

Today

This term in Sunday Club we are looking at the God of WOW! This week we will see that God is everywhere!

This Week

- Thu 24 Mar** **Church Family Supper.** 6.45 for 7pm. This will be a Bring and Share meal. Please sign up **TODAY** if you are planning to come, and if you'll be able to bring anything. Sign up sheet is at the back of church. Please also sign up to help.
- Fri 25 Mar** **Good Friday.** All Age Service at 10.00am. Quiet Reflection at 11:30am. Hot Cross Buns at the Vicarage at 4.00pm (extra hot cross buns are welcome!)
- Sat 26 Mar** **Easter Saturday Church Family Walk.** This will be in the afternoon and is being organised by Mark Checketts. More details on the Information Table.
- Sun 27 Mar** **Easter Sunday.** All Age Service with Communion, 10.00am

Looking Ahead

- Tue 12 April** **CAP Prayer Meeting.** 7.45pm at Selly Oak Elim.
- 15-17 April** **Just One Life.** Have you ever considered the possibility of serving Christ as a full-time or part-time gospel worker? The 9:38 Workers Conference, Hothorpe Hall. Highly recommended. Flyers on the Information Table.
- Mon 18 Apr** **Women's Book Group.** We will be discussing "The Cross Centered life" by CJ Mahaney. Speak to Chris Stonehouse or Elizabeth Barry with any questions.
- Sat 30 April** **The Addict in Us All:** how the Bible understands addiction and how the gospel helps. Speakers: Mike Emler of CCEF and Steve Midgley of Biblical Counselling UK. 10.30am-4.30pm, London. Flyers on the Information Table.
- Jul 2-3** **Church Family Weekend at Home.** Andy Upton will be speaking. Please put the date in your diary! More details to come.

News and Requests

The World We All Want. A chance to explore the unfolding story of the Bible – the story of the world we want but don't have, a world that God has promised and is making. Two options, one course is continuing on Tue 15 Mar 10.00-11.30am & the other begins on Thu 21 Apr 8.00-9.30pm. Flyers on the Information Table.

Invitation to join the Electoral Roll. This is the closest thing we have to church membership. If you would like to join the roll please fill in a purple form from the Information Table and send it in to the Parish Office by Apr 17th.

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Welcome

20 March 2016

If you are new, you are especially welcome. Please help yourself to a Welcome Booklet and, if you have time, introduce yourself and ask any questions you may have.

10.00am Morning Service with Holy Communion

'The fall of Babylon' (Revelation 17:1-19:10) – Chris Hobbs

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

Creche and **Club 114** leave through the Foyer to go to their rooms. **Scramblers, Climbers** and

Explorers leave through the Hudson Taylor Room at the front of church.

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after the service in the foyer.

6.00pm Evening Service

'Our God transforms us' (Jeremiah 32) – Mark Checketts

Coffee, tea and cakes are served after the service.

Toilets are adjacent to the foyer and upstairs; baby-changing facilities are in the disabled toilets.

"Babylon is the prevailing economic-religious system in alliance with the state and its related authorities, as it exists in its various forms throughout the ages" (Beale).

1. Be clear that Babylon is evil (17:1-18)

2. Be clear that Babylon will fall (18:1-24)

3. Be glad that Babylon will fall (19:1-10)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION *led by 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 creatures of our God and King

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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.

SONG I'm following the King

NEWS

After which children and young people go to their activities

SONG When my hope and strength is gone

BIBLE READING Revelation 17:1-18 (page 1245)

(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON The fall of Babylon

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PRAYERS 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 My song is love unknown

Please collect your child from crèche.

COMMUNION *see insert*

SONG My heart is filled with thankfulness

BLESSING

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Hobbs*

SONGS Come people of the risen King
We're not alone

HYMN I hear the Saviour say

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NEWS

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SONGS There's a place where the streets shine
There is a hope

BIBLE READING Jeremiah 32:1-44 (page 793)

(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Our God transforms us

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

HYMN When peace like a river

CLOSING PRAYER

To him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and for evermore. Amen.