

This Week

Tue
22 Nov

Tuesday Morning Women's Fellowship Group, 10.00-11:30am. Crèche 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

**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.

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I would like to know more about:

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

Sermon Notes

And God commanded

Genesis 2:4-17

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Morning Service

OPENING PRAYER (*Andy Martin*)

SERMON And God commanded (*Chris Hobbs*)

HYMN Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven

PRAYERS (*Mark Checketts*)

CONFESION

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.

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SONG We're not alone

COMMUNION

HYMN I cannot tell

Please collect your child from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

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**)

Name/s

Sermon Notes

Gospel Freedom

Galatians 5:1 - 15

Freedom or slavery? (1)

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1. Free from the law (2-6)

2. Free for loving service (7-15)

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Evening Service

NEWS (*Chris Hobbs*)

OPENING PRAYER (*Charles Hindley*)

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

CONFESION

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)

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SERMON Gospel Freedom
(*Andy Martin*)

HYMN O for a thousand tongues to sing

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.**