

This Week

TONIGHT

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

Tue
24 Jan

Women's Fellowship Group, 10.00 – 11.30am. Crèche provided.

PCC Meeting 7.45 for 8.00pm.

Wed
25 Jan

Fellowship Groups. See new Termcard for details.

Thu
26 Jan

CAP Money Course begins.
7.30- 9.30pm. Flyers on the information table.

Explorers (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm
Club 114 (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm

Fri
27 Jan

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

Looking Ahead

Tue
31 Jan

Prayer Gathering, 10.00-11:30am. Crèche provided.

Prayer Gathering, 8.00-9.30pm in St Stephen's – with coffee, tea and cakes 7.30-7.55pm. NOT Wed!

Wed
1 Feb

Faith: Outdated or Essential? Talk and Q&A with Michael Ramsden, Birmingham ICC, 7.00 – 9.30pm. Tickets £10 from the office,

including a meal. Flyers in the foyer.

Mon
27 Feb

Women's Book Club are reading *The Plausability Problem* by Ed Shaw. Newcomers welcome! See Elizabeth Barry or Chris Stonehouse for more details.

16-19
Mar

Mission Weekend with Glen Scrivener. Please block this out in your calendar. Lots of exciting events to be announced soon.

News and Requests

Men's clean T-shirts and bath towels needed by Winter Night Shelter, in M or L sizes. Contact Chris Stonehouse or put a monetary gift marked 'night shelter' in an envelope in the Gift box at the back of church.

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

Microwave and comfortable garden chairs (to use indoors) needed to borrow by Nicky Sammons for Feb.

Room to rent: Short term (6 month) possibility, available March, with 2 other girls. See Elly Quaintance.



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

22nd January 2017

making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ

10.00am Morning Service

'Hypocrisy – How can Christians behave so badly?' *Chris Hobbs*

6.00pm Evening Service

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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.

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

Sunday Club is looking at the book of Proverbs. We'll see that the Bible shapes our everyday lives, looking at ch18:10. God is a strong tower that we run to for safety.

Club 114 is looking at Daniel: God's wrath is more terrifying than anything else, so we need to confess our sins and trust in Jesus, God's Anointed One.

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 this tear-off slip and put it in the red box in the foyer, or give it to a member of staff or the welcome team.

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

Sun 8, 15, 22 Jan 2017

big
questions

10am and 6pm

Questions about God, faith,
life, Christianity, the Bible
and Jesus.

*Please write your question here and tear it
off along the perforated edge:*

Sermon Notes

How can Christians behave so badly?

1. Hypocrisy is a problem

- Failures of Christians
- Failures of the Church
- Fanaticism

2. Hypocrisy is condemned by Jesus

3. Hypocrisy is curable (by Jesus)

Missed a sermon recently? Visit
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OPENING PRAYER *(Andy Martin)*

SONGS I stand amazed in the presence
Who, O Lord, could save
themselves?

NEWS

SONG Everybody praise
*after which children and young people go
to their activities*

PRAYERS *(Richard Griffith)*

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.**

BIBLE READING *(Virginie Hannam)*

Matthew 23:1-39 (page 991)

(This is the word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God)

TALK How can Christians behave so badly?
(Chris Hobbs)

SONG Mine are days that God has
numbered

Morning Service

QUESTIONS

Feel free to send your questions to:

07716 564560

CONFESSION

**Holy God, we come before you now to confess
our sin of hypocrisy. Some of us have loved
to hear religious words come out of our
mouths. Others have remained silent in
order to hide the turmoil in our hearts. In
both of these situations we have sought the
approval of others, and not of you. Saviour
God, we look again to the cross, and thank
you that Jesus never once spoke out of self-
love, uttered an insincere prayer or remained
sinfully silent. Yet he, the true Word, was
put to death for our false words. Thank you
that in his sacrifice we have been set free
from the sin that nailed him to the
cross. Please forgive us and conform us to
the image of your Son, so that our
relationships would be marked by love and
our words and prayers by honesty, for his
sake. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG In Christ alone

Please collect your child from crèche

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Evening Service

OPENING PRAYER *(Andy Martin)*

SONGS Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty
Creation sings the Father's song

PRAYERS *(Jeanne Glenn)*

followed by **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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NEWS *(Andy Martin)*

SONG As we gather, come and teach us

BIBLE READING *(Alex Luckwell)*

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INTERVAL

DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

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ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONGS Have you heard of a God of love
Fairest Lord Jesus

CLOSING PRAYER