

## This Week

**Sun 21** **Cross-Section**  
(Y10-13) 7.45 – 9.00pm

**Rooted** (Student group) 7:45-9:15pm, food included

**Tue 23** **Youth and Children's Team Prayer Meeting.** 7.45-9.15pm, in the Tyndale Room

**Wed 24** **Day Centre** (for older people) 10am – 2.30pm

**Thu 25** **Cross-Section Bible Study**  
(Y10-13) 4.30-5.30pm  
**Explorers** (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm  
**Club114** (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm

**Christianity Explored continues,** 8.00pm. Contact Andy Martin to find out more.

**Fri 26** **Stay and Play** (baby and toddler group) 10.00am – 11.30am

**Night Shelter continues.** To help or contribute financially email: [ststephensnightshelter@gmail.com](mailto:ststephensnightshelter@gmail.com)

**Sun 28** **New 4pm service starts, and the 6.00pm service moves to 6.30pm**

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*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

**Mon 29 Jan** **Butcher and Beer.** 7.30pm at St Stephens. Pick up a ticket today. Flyers in the foyer.

**Wed 7 Feb**

**'Religion: cause of hate or source of peace?'** at the ICC, 7-9.30pm. Is Faith Reasonable? Is back, this time with guest speaker Krish Kandiah. Tickets bought online: <http://chaplaincyplus.org.uk/events/religion/> (use 'sssw1' as a code for 50% discount)

**Tue 13 Feb**

**Raising Children in a technology-obsessed World.** 7.30 for pancakes, 8pm start. This parenting evening is for all, whether you parent a toddler, a teen and any age inbetween.

**Mon 5 Mar**

**Women's book club** are now reading Virtually Human, by E Brooks & Pete Nicholas. All women welcome. See Chris Stonehouse or Elizabeth Barry for more.

## News and Requests

**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.

**Sunday Club leaders** please collect the teaching material for this term from your pigeon hole. Thank you!

**Empty water bottles needed** (500ml size) for Club114 on Thursday. Pass them on to Imogen please, thanks!

**New Address.** Yesterday Christopher, Elizabeth & Isobel Barry moved

**Address Book and Prayer Guide.** New books are available. Please sign up for one in the foyer (books will only be available to those who are in the book).



**21<sup>st</sup> January 2018**

making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ in Birmingham

## 10.00am Morning Service with Holy Communion

Knowing God  
Ephesians 1:15-23 *Chris Hobbs*

## 6.00pm Evening Service

Who's who?  
Ezra 2 *Andy Martin*

**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.

**Sunday Club.** As we get ready to launch the 4pm service we will be looking at Acts 13. We will see that everyone needs to hear the good news of Jesus.

**Club114** will be looking at Ephesians 1 and will be thinking about the blessings God gives us in Jesus.

**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.

Name/s

Sermon Notes:  
Knowing God

Ephesians 1:15-23

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

Missed a sermon recently? Visit [www.sssw.org.uk](http://www.sssw.org.uk)

## Morning Service

**OPENING PRAYER** *Andy Martin*

**BIBLE READING** *(together)*

Psalm 8 (page 546)

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**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** Give thanks to the Lord

**SUMMARY OF THE LAW**

**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** Oh, God he always keeps his promises

**NEWS**

*Children leave for their activities*

**GIVING PRESENTATION**

**SONG** Nothing but grace

**BIBLE READING** *Margaret Twiss*

Ephesians 1:15-23 (page 1173)

**SERMON** *Chris Hobbs*

Knowing God

**PRAYERS** *David Stokes*

**SONG** Here is love

*Please collect your child(ren) from crèche*

**COMMUNION** *(see insert or screen)*

**HYMN** Be thou my vision

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

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**Sermon Notes:**

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Ezra 2

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**Evening Service**

**OPENING PRAYER** *Nick Devas*

**HYMN** I heard an old, old story

**SONGS** Bless the Lord, o my soul  
You died in my place

**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**

**PRAYERS** *Alex Luckwell*

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.**

**NEWS**

**GIVING PRESENTATION**

**SONGS** God's saints of old  
The grace of God has reached  
for me

**BIBLE READING** *Imogen Prasad*

Ezra 2:1-20, 59-70 (page 473)

1 Peter 2:4-10 (page 1218)

**SERMON** *Andy Martin*

Who's who?

**INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**SONG** Stand up, stand up for Jesus

**CLOSING PRAYER**

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