

This Week

TONIGHT

Cross Section social at Frankie and Benny's (Selly Oak). Last one of the term.

Wed
26 Jul

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

Sat
29 Jul

Church family walk, please help yourself to an info leaflet from the foyer.

Looking Ahead

Wed
2 Aug

Prayer Gathering 8.00 – 9.30pm.
Refreshments 7.30 – 7.55pm.

Sun
6 Aug

Church Family Lunch jointly with Church of the Light 1pm at St Stephen's. After lunch, they will share briefly their stories of

coming to faith in Jesus. Please sign up on the notice board.

Tue
29 Aug

Holiday Bible Club, Tue 29 Aug – Fri 1 Sep and Sun 3 Sep. For children in Reception through to Yr 6, inclusive.

Fri/Sat
22/23
Sep

Women's Weekend: 'Finding Contentment'. A chance to spend time together and learn from God's word. See flyers for more info and to sign up. This is for all women, regardless of age or how long you've been coming to St Stephen's.

August Summer Socials

9th Slides from Bolivia

Come along to 55 Selly Wick Drive at 8pm to see slides of Maurice's recent trip to Bolivia and enjoy Bolivian nibbles.

Maurice and Gill Sinclair

16th Local Evening Walk

Meet at 7.50pm at the MAC, Cannon Hill Park (by the lakeside entrance), for a 1-hour circular walk followed by a drink at the bar. Parking available at the MAC.

Mark Checketts

23rd Cheese n Wine/Coffee

Come along to 7 Selly Wick Road 7.30-9.30pm for cheese and wine. All welcome!

Liz and Adam Simcox

30th Pudding Party

7.30pm start at 92 Elm Road, Bournville, bring a drink if you wish.

David and Margaret Twiss

News and Requests

Holiday Club needs clean, empty yoghurt pots, fishing nets, metal detectors, a free standing garden parasol and clean, clear, plastic drinking bottles (with lids) 500ml size. Please would you start saving them and bring them to church?

Wanted: Your Story: we are putting together a book of short stories from members of the church family. These could be about how you became a Christian, or of God's work in you at a significant moment of your Christian life. If you'd like to contribute (300-500 words), please get in touch with Nicky Sammons (07554 418703).

Samuel Thornhill is in respite Fri 14th July – Mon 31st July. Willow House, West Heath Hospital, Rednal, Birmingham B38 8HR (0121 4664060). Visitors welcome.

Church Weekend Away, 12-14 Nov. Don't forget the date! Full details should be available next Sunday, 30 July.

The Church Office will be closed from Monday 14th – 28th August. Please do send any necessary info to Gina before this time.

Can you lend a car to the McNeills? They are back from 4-16th Aug and would love to borrow 'a wee run-around' for that time.



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

23rd July 2017

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

10.00am Morning Service

'There is a Redeemer'

Ruth 4

Chris Hobbs

6.00pm Evening Service

'Serve like Jesus'

Luke 17:1-10

Andy Martin

Children and young people will go to their activities part way through the service:

Crèche leaves through the foyer.

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

Club 114 is finished for the Summer.

In Sunday Club this week we are looking at Mark 8:22-30. We will see that not everyone can see that Jesus is the promised King. We need God's help to understand this.

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:
There is a Redeemer Ruth 4

A costly redemption (v1-6)

A willing redeemer (v6-10)

A valid redemption (v1-3, 9-10)

A fuller redemption (v11b-22)

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OPENING PRAYER *Tom Bryant*

HYMN All creatures of our God and King

THANKSGIVING FOR LUCY ALLEN
(see insert)

SONG All through history

NEWS

*After which children and young people
leave for their activities*

SONG Who, O Lord, could save
themselves

CONFESSION

**O Lord our God, you know us better than
we know ourselves. As we come before
you now, believers and doubters alike, we
all share a deep need, for we are all lost
without your grace. Search us, O God, and
know our hearts, test us and know our
troubled thoughts. Give us true
repentance. Forgive us all our wrongs.
Transform us by your Spirit to live for you
each day, to learn to serve each other and,
through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord,
to come at last to heaven. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYERS *David Twiss*

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.**

SONG There is no other name

BIBLE READINGS *Margaret Twiss*

Ruth 4:1-22 (page 269)

Galatians 3:6-14 (page 1169)

This is the word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God

SERMON *Chris Hobbs*

There is a Redeemer

SONG There is a Redeemer

Please collect your child(ren) from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

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

Name/s

Sermon Notes:
Serve like Jesus Luke 17:1-10

Address

Big idea: sin is so dangerous that it takes a church family to guard against it (1-3)

Phone

1. Be ready to rebuke (3)

Email

2. Be quick to forgive (3-4)

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3. Why we can do it (5-6)

4. Why we must do it (7-10)

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OPENING PRAYER *Chris Hobbs*

HYMN Immortal honours

SONG By faith

BIBLE READING *Jeanne Glenn*

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (page 740)

This is the word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God

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 As we gather come and teach us

BIBLE READING *Jeanne Glenn*

Luke 17:1-10 (page 1051)

This is the word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God

SERMON *Andy Martin*

Serve like Jesus

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONGS

Up to the hill of Calvary

I come into your presence

THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS *Mark Johnston*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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NEWS

SONG From heaven you came

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