

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

Cross Section (Y10-13)

5.30 – 7.00pm, toasties included
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

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



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

18th 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

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:

A desperate remedy

Ezra 10

Deadly sin must be ruthlessly thrown out

1. Deadly sin...

2. ... must be ruthlessly thrown out!

Missed a sermon recently?

Visit www.sssw.org.uk

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.

Please stay on for tea/coffee and cake.