

## This Week

Tue  
20 Dec

**Mens Quiz & Takeaways** at St Stephen's, 7.45pm – 10.00pm. Today is the last day to see Chris Stonehouse to reserve a place 0121 4155131.

Sat  
24 Dec

**Starlight Service for All Ages** at 4.00pm  
Don't forget come dressed up!  
**Midnight Communion** 11.30pm

*These Christmas Offerings:* will be given to Open Doors for their work amongst persecuted believers and refugees. Envelopes are available on the information table if you are able to gift aid your offering.

Sun  
25 Dec

**Christmas Day All Age Communion**

## Looking Ahead

Sun  
1 Jan

**All Age Service**, 10.00am. A brand new day (Lamentations 3:22-23). Helen Buckley.

Fri  
6 Jan

**Prayer for Growth**, 7.00 – 11.00pm  
An evening to pray for the growth of our church. Please find letter in pigeon holes.

Mon  
1 Jan

**Women's book club** are reading 'The Hiding Place'. Newcomers welcome! See Elizabeth Barry or Chris Stonehouse for more details.

Thu  
2 Jan

**Christianity Explored Course**

Thu  
26 Jan

**CAP Money Course** begins. Worried about money? A free course to help you manage your money better, learn to budget, save and spend well. Thursday evenings until 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. Contact the Office for more details.

**Our Church Office will be closed** between Christmas and New Year, and will reopen on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan.

## News and Requests

There is a board up for **Church Family Christmas cards**, so no need to write out lots of individual ones!

**Wanted: Ministry Trainees**, Sep 2017-Aug 2018. Spend a year serving the church and learning gospel ministry. Details from Chris Hobbs/Parish Office.

New **Church Family Address books and Prayer Guides** are available. Pop your name on the list at the back of church if you'd like one.

**Winter Night Shelter at St Stephen's.** Please sign up to volunteer. Yellow forms with details are in the foyer.

**Helen Buckley** is looking for people to help with some cutting out of resources for Sunday Club over the Christmas holidays for next term. Please see her if you can help.



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

## 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016

*making and maturing  
disciples of Jesus Christ*

### 10.00am Morning Service with Holy Communion

'Where are you?'  
(Genesis 3:8-24) Chris Hobbs

### 6.00pm Traditional Carols by Candlelight

Followed by mulled wine and  
Christmas nibbles. Andy

Martin

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

**Creche** and **Club114** leave through the Foyer to go to their rooms.

**Scramblers, Climbers** and **Explorers** leave through the Hudson Taylor Room at the front of church.

**This morning in Sunday Club** we will be having a Christmas Party!

**Refreshments** are served after the services.

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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 this tear-off slip overleaf and give it to one of the staff or welcome team, or place it in the Gifts Box at the back of church, to let us know who you are. We will get in touch with you shortly to help you feel at home quickly. Please also help yourself to a Welcome Booklet from the Information Table.

# Morning Service

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

## Where are you?

Genesis 3:14-24

1. The wages of sin

- Snake sentenced: humiliation and destruction (v14-15)

- Woman sentenced: childbearing and marriage (v16)

- Man sentenced: work and death (v17-19)

2. The gift of God

- Life promised (v20)

- Clothing provided (v21)

- Paradise protected (v22-24)

**Missed a sermon recently?** Visit [www.sssw.org.uk](http://www.sssw.org.uk)

Lighting of the Advent candles

OPENING PRAYER *(Andy Martin)*

HYMN O come, O come, Emmanuel

## CONFESSION

**O Lord our God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As we come before you now, believers and doubters alike, we all share a deep need, for we are all lost without your grace. Search us, O God, and know our hearts, test us and know our troubled thoughts. Give us true repentance. Forgive us all our wrongs. Transform us by your Spirit to live for you each day, to learn to serve each other and, through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, to come at last to heaven. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG Unto us a child is born

INTERVIEW with the McNeills

NEWS *after which children and young people go to their activities*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SONG Through all life's sorrows and despair

BIBLE READINGS *(Ian Butler)*

Genesis 3:14-24 (page 5)

Philippians 2:1-13 (page 1179)

(This is the word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God)**

SERMON Where are you? *(Chris Hobbs)*

PRAYERS *(Judy Quaintance)*

SONG Hallelujah, my Father  
Holy God in love became

COMMUNION

HYMN Joy to the world

*Please collect your child from crèche*

CLOSING PRAYER