

This Week

Sun
18

Church Family Afternoon Tea.
3-4pm (before the 4pm service).
Everybody welcome! A great chance
to be together as a whole church family.

Rooted (Student group) 8:00-9:15pm, food
included

Tue
20

Caring Minds event, 6-8pm at St
Stephen's. This is for anyone who is
a carer of someone with a mental
illness. Speak to Margaret Clarke to find out
more. Flyers are in the foyer.

Sun
25

Cross Section (Y10-13)
5.30 – 7.00pm, toasties included
Rooted (Student group) 8:00-
9:15pm, food included

**Our regular weekly activities are pausing over
half-term. Will be back next week!**

*There are weekly **Fellowship Groups** during term
time. They are on Tuesday and Wednesday
mornings and Wednesday evenings. Speak to a
member of the staff team to find out more.*

Looking Ahead

Fri 2
Mar

Women's World Day of Prayer at
10.30am, Weoley Hill United
Reform Church, Green Meadow
Road. All welcome.

Sat 3
Mar

Men's Breakfast. 8-9.30am "How
far may God's call take you?", with
John McNeill and Bishop Rafeal. To
book a place contact Nick Devas;

Sun 4
Mar

World Mission Sunday. join us
for an extended coffee/tea (and
cake!) time after both morning
and afternoon services, when
John & Ruth McNeill will be answering
questions about how we can all be engaged
in world mission. Do you have questions
you'd like to ask? Please put them in the red
question box in the foyer.

Mon 5
Mar

Women's book club are now
reading Virtually Human, by E
Brooks & Pete Nicholas.

Tue 20
Mar

**2020 Birmingham Annual Day
Conference**, 'Next Generation'.
Flyers in the foyer.

News and Requests

**Wanted: Ministry Trainees, Sep 2018-Aug
2019.** Spend a year serving the church and
learning gospel ministry. Details from Chris
Hobbs/Parish Office.

Welcome Ministries and Children's Team
are still looking for new people to join their
teams. Could this be you? Contact the office
or speak to a member of staff if so.

Bookstall at the back of church has lots of
great books to buy, if the one you are after
is out of stock put an order slip in today.

Having a half term clear out? We're looking
for Orchard **toy board games** for
Scramblers and Climbers. (Please check
they are complete). We'd also like some **toy
cars**. Please speak to Helen Buckley.

Thanks. Richard and Ruth are so grateful
for all the prayers and support they have
received from the church family over the
past few difficult weeks. Thanks so much!



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

18th February 2018

making and maturing disciples of
Jesus Christ in Birmingham

10.00am Morning Service with Holy Communion

An open secret
Ephesians 3:1-13 *Chris Hobbs*

4.00pm Afternoon Service with Holy Communion

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6.30pm Evening Service

Ezra's mission
Ezra 7 *Andy Martin*

Children will go to their activities part way
through both the 10am and 4pm service:
Crèche leave through the foyer.
**Sunday Club: (Scramblers, Climbers and
Explorers)** leave through the Hudson-Taylor
room at the front of church.
Today in Sunday Club we are carrying on looking
at Paul's letter to the Galatians. Because of Jesus
everyone is welcome to be part of God's family.
We are looking at Galatians 5: 13 - 15. We will see
that God wants us to love his family, like Jesus.
Club114 is not on this week, will be back after
half term.

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 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

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:
An open secret

Ephesians 3:1-13

Don't be discouraged...

• The secret is out (verses 1-6)

• The mission is on (verses 7-13)

Missed a sermon recently?
Visit www.sssw.org.uk

Morning Service

OPENING PRAYER *David Twiss*

HYMN Crown him with many crowns

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 Jesus is the King

NEWS

Children leave for their activities

SONG Who, O Lord, could save themselves?

BIBLE READING

Daniel 2:1-23 (page 884)

Ephesians 3:1-13 (page 1174)

SERMON *Chris Hobbs*

An open secret

PRAYERS *Anne Ruck*

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.

THE NICENE CREED

SONG The mystery of the cross

Please collect your child(ren) from crèche

COMMUNION *see insert or screen*

HYMN I hear the saviour say

CLOSING PRAYER

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Sermon Notes:

Ezra's mission

Ezra 7

1. Introducing Ezra (1-10)

2. Ezra's mission (11-26)

3. Ezra's God (27-28)

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Evening Service

OPENING PRAYER *Chris Hobbs*

HYMN I will sing the wondrous story

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

SONGS Early morning, break of dawn
See the man
Our only hope is you

BIBLE READINGS *Anna Luckwell*

Ezra 7:1-28 (page 479)

Matthew 5:17-20 (page 969)

SERMON *Andy Martin*

Ezra's mission

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SONG The perfect wisdom of our God

PRAYERS *Andrew Quaintance*

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NEWS

HYMN My hope is built on nothing less

CLOSING PRAYER

God our Father, we pray that you may count us worthy of your calling, and that by your power you may fulfil every good purpose of ours and every act prompted by our faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in us, and us in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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