

This Week

Sun
25

Cross Section (Y10-13)
5.30 – 7.00pm, toasties included
Rooted (Student group) 8:00-
9:15pm, food included

Wed
28

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

Thu
1

Cross Section Bible Study
(Y10-13) 4.30-5.30pm
Explorers (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm
Club114 (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm

Christianity Explored continues.

Fri
2

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

Women's World Day of Prayer, 10.30am,
Weoley Hill United Reform Church, Green
Meadow Road. All welcome.

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.

Sat
3

Men's Breakfast. 8-9.30am "How
far may God's call take you?", with
John McNeill and Bishop Rafeal. To
book a place email Nick;

Sun
4

World Mission Sunday. join us for
an extended coffee/tea (and cake!)
time after both morning and
afternoon services, when John & Ruth McNeill
will be answering questions about how we
can all be engaged in world mission. Do you
have questions you'd like to ask? Please put
them in the red question box in the foyer.

*There are weekly **Fellowship Group**, on Tues,
Wed mornings and Wed evening. Speak to a
member of the staff team to find out more.*

Looking Ahead

Mon 5
Mar

Women's book club are now
reading Virtually Human, by E
Brooks & Pete Nicholas. Speak
to Elizabeth Barry and Chris
Stonehouse to find out more.

6/7
Mar

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

Fri 9
Mar

Food for Thought. 7.30pm. 'The
pursuit of Happiness.' Dinner
and a thought-provoking talk,
with time for questions.

News and Requests

**Wanted: Ministry Trainees, Sep 2018-Aug
2019.** Spend a year serving the church and
learning gospel ministry. Details from Chris
Hobbs/Parish Office.

Welcome Ministries and Children's Team
are still looking for new people to join their
teams. Could this be you? Contact the office
or speak to a member of staff if so.

Having a half term clear out? We're looking
for Orchard **toy board games** for
Scramblers and Climbers. (Please check
they are complete). We'd also like some **toy
cars and dressing dolls**. Please speak to
Helen Buckley.

Giving Response. Please return responses
to the Giving Letter by next **Sunday, 4
March**, even if it is to say 'no change'. There
are spare letters on the bookstall.

New service rotas are in the pigeon holes.
Please pick yours up if you haven't already,
and speak to a staff member if you'd like to
be involved in serving on a Sunday.



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

25th February 2018

making and maturing disciples of
Jesus Christ in Birmingham

10.00am Morning Service

Loved, actually
Ephesians 3:14-21 *Chris Hobbs*

4.00pm Afternoon Service

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6.30pm Evening Service

Ezra's team
Ezra 8 *Andy Martin*

Children will go to their activities part way
through both the 10am and 4pm service:

Crèche (under 3's) leave through the foyer.

Sunday Club (3-10): (**Scramblers, Climbers** and
Explorers) leave through the Hudson-Taylor
room at the front of church.

Today in Sunday Club we will be looking at
Galatians 5. We will see that God's children
grow to look like their big brother - Jesus.

Club114 (11-14) also leave through the **Hudson-
Taylor room** at the front of church. Today they
will be looking at Ephesians 3:1-13.

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:
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• A prayer for power (v14-17a)

• A prayer for love (v17b-19a)

• A prayer for maturity (v19b-21)

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OPENING PRAYER *David Twiss*

HYMN Hallelujah, sing to Jesus

SONG Come people of the risen king

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 In Ephesians 3v18

NEWS

Children leave for their activities

PRAYERS *David Stokes*

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.

THE APOSTLES CREED

SONG When I survey

BIBLE READING *Margaret Twiss*

Isaiah 40:21-31 (page 724)

Ephesians 3:14-21 (page 1175)

SERMON *Chris Hobbs*

Loved, actually

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG How deep the father's love for us
Please collect your child(ren) from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our hearts; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. Amen.

Please stay on for tea/coffee and biscuits.

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Afternoon Service

OPENING PRAYER *Oli Huggins*

HYMN Hallelujah, sing to Jesus

SONG Come people of the risen king

CONFESSION

Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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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Ezra's team

Ezra 8

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Evening Service

OPENING PRAYER *Chris Hobbs*

God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no-one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might for ever. Amen.

(1 Timothy 6:15-16)

HYMN O God beyond all praising

SONG Nothing but grace

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

SONGS More than conquerors

When I fear my faith will fail

NEWS

BIBLE READING *Imogen Prasad*

Ezra 8:1-36 (page 480)

SERMON

Andy Martin

Ezra's team

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG From the breaking of the dawn

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PRAYERS

Mark Fox

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HYMN Before the throne of God above

CLOSING PRAYER (from 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify us through and through. May our whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls us is faithful and he will do it. Amen.

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