

# Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August



## Welcome to our 10.00am Service

John Ruck will be speaking on 'Walking in love 1' (2 John) and we will be sharing the Lord's Supper.

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There is a **Crèche (for under 3's)** in the Cranmer Room.

This week in **Sunday Club (ages 3-10)** will have Holiday Activities.

**Club114 (ages 11-14)** will be back after the Summer Holidays (at the 4.00pm service)



**Refreshments** are served in the foyer after the service, please stay and join us.



**Toilets** are in the foyer and upstairs; baby-changing facilities in the disabled toilet.

**OPENING PRAYER** *Andy Martin*

**SONG** The grace of God has reached for me

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**SONG** Solomon was a young man

**NEWS**

*Children leave for their activities*

**SONG** To you, O Lord

**BIBLE READINGS** *John Williams*

John 14:15-21 (page 1082)

2 John v1-13 (page 1229)

**SERMON** *John Ruck*  
Walking in love (1)

**CONFESSION**

**PRAYERS** *David Stokes*

**HYMN** When I survey  
*Please collect your child from crèche*

**COMMUNION**

**HYMN** Love divine

**CLOSING PRAYER**

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## Welcome to our 6.30pm Service

Andy Martin will be speaking on 'Seeing justice done' (Psalm 58)

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**OPENING PRAYER** *Andrew Quaintance*

**SONGS** You're the lion of Judah  
By faith  
Our only hope is you

**CONFESSION**

**PRAYERS** *Tony Ball*  
ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**SONGS** Leaning on the everlasting arms  
Jesus is Lord, the cry that echoes

**BIBLE READINGS** *Melanie Britton*

Psalm 58 (page 577)  
Revelation 14:14-20 (page 1243)

**SERMON** *Andy Martin*  
Seeing justice done

**NEWS**

**HYMN** Sing to God new songs of worship

**CLOSING PRAYER**

1. Stand for authentic Christianity

2. Truth and love, love and truth

3. Walk in truth

4. Walk in love

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- to confess to God

- to ask God for

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# Where wrath and mercy meet

Dear Friends,

“We worship at your feet, where wrath and mercy meet”. Have you ever puzzled over these words from Graham Kendrick’s song *Come and See*? How is that possible, for wrath and mercy to *meet*? Aren’t they opposed to each other? Won’t one overcome the other, so that we are left with only wrath or only mercy? Or will there be some sort of uneasy compromise between the two, part wrath and part mercy?

These days it is increasingly common not to worry about these things, and to hold irreconcilable ideas together. So you might find people believing in, say, Jesus *and* reincarnation. After all, if there is no such thing as ‘the’ truth, why worry if the ‘truths’ you want to believe contradict each other?

The thing is, we need both wrath and mercy from God. We need God to have mercy on us, to love us and forgive us if we are to have a place in his new world. And we need him to be angry at evil and get rid of it if his new world is to be a good place to be. But what if the evil is to be found in us? It is in the cross of Jesus that God’s wrath and mercy meet perfectly. It is in him that sins are punished properly and sinners forgiven freely, where God is both “just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus” (Romans 3:26) and where “righteousness and peace kiss each other” (Psalm 85:10).

Your brother in Christ,  
Chris Hobbs (Senior Minister/Vicar)

## #MeettheFamily (more on Facebook and Instagram)



Helen is from Manchester, is nuts about peanut butter, is breaking into the world of bird watching with a recent purchase of a bird feeder (it's early days though...) and is a follower of Jesus.

She grew up with parents who love Jesus and she always went to church, she can't remember a time when she didn't love Jesus. But that doesn't always mean that she wants to do what he says, and sometimes she gets things wrong. She's recently been reminded that following Jesus relies on grace. That means that what makes things right comes from outside of her, and isn't from anything she can do. Grace is a sheer gift, given to her by God. She is forgiven and has been made a part of God's family because of Jesus.

*If you don't have an account with Facebook or Instagram you can see what we get up to by looking at the bottom of our homepage: [www.sssw.org.uk](http://www.sssw.org.uk)*

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## Sundays at St Stephens

**10am service**, for all ages with activities for children (crèche to year 6)

**6.30pm service**, more relaxed and informal.

**The 4pm service will return on Sun 9 Sept**

## This Week

**Wed 22** **Day Centre** (for older people)  
10am – 2.30pm

**An evening in China\* at the Devases.**

8pm at

\*In Selly Park!

**Sat 25** **Coffee Morning at the Martins.**  
10am-12noon at

*We have weekly Fellowship Groups in term time. Speak to Chris Hobbs to find out more.*

## Looking Ahead

**Aug 29** **Pizza, snacks, wine and coffee evening at the Simcox's.** 7.00-9.00pm

**Aug 28-31** **OUT OF THIS WORLD HOLIDAY CLUB**

**10am-12noon at St Stephens.**

Sign up forms are in the foyer; take lots to invite school friends!

\*\* Help will be needed to clear church after church on Sun 26 Aug after the evening Service and with set up on Mon 27 \*\*

**June 28-30 2019**

**Church Family Weekend Away**, at Hothorpe Hall. There is an opportunity to begin paying for the weekend in instalments now. Contact the Parish Office if this is something you'd like to do.

## News and Requests

**Ladder needed.** Has anyone got a tall free standing A frame ladder that Helen Buckley can borrow for holiday club? It's for a visual aid! You would also need to be able to bring it to church for her by Sunday 26th. Many thanks.