

## This Week

**Mon 25** Christmas Day All Age Celebration with Communion, 10am

**Sun 31** Morning Service, 10am  
Why did Jesus come? To save

**Our regular weekly activities are pausing until the new year.**

*Fellowship groups are also taking a break over Christmas. If you'd like to know more about being in a fellowship group speak to one of the staff team.*

## Looking Ahead

**Mon 8 Jan** **Women's Book Group.** "The Life You Never Expected" by Andrew & Rachel Wilson. All women welcome.

**9/10 Jan** **Prayer Gatherings. Tues 10-11:30am** (crèche provided), **Wed 8-9:30pm**, refreshments from 7:30pm.

**Sat 13 Jan** **Dad's Stay and Play, 10-11.30am.**  
**Church Family Walk.** From 2pm. Information sheets will be available in the new year.

**Sat 20 Jan** **Compelled by Love.** 10am-3pm. This day conference is all about cultivating a heart for the lost. Flyers in the foyer.

**Sun 28 Jan**

**New 4pm service starts.**

**Mon 29 Jan**

**Butcher and Beer.** 7.30pm at St Stephens. Flyers in the foyer.

## News and Requests

**Wanted: Ministry Trainees, Sep 2018-Aug 2019.** Spend a year serving the church and learning gospel ministry. You don't have to be a student to apply! Details from Chris Hobbs/Parish Office.

**Christmas Offering** for Open Doors' work for persecuted Christians: a box for contributions in the foyer, and Gift Aid envelopes available.

**Christmas cards.** We will be displaying cards to the church family on the notice board. Feel free to pop one up!

**Address Book and Prayer Guide.** New books will be available from Christmas (later than usual, sorry!), please sign up for one in the foyer, or email: [jem.huggins@sssw.org.uk](mailto:jem.huggins@sssw.org.uk). (Books will only be available to those who are in the book)

**Night Shelter** will be running for 6 weeks on Fri nights & Sat mornings from 5 Jan. To help or contribute financially email: [ststephensnightshelter@gmail.com](mailto:ststephensnightshelter@gmail.com)

**Service rotas** are available for Jan and Feb 2018. They have been emailed as well.

**Christmas Office hours.** The Parish office will be closed from Sat 23 Dec – Tues 2 Jan.



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

**24<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ in Birmingham

**10.00am Morning Service**

The rich man who was saved  
Luke 19:1-10 *Andy Martin*

**4.00pm Starlight Carols**

*Helen Buckley*

**11.30pm Midnight Communion**

*Chris Hobbs*

**Children** (3-11) will have holiday cover today, and will leave through the Hudson-Taylor room at the front of church.

**Young people** (11-14) are invited to stay in the service today.

**Crèche** (0-3) leave through the foyer.

**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

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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:**  
**The rich man who was saved**  
Luke 19:1-10

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

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

## Morning Service

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

#### OPENING PRAYER *David Twiss*

**Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, so we may, with sure confidence, behold him when he comes to be our judge. Who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

**HYMN** Come thou fount

**SONG** Let me tell you about a baby

### 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

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15)

So we say: **May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image, to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**CAROL** Silent night

### NEWS

*Children and young people leave for their activities*

**SONG** Who, O Lord could save themselves?

**BIBLE READING** *Amanda Martin*

Ezekiel 34:11-16 (page 865)

Luke 19:1-27 (page 1053)

**SERMON** *Andy Martin*

The rich man who was saved

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

**PRAYERS** *Charlie Cook*

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.**

**CAROL** O come all ye faithful

*Please collect your child(ren) from crèche*

### CLOSING PRAYER