooi for details.

6-8  
Oct

**Youth Weekend Away.** Please return your reply slip by next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, please speak to Tom Bryant.

Tue  
17 Oct

**Christian Institute Meeting:** 'Standing for Christ in the public square', 8.00-9.30pm, at St Stephen's.

Mon  
30 Oct

**Women's Book Club** are meeting to discuss 'The Unquenchable Flame' (about the Reformation) by Mike Reeves. Ask Elizabeth Barry or Mrs Chris Stonehouse for more information. All women welcome!

## News and Requests

**Big Vision, Small Step.** Please return your response cards by Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Sep, as we hope to discuss the best way forward at PCC on Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Sep.

**Sandra Thornhill.** There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Sandra at 3.30pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September at St Stephen's, followed by refreshments in the Cranmer Room. Everyone is invited.

**Sunday Club:** Parents and carers, please pick up a letter from the foyer which outlines what we will be doing each week.

**Church Weekend Away**, 10-12 Nov. 'Ready Steady Grow'. We want everyone to come if they can. Single rooms and concessions are available. Leaflets in the foyer for details and to book. Please put completed forms in an envelope together with money/cheque, and mark for the attention of the Parish Office, into the Parish Office pigeon-hole in the foyer.

**Wanted: Your Story:** we are putting together a book of short stories from members of the church family. These could be about how you became a Christian, or of God's work in you at a significant moment of your Christian life. If you'd like to contribute, please get in touch with Nicky Sammons (07554 418703).



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

## 17<sup>th</sup> September 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  
'Prayer' *Chris Hobbs*

### 6.00pm Evening Service

The word spreads 'In Samaria'  
*Acts 8:4-40* *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.

**This term in Sunday Club and Club 114** we will look at the marks of a healthy Christian. This morning we will think about what puts a smile on God's face. It makes God happy when we become part of his family and it makes him smile when we live showing we are God's children.

**Refreshments** are served after the services.

**Toilets** are in the foyer and upstairs; baby-

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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

Sermon Notes: Prayer Matthew 6:9-13

When praying, Jesus encourages us to:

Address

1. Seek our Father (v9)

Phone

2. Seek our Father's glory (v9b-10)

Email

his name to be honoured (v9)

his kingdom to come (v10)

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

his will to be done (v10)

3. Seek our Father's grace (v11-13)

our daily provision (v11)

our daily pardon (v12)

our daily protection (v13)

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OPENING PRAYER Andy Martin

SONG Come, thou fount of every blessing

CONFESSION 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.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG The wise man built his house upon the rock

NEWS after which children and young people leave for their activities

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SONG Christ is risen, He is risen indeed

BIBLE READINGS Ian Butler Matthew 6:5-15, 25-34 (page 970) Matthew 7:7-12 (page 971) James 4:1-3; 5:13-18 (page 1215) This is the word of the Lord; Thanks be to God

SERMON Chris Hobbs 'Prayer'

PRAYERS Elizabeth Barry 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 Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice

COMMUNION (see insert)

HYMN What a friend we have in Jesus Please collect your child(ren) from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

Please stay on after the service for tea/coffee and biscuits.

Name/s

Address

Phone

Email

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**Sermon Notes:**  
**The word spreads**      **In Samaria**  
 Acts 8:4-40

**1. The Word of God goes out to Samaria (4-25)**

**2. The Word of God goes out to the ends of the earth (26-40)**

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**OPENING PRAYER** *Tom Bryant*

**SONGS**

To God be the glory  
Strength will rise  
Who has held the oceans in his hands?

**CONFESSION**

Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**PRAYERS** *Tony Ball*  
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.

**NEWS**

**SONG** We're not alone

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**BIBLE READING** *Melanie Britton*  
Acts 8:4-40 (page 1101)  
This is the word of the Lord;  
**Thanks be to God**

**SERMON** *Andy Martin*  
The word spreads: In Samaria

**INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS**

**SONGS** My hope is built on nothing less  
In Christ alone

**CLOSING PRAYER**  
May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, equip us with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*Please stay on after the service for tea/coffee and cake.*