

This Week

TONIGHT

Cross-section (Y10-13)
7.45pm-9.00pm
Rooted (Students)
7.45pm-9.30pm

Mon
20 Feb

Service of Thanksgiving for Judith Butler. 11.45am at St Stephen's.

Fri
24 Feb

Prayer Meeting for 'Story', 7.30-8.00am, Cranmer Room.

Welcome Meal, 7.30pm. If you are new-ish to St Stephen's, please ask Chris or Helen Hobbs for an invitation.

Looking Ahead

Mon
27 Feb

Women's Book Club are reading 'The Plausibility Problem' by Ed Shaw. Newcomers welcome! See Elizabeth Barry or Chris Stonehouse for more details.

Tue
28 Feb

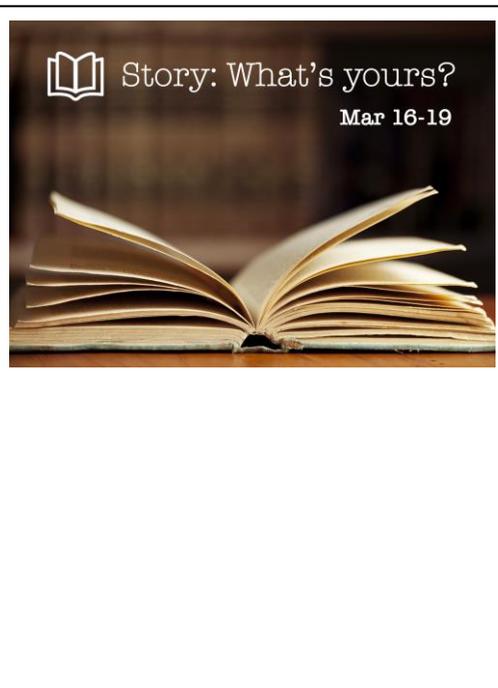
Prayer Gathering, 10.00 – 11.30am at St Stephen's.

Wed
1 Mar

Ash Wednesday Holy Communion, 7.00-7.45pm in Church, with coffee and cakes before the **Prayer Gathering**, 8.00-9.00pm, Cranmer Room.

Fri
3 Mar

Music Rehearsal and Social
7 – 9.30pm, for all existing and potential musicians.



News and Requests

Maurice Sinclair sets off for Bolivia with Bishop David Urquhart on a 2-week visit to strengthen the link between churches there and here. He would be most grateful for prayer that this visit may serve for the advancement of the gospel.

Pushchair and clothing needed for 3 year old boy, also clothing for a 9 year old boy. Please ask Chris Stonehouse for details.

Night Shelter finished on Friday night. Thanks for all your support! More news next week.



19th February 2017

making and maturing
disciples of Jesus Christ

10.00am Morning Service with Holy Communion

Antidote to worry – *Andy Martin*
Luke 12:22-34

6.00pm Evening Service

Wise up! – *Chris Hobbs*
Proverbs 1:20-33

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.
Sunday Club: Scramblers, Climbers and Explorers leave through the Hudson-Taylor Room at the front of church.

Sunday Club is learning Prov 21:2 today. Why don't you ask someone in Sunday Club to tell you the verse?

Club 114 is looking at how to speak to our friends about Jesus. We want to share the best news ever, but it can seem so difficult at times.

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 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
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- Other

Sermon Notes

Antidote to worry
Luke 12:22-34

No worries?

1. Establish the right priorities (v22-31)

Three convictions:

- You really matter to God
- God can provide
- Worry doesn't work

2. Develop the right perspectives (v32-34)

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION *Maurice Sinclair*
Almighty God to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no
secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of
our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and
worthily magnify your holy name; through
Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG All my days

QUESTION FOR THE CHILDREN

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

SONG Oh, God he always keeps his promises

NEWS

*After which children and young people go to
their activities*

SONG The grace of God has reached for me

BIBLE READINGS *Helen Hobbs*

Psalm 104 (page 606)

Luke 12:22-34 (page 1045)

This is the word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God

SERMON Antidote to worry *Andy Martin*

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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.**

HYMN Here is love

Please collect your child from crèche

COMMUNION *(see insert)*

SONG Glorious things of you are spoken

BLESSING

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and biscuits.*

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Sermon Notes

Wise up!
Proverbs 1:20-33

1. Wisdom calls (v2-21)

2. Wisdom warns (v22-27)

3. Wisdom explains (v28-31)

4. Wisdom saves (v32-33)

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OPENING PRAYER *Andy Martin*

HYMN Leaning on the everlasting arms

SONG You died in my place

CONFESSION

Almighty God, Creator of all. You marvellously made us in your image; but we have rebelled against you, by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbours. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and truly repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the death of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG When trials come

BIBLE READINGS *Peter Richardson*

Proverbs 1:20-33 (page 635)

Romans 10:11-21 (page 1137)

This is the word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God

SERMON Wise up! *Chris Hobbs*

INTERVAL

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONGS Who, O Lord, could save themselves
There is a redeemer

PRAYERS *Dawn Evans*

followed by **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

HYMN Be thou my vision

CLOSING BLESSING

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