

This Week

Wed
23 Aug

Cheese n Wine/Coffee

For our 3rd August Summer Social, come along to 7 Selly Wick Road

7.30-9.30pm for cheese and wine. All welcome!
Liz and Adam Simcox

Looking Ahead

Tue
29 Aug

Holiday Bible Club, Tue 29 Aug – Fri 1 Sep and Sun 3 Sep. For children in Reception through to Yr 6, inclusive.

Fri/Sat
22/23
Sep

Women's Weekend: 'Finding Contentment'. A chance to spend time together and learn from God's word. Please sign up using flyers in the foyer. This is for all women, regardless of age or how long you've been coming to St Stephen's. Please put completed flyer in the marked box in the foyer.

Last August Summer Social

30th Pudding Party

7.30pm start at 92 Elm Road, Bournville, bring a drink if you wish.

David and Margaret Twiss

News and Requests

Church Weekend Away, 10-12 Nov. 'Ready Steady Grow'. We want everyone to come if they can. Single rooms and concessions are available. See separate leaflet in the foyer for details and to book. Please put completed forms in an envelope together with money/cheque, and mark for the attention of the Parish Office, and put in the Parish Office pigeon-hole in the foyer.

Equip Our in-house one-year training course designed to 'equip the saints for the work of ministry'. Fully re-worked for 2017! Leaflets in the foyer. Speak to Chris Hobbs if you are interested.

Holiday Club needs fishing nets, metal detectors, and a free standing garden parasol. Please would you bring them to church if you can help? Please register your children!

Wanted: Your Story: we are putting together a book of short stories from members of the church family. These could be about how you became a Christian, or of God's work in you at a significant moment of your Christian life. If you'd like to contribute (300-500 words), please get in touch with Nicky Sammons (07554 418703).

The Church Office is closed until Tuesday 29th August.

GAFCON, "gathering faithful Bible-believing Anglicans around the world to guard and proclaim the one true gospel." Pick up a leaflet and see if you would like to become a supporter.

Sunday morning refreshments need more help in serving coffee. Please contact Margaret Twiss 4722639 or damptwiss@blueyonder.co.uk



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

20th August 2017

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

10.00am Morning Service

'God's unfailing love

Psalm 52

David Twiss

6.00pm Evening Service

'The promise of an abiding presence'

Hebrews 13:5-6

Chris Stonehouse

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

Crèche leaves through the foyer.

3-11 year olds will be upstairs in the Tyndale Room for Holiday Cover, and will leave through the Hudson-Taylor room at the front of church.

Refreshments are served after the services.

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

Senior Minister (Vicar): Chris Hobbs

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.

Sermon Notes:
God's unfailing love

Psalm 52

Name/s

Address

Phone

Email

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- Being a Christian
- Newcomers' events
- Small Groups
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- Children's / Youth Work
- Student events
- Giving to the church
- Other

Missed a sermon recently? Visit www.sssw.org.uk

OPENING PRAYER *Chris Porter*

HYMN O God beyond all praising
SONG When I fear my faith will fail

CONFESSION
Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG Sing Jesus' name

NEWS
After which children leave for their activities

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SONG You're the Lion of Judah

PRAYERS *David Stokes*
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.

BIBLE READINGS *Rebekah Fox*
Psalm 52 (page 574)
2 Thess 1:3-12 (page 1189)
This is the word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God

SERMON *David Twiss*
God's unfailing love

SONG Be thou my vision
Please collect your child(ren) from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

Please stay on after the service for tea/coffee and biscuits.

Sermon Notes:
The promise of an abiding presence
Hebrews 13:5-6

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OPENING PRAYER *Tom Bryant*

BIBLE READING *together*
Psalm 118 (page 616)

SONGS Early morning break of dawn
Bless the Lord, O my soul
Our only hope is you

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NEWS

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SONGS
There is a hope
The Lord's my shepherd

BIBLE READINGS *Alex Luckwell*
Deuteronomy 31:1-8 (page 209)
Hebrews 13:1-10 (page 1211)
This is the word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God

SERMON *Chris Stonehouse*
The promise of an abiding presence

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

HYMN
Before the throne of God above

CLOSING PRAYER
May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, equip us with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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