

## This Week

Sun  
19

**Suffering Church Sunday.** Church family lunch - followed by (1-2 pm) a presentation from Open Doors, with Activities for children.

Wed  
22

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

Thu  
23

**Cross-Section Bible Study** (Y10-13) 4.30-5.30pm  
**Explorers** (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm  
**Club 114** (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm

Fri  
24

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

Sun  
26

**10.00am 'Redeemed by faith alone'**, Lee Gatiss, Director of Church Society will be preaching on the Reformation.

**6.00pm Big Questions:** Doesn't religion just cause conflict? Refreshments for this café-style service will be served from 5:45pm.

*There are weekly Fellowship Groups, on Tuesday Mornings and Wednesday evenings. Speak to a member of the staff team to find out more.*

## Looking Ahead

Thu 30  
Nov

**Spruce cutting parties.** 10-11am & 2-4pm. A fun way to start the festive season, complete with Christmas music! Please bring secateurs if you have any. Many hands make light work!

Fri 1  
Dec

**Christmas Craft Evening.** Tickets have sold out. See Jem to go on the waiting list.

Sat 2  
Dec

**Maintenance Day.** 9.00am, meeting at St Stephens. Please bring any gardening equipment that you have.

Sat 9  
Dec

**Christmas Adventure.** 2-4pm. Fun for all the family – with real life nativity animals! Tickets (£5) available from Helen Buckley.

Mon 8  
Jan

**Women's Book Group.** "The Life You Never Expected" by Andrew & Rachel Wilson. All women welcome.

Sat 13  
Jan

**Church Family Walk** (in the afternoon). More details to follow.

### News and Requests

We are updating the **Church Family Address Book and Prayer Guide.** To comply with data protection we need your permission for your details to be in the book. This means you have to opt in by filling out the yellow card and returning it to us. If you don't return the form we will include you by name, but list no other details for you.

If you are new to church, or are not yet in the book, please fill out a form so that church family can pray for and contact you. **The deadline for the forms is TODAY.**

Books will be available in December, and they will be for those who are in the book. We would also love to include as many photos as possible, please send these to: [jem.huggins@sssw.org.uk](mailto:jem.huggins@sssw.org.uk)

**Wanted: Ministry Trainees, Sep 2018-Aug 2019.** Spend a year serving the church and learning gospel ministry. You don't have to be a student to apply! Details from Chris Hobbs/Parish Office.

**Can you help?** For the Christmas Adventure we need: A few people to put thread through hanging ornaments, 3 gazebos, 2 people to drill holes in little pieces of wood, one TV and DVD player and a partridge in a pear tree (only joking with the last one!). Speak to Helen Buckley.



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## 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017

making and maturing disciples of  
Jesus Christ in Birmingham  
and for the world

### 10.00am Morning Service with Holy Communion

The man who asked for mercy  
*Luke 18:9-14* *Andy Martin*

### 6.00pm Evening Service

Stand with the suffering church  
*Hebrews 10:19-24* *Maurice Sinclair*

**Children and young people** will go to their activities part way through the service:  
**Crèche and Club114** leave through the foyer.  
**Sunday Club: (Scramblers, Climbers and Explorers)** leave through the Hudson-Taylor room at the front of church.

**In Sunday Club** we are starting a mini series in Luke. We're getting ready for Christmas! Today we will be looking at Luke 1: 5 - 25; 57 - 66 and God's gift to Zechariah. God's King is coming!

**Club114** will be learning about communion.

**Refreshments** are served after the services.

**Toilets** are in the foyer and upstairs; baby-

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**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 in the foyer. 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:**

The man who asked for mercy  
*Luke 18:9-14*

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## Morning Service

**OPENING PRAYER** *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.**

**HYMN** Leaning on the everlasting arms

**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.**

**COLLECT** for Suffering Church Sunday

**SONG** Your love will last forever

**NEWS**

*Children and young people leave for their activities*

**SONG** He's our rescuer

**PRESENTATION** on the Suffering Church

**BIBLE READING** *Richard Griffith*

Exodus 33:12 – 34:9 (page 92)

Luke 18:9-17 (page 1052)

**SERMON** *Andy Martin*

The man who asked for mercy

**PRAYERS** *Elizabeth Barry*

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.**

**SONG** The mystery of the cross  
*Please collect your child(ren) from crèche*

**COMMUNION** *see insert*

**HYMN** Amazing grace

**BLESSING**

*Please stay on for tea/coffee and biscuits.*

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*Hebrews 10:19-24*

To stand we must weep

To stand we must speak

To stand we must act

To stand we must learn

To stand we must kneel

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**SONGS** Hallelujah, sing to Jesus  
He wraps himself in light

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**PRESENTATION** on the Suffering Church

**PRAYERS** *Judy Quaintance*

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**SONGS** He's our rescuer  
Through all life's sorrows and despairs

**CONFESSION**

**Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**BIBLE READING** *Paul Coley*  
Hebrews 10:19-24 , 32-39 (page 1208)  
John 15:9-21 (page 1083)

**SERMON** *Maurice Sinclair*  
Stand with the suffering church

**NEWS**

**SONGS** Rock of ages  
When I fear my faith will fail

**CLOSING PRAYER**

*Please stay on for tea/coffee and cake.*