

This Week

Tue 22 Nov Tuesday Morning Women's Fellowship Group, 10.00-11:30am. Crêche provided.

Thu 24 Nov Explorers (Y2-6) 6.00-7.00pm
Club114 (Y7-9) 6.30-8.00pm

Fri 25 Nov Stay and Play (baby and toddler group) 10.00am-11.30am

Christmas Craft Evening. 7.30-9.15pm.

Sun 27 Nov Morning Service, 10.00am. 'And God made woman' (Genesis 2:18-25), Chris Hobbs.

Suffering Church Sunday, with a guest from Open Doors. **Church Family Lunch** from 12noon – 1pm, followed by short presentation from Open Doors, 1-2pm (there will be activities provided for children).

Evening Service, 6.00pm. 'Gospel character' (Galatians 5:16-6:6) Andy Martin

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

Looking Ahead

Tues 29 Nov **PCC Meeting**, 7.45pm.

Sat 3 Dec **Christmas Adventure.** 2.00-4.00pm at St Stephens. Fun for the whole family! Invitations are at the back of church.

Sun 4 Dec **Acoustic Carols by Candlelight.** 6.00pm, followed by Christmas nibbles and mulled wine

Sun 11 Dec **All Age Carol Service.** 10.00am, followed by Christmas refreshments.

Thu 15 Dec **Carols for Samuel Thornhill** Contact Elizabeth Barry for more details.

Sun 18 Dec **Traditional Carols by Candlelight.** 6.00pm, followed by Christmas nibbles and mulled wine

Sat 17 Dec **Serving others at Christmas:** choose and wrap presents at Birmingham City Mission. Morning - 6 people; Afternoon - 8 people. Contact Chris Stonehouse to book your space:

Mon 9 Jan **Women's book club** are reading 'The Hiding Place'. Newcomers welcome! See Elizabeth Barry or Chris for more details.

News and Requests

Lots of exciting ways to help this Christmas, please see the sign up sheet at the back of church.

We are looking for people to take on (or help with) our monthly **Church Family Lunches**, by signing up for a month in 2017. If you'd like to be involved speak to Jem Huggins, office@sssw.org.uk.

Egg boxes (for 6 eggs) needed for Christmas Adventure. Please give any you have to Helen Buckley. Thanks!

Resolution regarding Women Bishops. The PCC will be considering this. See the paper on the Information Table for more details.

Free to a good home- 'Cot-bed' folds out to make a single bed. All mattresses and linen included. Great for post-cot little ones! See Gina Davies



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

20th November 2016

*making and maturing
disciples of Jesus Christ*

**10.00am Morning Service
with Holy Communion**

'And God commanded'
(Genesis 2:4-17) Chris Hobbs

6.00pm Evening Service

'Gospel freedom'
(Galatians 5:1 - 15) Andy Martin

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. **Scramblers, Climbers** and **Explorers** leave through the Hudson Taylor Room at the front of church.

This term in Sunday Club we are looking at the big Bible story: The King, the snake and the promise. **This morning** we will be looking at Jesus' death. We will see that Jesus died to take the punishment we deserve.

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 this tear-off slip overleaf and give it to one of the staff or welcome team, or place it in the Gifts Box at the back of church, to let us know who you are. We will get in touch with you shortly to help you feel at home quickly. Please also help yourself to a Welcome Booklet from the Information Table.

Morning Service

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

And God commanded

Genesis 2:4-17

OPENING PRAYER *(Andy Martin)*

HYMN Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven

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 Our God is a great, big God

NEWS *after which children and young people go to their activities*

SONG When I am weak, You are strong

BIBLE READINGS *(Pippa Nicholson)*

Genesis 2:4-17 (page 4)

1 Corinthians 15:35 - 58 (page 1156)

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

SERMON And God commanded *(Chris Hobbs)*

PRAYERS *(Mark Checketts)*

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SONG We're not alone

COMMUNION

HYMN I cannot tell

Please collect your child from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

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Sermon Notes

Gospel Freedom
Galatians 5:1 - 15

Freedom or slavery? (1)

1. Free from the law (2-6)

2. Free for loving service (7-15)

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Evening Service

OPENING PRAYER *(Charles Hindley)*

NEWS *(Chris Hobbs)*

HYMN Tell out my soul
SONG I come into Your presence

SONGS What a fearful scene
The grace of God has reached for me
Awake, awake O Zion

CONFESSIO
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 READINGS *(Dawn Evans)*
Matthew 22:34 – 40 (page 991)
Galatians 5:1 – 15 (page 1171)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Gospel Freedom
(Andy Martin)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN O for a thousand tongues to sing

OPEN PRAYERS
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.

CLOSING PRAYER
Be with us, Lord, as we go out into the world: may the lips that have sung your praises always speak the truth; may the ears which have heard your word listen only to what is good; and may our lives in every part be always pleasing in your sight, for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.