

## This Week

Sun  
18

**Daniel Odhiambo** will be at church with us. He is our Associate Mission Partner out in Marsabit,

### Cross Section (Y10-13)

5.30 – 7.00pm, toasties included

### Rooted (Student group)

8:00-9:15pm, food included

Tue  
20

**People and Places: Open Deanery Synod**, 7.30pm, Immanuel Church Highters Heath, B14 4PG. An opportunity to hear the latest thinking on ministry in Birmingham over the coming years, to ask questions and raise concerns.

Wed  
21

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

Thu  
22

### Cross Section Bible Study

(Y10-13) 4.30-5.30pm

**Explorers** (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm

**Club114** (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm

Fri  
23

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

Sun  
25

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No Rooted

*There are weekly **Fellowship Groups**. Speak to Chris Hobbs to find out more.*

## Looking Ahead

Fri 23  
Mar

**Musicians Rehearsal and social** 7-9pm, let Allan Ooi know if you are planning to attend.

Tue 27  
Mar

**Afternoon Tea at the Vicarage**, 3.30pm, for those retired and beyond. Invitations are in your pigeon holes or on the bookstall

Thu 29  
Mar

**Church Family Meal, 6.45 for 7pm start.** Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer to come along, and let us know what you can bring. If you don't bring a meal the cost is £5 per adult, £2 for 6-15 yr olds. **There is also a help sign up sheet**, if you are able to help the evening run smoothly in any way it would be very much appreciated.

Sat 31  
Mar

**Church Family Walk.** At Waseley Hills (by popular request!). Information is on the bookstall.

Mon 23  
Apr

**Women's book group** are now reading Crazy Love by Francis Chan. All women welcome! Speak to Chris Stonehouse or Elizabeth Barry if you'd like to join us.

Tue 1  
May

**Colin (Buchanan) in concert. 5pm at St Stephen's.** Tickets £4.50 for anyone over the age of 2. Tickets available online; [www.wegotickets.com/event/430783](http://www.wegotickets.com/event/430783)

## News and Requests

**Electoral Roll.** If you consider yourself a member of this church, this is for you! Please complete a form from the Bookstall and return it to the Office by Sun 8 Apr. See Chris Hobbs if you have any questions.

**Nominations for Church Council.** We are looking for 2 people to serve as churchwardens, 3 as PCC members and 1 as Deanery Synod representatives (to be elected at the Annual Meeting, 25 Apr). Please be thinking and praying who this should be, and make nominations on the notice board. See flyer for further details.

**The Harvey family** will be visiting and need offers of accommodation: 15-24 May, 30 May-8 June, 15-17 June. Can divide up (2 & 3). Offers to Nick Devas



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## 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018

*making and maturing disciples  
of Jesus Christ*

### 10.00am Holy Communion

How churches grow

Ephesians 4:1-16

*Chris Hobbs*

### 4.00pm Holy Communion

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### 6.30pm Evening Service

A desperate remedy

Ezra 10

*Andy Martin*

**Children at the 10am and 4pm** will go to their activities part way through both the 10am and 4pm service:

**Crèche** (under 3's) leave through back of church.

**Sunday Club** (3-10): (**Scramblers, Climbers** and **Explorers**) leave through the back of church and will be guided upstairs.

**Today in Sunday Club** In Sunday Club this week we are finishing our series in Galatians.

We will be looking at Galatians 6: 7 - 10.

We will see that God's family are safe in his hands, forever!

**Club114 at the 4pm** (11-14) leave through the **Hudson-Taylor room** at the front of church.

Today we will be thinking about using our God given gifts to build up the church.

**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 at the back of church. 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:**

**How churches grow** Ephesians 4:1-16

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• **Contribute our Ministry (vs 7-12)**

• **Grow in our Maturity (vs 13-16)**

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

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**Morning Service**

**OPENING PRAYER** *Andy Martin*

**HYMN** Lord of the church

**INTERVIEW** with Daniel Odhiambo

**SONG** My God is so big so strong and so mighty

**NEWS**

*After which children leave for their activities*

**SONG** My hope is built on nothing less

**PRAYERS** *Anne Ruck*

**BIBLE READING** *Pippa Nicolson*

Psalm 68:1-18, 32-35 (page 582)  
Ephesians 4:1-16 (page 1175)

**SERMON** *Chris Hobbs*

How churches grow

**CONFESSION**

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**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**SONG** We're not alone

*Please collect your child from crèche*

**COMUNNION** *see insert or screen*

**HYMN** Holy Spirit, living breath of God

**CLOSING PRAYER**

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to Himself,  
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The joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;  
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**BIBLE READING** *Andy Schofield*

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Ezra 10

**Deadly sin must be ruthlessly thrown out**

1. Deadly sin...

2. ... must be ruthlessly thrown out!

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## Evening Service

**OPENING PRAYER** *Andrew Quaintance*

**HYMN** Praise my soul the King of heaven

**SONG** Give thanks to the Lord

### 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.**

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**PRAYERS** *Mark Johnston*

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.**

**SONGS** Take the world, but give me Jesus  
All my days

### NEWS

**INTERVIEW** with Daniel Odhiambo

**SONG** Leaning on the everlasting arms

**BIBLE READINGS** *Jeanne Glenn*

Ezra 10:1-17 (page 483)

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (page 1148)

**SERMON** *Andy Martin*

A desperate remedy

**SONG** God of grace amazing wonder

### CLOSING PRAYER

**Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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