

Sunday 23rd June



Welcome to our 10.00am Service

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There is a **Crèche** for under 3's in the Cranmer Room.

Sunday Club (age 3–Y6) meet upstairs in the Tyndale Room.

Question of the Week: *What should we do when we hear God's word?*



Refreshments are served in the Foyer after the service, please stay and join us.



Toilets are in the foyer and upstairs; baby-changing facilities in the disabled toilet.

OPENING PRAYER *Tom Bryant*

SONG Praise my soul the King of heaven

THE APOSTLES' CREED

ALL IN

SONG In Ephesians 3 v 18

NEWS

Children leave for their activities

SONG He wraps Himself in light

BIBLE READING *Margaret Twiss*

Nehemiah 10 (page 495)

SERMON *Chris Hobbs*

Starting over

CONFESION

SONG What a friend we have in Jesus

PRAYERS *Richard Griffith*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

HYMN There is a hope

CLOSING PRAYER

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Welcome to our 4.00pm Service

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There is a **Crèche** for under 3's in the Church.

Sunday Club (age 3–Y6) meet in the foyer before the service starts.

Club114 (Y7-9) meet in Church after the sermon to discuss what we have learnt.

Cross Section (Y10-13) meet after the service in the Tyndale Room

Question of the Week: *What should we do when we hear God's word?*

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WELCOME AND NEWS *Andy Martin*

SONG He wraps Himself in light

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SONG There is a hope

CONFESION

BIBLE READING *Peter Scurlock*
Nehemiah 10 (page 495)

SERMON *Chris Hobbs*

Starting over

PRAYERS *Peter Richardson*
ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

ALL IN TOGETHER

SONGS In Ephesians 3 v 18
What a friend we have in Jesus

CLOSING PRAYER

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Welcome to our 6.30pm Service

We continue in the Gospel of Mark with 'Welcome to the King's table' (Mark 2:13-22).

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OPENING PRAYER *Chris Hobbs*

SONGS O King you are most worthy
I want to know you

CONFESION

PRAYERS *Nick Devas*
ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

SONGS Up to the hill of Calvary
What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer

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NEWS

SONG As we gather

BIBLE READINGS *Mark Fox*
Mark 2:13-22 (page 1004)
Revelation 19:1-10 (page 1247)

SERMON *Andy Martin*
Welcome to the King's table

HYMN And can it be

CLOSING PRAYER

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What I have learned

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- to ask God for

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Explore is coming!

Dear Friends,

There are only three weeks left until ***Explore: a sceptic's guide to Jesus***. This is our weekend of events (11-14 July) with Glen Scrivener to help us all make Jesus known here in Birmingham. Feeling nervous? Me too! It can be a pretty daunting thing to talk to our friends and neighbours about Jesus and invite them to something at church. What will they say? What will they think of us? How can we make the most of it and not miss the opportunity?

First of all, remember why we put on events like this. As Christians we have come to realise that Jesus is the King and Saviour of the world. In Acts 4:12 we read that "Salvation is found in no-one else." This means the only way for any of our friends and neighbours and colleagues to enjoy life with God forever, and to avoid paying the penalty for their sin, is to put their trust in Jesus. So this really is a matter of life and death. Can you imagine what your friends and colleagues would say to you when they are facing God on judgement day and you never told them how to be forgiven? I can't bear to think about it!

Secondly, remember that God has poured his Holy Spirit into our hearts to help us. The Holy Spirit has power to create life out of nothing, and power to give life to dead bodies. He can change the very hardest heart, and the most hostile of our colleagues. He also helps us speak when we feel awkward and embarrassed. He gives birth to new believers whenever he wants through ordinary Christians like us speaking about Jesus.

Thirdly, remember that it is God himself who is building his church and bringing people to Jesus. He loves to use people like you and me to grow his church. God will keep on doing his work with or without us - but what a privilege to serve the King of kings and the Maker of everything.

Please keep praying for the different events, for your friends, and get inviting!

Yours warmly, in Christ,
Andy Martin (Associate Minister)

Explore: A sceptic's guide to Jesus

July 11-14th



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Sundays at St Stephens

10am service, family friendly with activities for children (crèche – Y6)

3.45 for 4pm service, family friendly with activities for children and young people (crèche – Y9)

6.30pm service, relaxed and informal

This Week

**Wed
26**

Day Centre (for older people)
10am-2.30pm

**Thu
27**

Cross Section Bible Study (Y10-13)
4.30-5.30pm
NO Explorers (Y2-6)
NO Club114 (Y7-9)

**Fri
28**

Stay and Play baby and toddler group 10.00-11.30am

**Sun
30**

NO Cross Section (Y10-13)

**Jun
28-30**

Weekend Away 2019. 'Running the Race', with Wallace and Lindsay Benn. If you are booked to come, please do take a leaflet from the Foyer, with directions and necessary info pre-arrival. Please inform the office if you plan to arrive late on Friday evening and wish a meal to be kept for you, or if you still are unsure about lifts.

Looking Ahead

**Jul
11-14**

Explore: A Skeptic's Guide to Jesus.
Please do take posters and flyers home with you today to advertise in your area / social circles.

**Jul
11-14**

Women's Book Club will discuss "The book your pastor wishes you would read", Christopher Ash, AND "Enjoying God" by Tim Chester! Speak to Elizabeth or Chris S for more info. All welcome!

News and Requests

Summer Programme: the dates for our summer evening activities on a Wednesday during July/August are: 31 Jul, 14 Aug and 28 Aug. If you have something you'd like to offer/host, please do let the Office know.

Breakages. If items from the kitchen or servery get broken during use, please could you inform the office or Margaret Twiss, so that replacements can be speedily obtained. Thank you!