

## This Week

TODAY

**Church Family Lunch**, 12pm.  
**World Mission Sunday presentation 1 – 2pm.**

Tue  
23 May

**Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study**, 10.00-11:30am.  
Crêche provided.

Wed  
24 May

**Day Centre** (for older people)  
10am – 2.30pm  
**Fellowship Groups**, 8-9.30pm

Thu  
25 May

**The World We All Want**  
8.00 – 9.30pm.  
**Explorers** (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm  
**Club 114** (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm  
'**Real Change**', 8.00 – 9.30pm.

Fri  
26 May

**Stay and Play** (baby and toddler group) 10.00am-11.30am

## Looking Ahead

Sun  
28 May

**Sex and Marriage: What the Old Testament says.** 10.00am and 6.00pm. Chris Hobbs.

Tue  
6 Jun

**Women's Tea and Cake Evening** at Boston Tea Party, 7.30pm. All women welcome! Speak to Sarah Underwood or Jem Huggins for more info, and sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

Tue  
12 Jun

**Marriage Evening.** Please let Chris Hobbs have any topics you want covered (anonymously if you wish) **by TODAY.**

Sat  
1 Jul

**Church Family BBQ**, early evening at the vicarage. Save the date!

Mon  
3 Jul

**Women's Book Group** will meet to discuss the book 'Radical' by David Platt. All women welcome. Speak to Elizabeth Barry or Chris Stonehouse for more info.

## News and Requests

**Day Centre helpers needed** from June, 9.00am – 2.45pm, once or twice per month. This would release an existing team member to cook. Contact Jean Phillips if you can help.

**Late payment for Maundy Thursday Meal:** if you attended this and still need to pay, please pop in and see Gina in the office. Thank you!

**Youth and Kids (YAK) newsletter** for the Spring term is available in the Foyer.

**The McNeills** would like to borrow a car for 28 June – 16 July. Offers to Nick Devas please! ([nandp@psmail.net](mailto:nandp@psmail.net)).

## Book of the Term:

'**A Better Story: God, Sex & Human Flourishing**', Glynn Harrison. Only £7 – sign up for a copy from the Foyer. What the Bible says and why it is good. A wonderful book.



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## 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017

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

## World Mission Sunday 10.00am Morning Service with Holy Communion

The wise voice of the light bringer  
Acts 17:22 – 31. *Bishop Rob Martin*

## 6.00pm Evening Service

The beautiful feet of the gospel  
bringer. Romans 10:5 - 15  
*Bishop Rob Martin*

**Children and young people** will go to their activities part way through the service:  
**Crèche and Club 114** leave through the foyer to go to their rooms.  
**Sunday Club: Scramblers, Climbers and Explorers** leave through the Hudson-Taylor room at the front of church.

**Sunday Club:** Today is World Mission Sunday and in Sunday Club we will be looking at Psalm 67. We will see that God wants people from all nations to know him and praise him.

**Club 114** is looking at 1 Peter. Today we will see that: We have been chosen by God and are precious to Him as part of the house He is building.

**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.

## 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:

#### The wise voice of the light bringer

Acts 17:22 – 31.

#### 1. Challenges in preaching the Gospel

##### a) Paul's challenges

##### b) Challenges in Kenya

##### c) Challenges in Birmingham

#### 2. What was the Wisdom and Light Paul was preaching?

#### 3. How did Paul preach?

#### 4. What about us? Are we willing to imitate Paul? How?

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**OPENING PRAYER** *Chris Hobbs*

**HYMN** I stand amazed

### 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** Sing Jesus' name

**NEWS** *after which children and young people leave for their activities*

**SONG** Your glorious cause, O God

**PRESENTATION** *Rob and Sue Martin*

**BIBLE READINGS** *Ian Butler*

Psalm 50:1-15 (page 572)

Acts 17:22-31 (page 1113)

This is the word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God**

**SERMON** *Rob Martin*

The wise voice of the light bringer

**PRAYERS** *Kathryn Hindley*

**SONG** The mystery of the cross

**COMMUNION** (see insert)

**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.

**HYMN** Facing a task unfinished

### CLOSING PRAYER

**O God of your people, before whose face the human generations pass away, we thank you that in you we are kept safe forever, and the broken fragments of our lives are gathered up and made whole by the redeeming act of your dear Son, remembered in this holy sign of bread and wine. Help us to walk daily in the fellowship of your people, declaring our faith in the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection of the body. Now send us out in the power of your Holy Spirit to live and work for your praise and glory.**

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

Sermon Notes

The beautiful feet of the gospel bringer.

Romans 10:5 – 15

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OPENING PRAYER *Charles Hindley*

HYMN God we praise you, God we bless you

SONGS

You have called us out of darkest night

Who, O Lord, could save themselves?

CONFESSION

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PRAYERS *Kristi Mair*

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PRESENTATION *Rob Martin*

NEWS

SONGS Mine are days that God has numbered  
When I fear my faith will fail

BIBLE READINGS *Peter Richardson*

Joel 2:12-32 (page 912)

Romans 10:5-15 (page 1137)

This is the word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God

SERMON *Rob Martin*

The beautiful feet of the gospel bringer

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

HYMN Facing a task unfinished

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.

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