

This Week

Mon
26 Jun

Lunch with Daniel Qampicha, 1.00pm, 103 Bournbrook Road. Please join Andy and Amanda as they host Bishop Daniel Qampicha from Marsabit, Kenya for lunch and an informal chat about some of the challenges facing him as he takes over from Rob Martin. Please let them know if you're coming.

Tue
27 Jun

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study, 10.00-11:30am. Crèche provided. Please speak to Chris Hobbs if you'd like to join it.

Wed
28 Jun

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

Thu
29 Jun

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

Fri
30 Jun

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

Sat
1 Jul

Church Family Summer BBQ, 5.00 – 9.00pm. We look forward to seeing as many as possible at the vicarage, 18 Selly Wick Rd Please bring meat and something to drink for yourselves, plus either bread or salad or pudding to share. Please SIGN UP on the sheet in the foyer to let us know you are coming and what you are bringing. If you have garden games, garden chairs or rugs, please bring those too. **Offers of help to set up or clear away** for our Church family BBQ would be gratefully received. Please speak to Chris or Helen Hobbs if you can help.

Looking Ahead

Mon
3 Jul

Women's Book Group will meet to discuss the book 'Radical' by David Platt. Speak to Elizabeth Barry or Chris Stonehouse for more info.

Tue
4 Jul

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

Wed
5 Jul

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

Sat
29 Jul

Church family walk, watch this space for more details.

News and Requests

If you would like **prayer after the service**, please look for people who are wearing the blue 'Prayer Team' badges.

Summer Socials: if you are willing/able to offer an entertaining evening on one of the following Wednesdays 16, 23 or 30 Aug, please let the office know!

Holiday Bible Club needs you: after the All Age service on 2nd July, please come along to an informal meeting for anyone interested in helping, whether you've already signed up or not. Come with beach ideas!

Lost property: please take a look at the items in the foyer after the service and claim any that are yours. Any items unclaimed after today will be donated to charity.



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

25th June 2017

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

10.00am Morning Service

Finding favour *Chris Hobbs*
Ruth 2

6.00pm Evening Service

What God rejoices in *Andy Martin*
Luke 15:1-10

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.

Sunday Club: this term we look at Mark ch 4-8, learning that Jesus is the King of God's kingdom. Today in ch 6:30-44 we will see that Jesus is the King who provides all that his people need.

Club 114 is looking at 1 Peter. Today we will see that we will suffer for being part of God's family.

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 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:
Finding favour

Ruth 2

1. Looking for grace (v1-3)

2. Finding grace (v4-17)

3. Expecting more grace (v18-23)

Missed a sermon recently? Visit www.sssw.org.uk

OPENING PRAYER *Chris Porter*

SONGS

By faith
Before the throne of God above

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 Solomon was a young man

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

SONG

When I survey

THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS *Mark Checketts*

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.

BIBLE READINGS *Pippa Nicolson*

Ruth 2:1-23 (page 268)

1 Timothy 6:6-10 (page 1194)

This is the word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God

SERMON *Chris Hobbs*

Finding favour

SONG When I fear my faith will fail
Please collect your child(ren) from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

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

Name/s

Sermon Notes:
What God rejoices in Luke 15:1-10

What makes God happy?

Address

Three parables which go together:
 The lost sheep
 The lost coin
 The lost son(s)

Phone

Big idea: God rejoices when lost people repent

Email

1. People are lost

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2. Jesus came to find us

3. 'Being found' means repenting

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OPENING PRAYER *Chris Hobbs*

HYMN I will sing the wondrous story

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 *Dawn Evans*

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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.

SONGS You're the Lion of Judah
 Fairest Lord Jesus
 The Lord's my shepherd

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NEWS

SONG Holy Spirit, living breath of God

BIBLE READINGS *Sam Russell*

Ezekiel 34:1-16 (page 865)
 Luke 15:1-10 (page 1048)
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Thanks be to God

SERMON *Andy Martin*

What God rejoices in

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

HYMN Amazing grace

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