

## This Week

Tue  
26 Sep

**Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study**, 10.00-11:30am.  
Crèche provided.

Wed  
27 Sep

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

Thu  
28 Sep

**Explorers** (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm  
**Club 114** (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm

Fri  
29 Sep

**Stay and Play** (baby and toddler group) 10.00am – 11.30am

**Sandra Thornhill's** Service of Thanksgiving at 3.30pm at St Stephen's, followed by refreshments in the Cranmer Room. Everyone is invited.

## Looking Ahead

Sun 1  
Oct

**Harvest Sunday.** Please would you consider bringing non-perishable food to the quantity of what your family would use in a day?

Wed 4  
Oct

**Vision Evening.** 7pm at Church for dinner, 8-9.30pm for Vision/Prayer. Please sign up for dinner on the sheet in the Foyer.

Fri 6  
Oct

**Music rehearsal and social** 7.00-9.00pm. For all church musicians and anyone interested in getting involved with music ministry. Speak to Allan Ooi for details.

6-8  
Oct

**Youth Weekend Away.** Please return your reply slip by TODAY, and make sure you've received a Medical Consent Form.

Fri  
13 Oct

**Are you new-ish to Church?**  
Please come to the Welcome Meal, 7.30pm, and find out what St Stephen's is all about. Further details from Chris and Helen Hobbs or the Parish Office.

Tue  
17 Oct

**Christian Institute Meeting:** 'Standing for Christ in the public square', 8.00-9.30pm, at St Stephen's.

Mon  
30 Oct

**Women's Book Club** are meeting to discuss 'The Unquenchable Flame' (about the Reformation) by Mike Reeves. Ask Elizabeth Barry or Mrs Chris Stonehouse for more information. All women welcome!

## News and Requests

**Big Vision, Small Step.** Please return your response cards TODAY, as we hope to discuss the best way forward at PCC on Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Sep.

**Sunday Club:** Parents and carers, please pick up a letter from the foyer which outlines what we will be doing each week.

**Church Weekend Away**, 10-12 Nov. 'Ready Steady Grow'. We want everyone to come if they can. Single rooms and concessions are available. Leaflets in the foyer for details and to book. Please put completed forms in an envelope together with money/cheque, and mark for the attention of the Parish Office, into the Parish Office pigeon-hole in the foyer.

**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, please get in touch with Nicky Sammons (07554 418703).

**Charles, Kathryn and Grace Hindley have moved** to 1 Haden Park Road, Cradley Heath, B64 7HE. Visitors are more than welcome!



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

## 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017

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

### 10.00am Morning Service

Seven marks of a healthy Christian  
'Scripture' *Chris Hobbs*

### 6.00pm Evening Service

The word spreads *Acts 9:1-31*  
'to the ends of the earth' *Andy Martin*

**Children and young people** will go to their activities part way through the service:  
**Crèche and Club 114** 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.

**This term in Sunday Club** we will be thinking about church. Because God loves us, we love others, especially our church family.  
**Club 114** will be thinking about when, why and how we should pray.

**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

Sermon Notes:  
Scripture

Address

God's Word is Necessary  
(1 Corinthians 2:6-16)

Phone

2. God's Word is Clear  
(Deuteronomy 30:11-14)

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

3. God's Word is Final (Acts 17:10-12)

4. God's Word is Enough (Hebrews 1:1-4)

Missed a sermon recently? Visit [www.sssw.org.uk](http://www.sssw.org.uk)

OPENING PRAYER *Andy Martin*

SONG I will sing the wondrous story

INTERVIEW WITH TOM AND IMOGEN

SONG Solomon was a young man

NEWS  
*after which children and young people  
leave for their activities*

SONG In days of peace and days of rest

CONFESSIO  
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 *Ann Ruck*  
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 From the breaking of the dawn

BIBLE READINGS *John Williams*  
Hebrews 1:1-4 (page 1201)  
2 Peter 1:16-21 (page 1222)  
2 Timothy 3:14-17 (page 1197)  
Psalm 119:129-136 (page 621)  
This is the word of the Lord;  
**Thanks be to God**

SERMON *Chris Hobbs*  
'Scripture'

SONG  
How firm a foundation  
*Please collect your child(ren) from crèche*

CLOSING PRAYER

*Please stay for tea/coffee and biscuits.*

Name/s

Address

Phone

Email

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**Sermon Notes:**  
**The word spreads**

**To the ends of  
the earth**  
Acts 9:1-31

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**OPENING PRAYER** *Helen Buckley*

### SONGS

All creatures of our God and King  
Up to the hill of Calvary  
Nothing but grace

### 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.**

### GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

## Evening Service

**PRAYERS** *Imogen Prasad*

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** I once was lost in darkest night

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

### NEWS

**BIBLE READING** *Peter Richardson*

Acts 9:1-31 (page 1102)

This is the word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God**

**SERMON** *Andy Martin*

The word spreads: To the ends of the earth

### INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

**SONGS** Amazing grace

You have called us out of darkest night

### 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 for tea/coffee and cake.*