

## This Week

**Over half term our regular weekly activities are paused.**

Sun  
29

**Big Questions:** Is God oppressive? Does Christianity result in liberation or repression? Andy Weatherley (Grace Church, Dell Road) will be speaking, with time for questions and discussion. This will be a cafe-style event, with refreshments from 5.45pm.

*There are normally weekly **Fellowship Groups**, on Tuesday Mornings and Wednesday evenings. Speak to a member of the staff team to find out more.*

## Looking Ahead

Mon  
30 Oct

**Women's Book Club** will be looking at *'The Unquenchable Flame'* by Mike Reeves. See Elizabeth Barry or Chris Stonehouse for more.

Tue  
31 Oct

**CAP Money Course** begins, 7.00-9.00pm at St Stephen's. (Also on Nov 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.)

Sun  
5 Nov

**Toy Service.** Please bring new toys for the Birmingham City Mission toy project. Please don't wrap the presents, but rolls of wrapping paper are helpful. There will also be wrapping party opportunities, look out for dates next week.

**OM's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** 2.30-4pm at The Octagon, Edgbaston High School for Girls. Flyers in the foyer.

Mon  
29 Jan

**Butcher and Beer,** please note a change of date.

## News and Requests

**Church Weekend Away,** 10-12 Nov. 'Ready Steady Grow'. A weekend for the whole church family. Single rooms and concessions available. Please ask someone on the staff team if you'd like help with the cost or can only come part-time. Brochures in the Foyer. Please put completed forms with payment in an envelope marked 'Parish Office' in the Parish Office pigeon-hole in the Foyer. **Deadline for forms TODAY.**

We're updating the **Church Family Address Book & Prayer Guide.** If you are new and would like to be included or if you'd like to update your details or photo please add your details to the sheet in the foyer, send them to [jem.huggins@sssw.org.uk](mailto:jem.huggins@sssw.org.uk), or fill out the yellow slip in the service sheet and pop it in the box at the back of church.

**Stay and Play** are looking for some extra help... could that be you? Can you help set up or tidy away or make refreshments? Dates needed are: Fri 3 Nov, 10 Nov. Speak to Helen Buckley for more details.

**Day Centre** is looking for help with washing up between 12.45 and 1.45 on a Wed approx once a month from the beginning of Nov. Please contact Jean Phillips if you can help.

**Clocks go back next Sunday,** don't get caught out by the time change!

**House for rent.** Three bedroom house in Brookvale Mews, contact Libby for details,

**Housing needed** for missionary couple coming to help with Night Shelter in 2-23 Jan 2018. Contact the office if you can help.



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017

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

### 10.00am Morning Service

Seven marks of a healthy Christian:  
Serving *Chris Hobbs*

### 6.00pm Evening Service

How to be good: Godliness for all ages  
Titus 2:1-10 *Chris Hobbs*

**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.

**This morning in Sunday Club** we will be thinking about serving.

We want to do the things that God has made us good at and help each other to grow to be more like Jesus.

**In Club114** we will be thinking how we can use the gifts God has given us to serve Him and our church family.

**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

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:  
Serving**

• Serving comes naturally to all of us  
(Romans 6:15-23)

• Serving doesn't come easily to any of us  
(Mark 10:32-45)

• Serving involves:  
  
having an attitude (Philippians 2:1-11)

using our gifts (1 Peter 4:10)

meeting a need (Romans 12:3-8)

**Missed a sermon recently?**  
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## Morning Service

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

**PRAYERS** *Richard Griffith*

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.**

**BIBLE READINGS** *Margaret Twiss*

Romans 6:15-23 (page 1133)

Mark 10:32-45 (page 1015)

Philippians 2:1-11 (page 1179)

This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**

**SERMON** *Chris Hobbs*

Serving

**SONG** From heaven you came

*Please collect your child(ren) from crèche*

### CLOSING PRAYER

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

**WELCOME** *Chris Hobbs*

Praise the LORD, all you nations;

**extol him, all you peoples.**

For great is his love towards us,

**and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever.**

**Praise the LORD.**

**SONGS** Before the throne of God above  
Strength will rise

### 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

**SONG** It's a light and a hammer

### NEWS

*Children and young people leave for their activities*

**SONG** In days of peace and rest

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Sermon Notes:

Godliness for all ages *Titus 2:1-10*

Godliness must be taught (v1)

Godliness is for everyone (v2-10)

Godliness should be attractive (v5, 8, 10)

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**BIBLE READING** Titus 1:1-4 (page 1198)

**OPENING PRAYER** *Tom Bryant*

**SONG** By faith

**CONFESSION**

Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory.

**Have mercy and forgive us.**

Lord, you have given your life for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart.

**Have mercy and change us.**

Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you, Lord, and neglecting others.

**Have mercy and cleanse us.**

Lord, when we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry.

**Have mercy and deliver us.**

In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world.

**Have mercy and forgive us.**

Father, through the redeeming death of your Son on the cross, by your Spirit and through your word, transform and renew us to follow you with joy.

**All this we ask, confident in your unchanging faithfulness. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**SONGS** All people that on earth do dwell  
Who could know your thoughts  
Bless the Lord, O my soul

**PRAYERS** *Tony Ball*

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**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**

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

**BIBLE READINGS** *Jeanne Glenn*

Deuteronomy 6:1-12 (page 185)

Titus 2:1-10 (page 1198)

This is the word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God**

**SERMON** *Chris Hobbs*

Godliness for all ages

**INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS**

**SONG** What grace is mine

**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.**

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