

This Week (half-term)

Sun
30

Morning Service. 10.00am
'And God created man'
(Genesis 1:24-31) Chris Hobbs

Evening Service. 6.00pm
'So what do we do with God's law?'
(Galatians 3:15-25) Andy Martin

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

Looking Ahead

Tue
1 Nov

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

Wed
2 Nov

Prayer Gathering. 8.00-9.30pm in
St Stephen's – with coffee, tea and
cakes 7.30-7.55pm.

Thu
3 Nov

Explorers (Y2-6) 6.00-7.00pm
Club114 (Y7-9) 6.30-8.00pm

Fri
4 Nov

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

Sat
5 Nov

Midlands Men's Convention,
Nottingham, starting at 10.00am.

Welcome Meal. Newish to St Stephen's?
Come and find out what we're about.
Invitations from Chris and Helen Hobbs
or the Parish Office.

Sun
6 Nov

Toy Service. Please bring new toys
and books for the BCM toy project.
Especially for 0-3 year olds and 12-
16 year olds. Please don't wrap the presents,
but donations of wrapping paper are
helpful.

Mon
7 Nov

Woman's Book Group.
8.00pm. See Elizabeth Barry
or Chris Stonehouse for more
information.

Mon
14 Nov

Parenting Evening. For
parents & parents-to-be. Let
Chris Hobbs know of any
issues you would like discussed TODAY.

Sat
19 Nov

Maintenance Day. Meet at St
Stephens at 9am, please bring
any gardening equipment
that you have along with you.

'Journey through Childhood'

7.00pm at Church. More details on the
poster on the noticeboard.

News and Requests

Special welcome to you if you are a
student. Please find Andy Martin for
more details about Rooted and for an
invitation to lunch.

We are looking for people to take on (or
help with) our monthly **Church Family
Lunches**, by signing up for a month in
2017. If you'd like to be involved speak to
Jem Huggins, office@sssw.org.uk.

The address book will be revised in the
next few weeks. Please make changes to
the book at the back of church, and add
your details by Nov 13. Photos can be
sent to office@sssw.org.uk.

Resolution regarding Women

Bishops. The PCC will be considering
this on Tue 29 Nov. Please see the paper
on the Information Table for more
details.

Samuel Thornhill will be in respite from
Fri 21 Oct – Mon 7 Nov, The Sheldon Unit,
B31 5EJ. Visitors welcome!



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

23rd October 2016

taking Jesus seriously,
taking the Bible seriously

10.00am Morning Service

'The God who made the World'
(Acts 17:24-31) John Ruck

6.00pm Evening Service

'Don't move on from the gospel'
(Galatians 3:1-14) Andy Martin

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

This term in Sunday Club we are looking at
the Big Bible story: The King, the snake and
the promise. **This morning** we will be looking at
1 Kings 11: 1 - 10. We will see that Solomon got it
wrong. He ignored God. He forgot that God is
number one.

Refreshments are served after the services.

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

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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 overleaf and
give it to one of the staff or
welcome team, or place it in the
Gifts Box at the back of church, to
let us know who you are. We will
get in touch with you shortly to
help you feel at home quickly.
Please also help yourself to a
Welcome Booklet from the
Information Table.

Morning Service

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

The God who made the world
Acts 17:24-31

City of culture

The God who made everything (v 24-26)

The God who is near (v 27-28)

The God who judges justly (v 29-31a)

The God who overcomes death (v 31b)

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OPENING PRAYER (*Andy Martin*)

HYMN Immortal, invisible

SONG 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 For God so loved the world

NEWS *after which children and young people go to their activities*

SONG Through all life's sorrows and despairs

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYERS (*David Stokes*)

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 (*Amanda Martin*)

Isaiah 40:12-26 (page 724),

Acts 17:22-31 (page 1113)

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

SERMON The God who made the World (*John Ruck*)

HYMN Before the throne of God above
Please collect your child from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Sermon Notes

Don't move on from the gospel
Galatians 3:1-1

Mates with God?

Do you earn it or is it God's gift?

From start to finish, being "right with God" is God's gift when you believe in His Son, Jesus (1-5)

1. Abraham's example says so (6-9)

2. God's Law says so (10-12)

3. Jesus' death for us says so (13-14)

So keep going "by faith"

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Evening Service

OPENING PRAYER *(Helen Buckley)*

SONG By faith

CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and broken your laws. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit enable us to live for you and to please you more and more, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYERS *(Tony Ball)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SONGS Who has held the oceans in his hands?
When I am weak, you are strong
See the man

NEWS

INTERVIEW *with Alex Luckwell*

APOSTLES' CREED

SONG When I survey

BIBLE READINGS *(Charles Hindley)*
Genesis 12:1-7 (page 13), Genesis 15:1-6 (page 15), Galatians 3:1-14 (page 1169)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON Don't move on from the gospel
(Andy Martin)

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG Yes, finished, the Messiah dies

CLOSING PRAYER

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.