

## 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**Faith: Outdated or Essential?** Talk and Q&A with Michael Ramsden, Birmingham ICC, 7.00 – 9.30pm.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 Plausibility 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

22<sup>nd</sup> 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  
[www.sssw.org.uk](http://www.sssw.org.uk)

## 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**

**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 *(Andy Martin)*

**SONG** As we gather, come and teach us

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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