

This Week

TONIGHT **Rooted** (Students)
7.45pm-9.30pm

Mon 27 Feb **Women's Book Group** are reading 'The Plausibility Problem' by Ed Shaw, 8pm at Joanne Butler's house. Newcomers welcome! See Elizabeth Barry.

Tue 28 Feb **Prayer Gathering** 10.00-11:30am. Crèche provided.

Wed 1 Mar **Day Centre** (for older people)
10am – 2.30pm

Ash Wednesday Holy Communion, 7.00-7.45pm in Church, with coffee and cakes before the **Prayer Gathering**, 8.00-9.00pm, Cranmer Room.

Thu 2 Mar **Explorers** (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm
Club 114 (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm

Fri 3 Mar **Prayer Meeting for 'Story'**, 7.30-8.00am, Cranmer Room.

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

Music Rehearsal and Social
7 – 9pm, for all existing and potential musicians.

Looking Ahead

10-12 Mar **Rooted Student Weekend Away**, See Andy Martin for more details.

Sun 12 Mar

Church Family Lunch straight after the morning service. Please stay and eat with us!



News and Requests

Maurice Sinclair would be grateful for prayer that his visit to Bolivia with Bishop David Urquhart strengthens links between churches there and here, and that this visit may serve for the advancement of the gospel.

Women's World Day of Prayer, 10.30am, Weoley Hill URC. Praying for the Philippines. All welcome.

Winter Night Shelter has urgent need for **volunteers** over the next 5 Thursdays, based at BCM's Care Centre in Washington Str. If you can do any shift, please contact Chris Stonehouse.

Congratulations to **Charles and Kathryn Hindley** on the birth of Grace Elizabeth Hindley, born on 19th February!



26th February 2017

making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ

10.00am Morning Service

Ready? - *Andy Martin*
Luke 12:35-48

6.00pm Evening Service

Remember this - *Chris Hobbs*
Proverbs 3:1-12

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.

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

Sunday Club is looking at Luke 6:43-45. Jesus talks a lot about our hearts. He wants obeying God to start on the inside. We can benefit from the wisdom of Proverbs where we learn more about our hearts.

Club 114 will not be meeting today.

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 at the back of church. 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
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- Giving to the church
- Other

Sermon Notes

Ready?
Luke 12:35-48

Missed a sermon recently? Visit
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OPENING PRAYER *Chris Porter*

HYMNS When my hope and strength is gone
My hope is built on nothing less

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

COLLECT for Sunday before Lent

SONG Long live the King

NEWS
After which children and young people go to their activities

SONG There is no other name

THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS *Gill Sinclair*
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 Nicholson*
Luke 12:35-48 (page 1045)
2 Thessalonians 1:1-12 (page 1189)
This is the word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God

SERMON Ready? *Andy Martin*

SONG Love divine
Please collect your child from crèche

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

Name/s

Sermon Notes

Remember this
Proverbs 3:1-12

Address

1. Be faithful (v1-4)

... to my teaching (v1-2)

Phone

... to the Lord (v3-4)

Email

2. Love the Lord (v5-10)

• Trust the Lord (v5-6)

• Fear the Lord (v7-8)

• Honour the Lord (v9-10)

3. Welcome correction (v11-12)

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OPENING PRAYER *Helen Buckley*

SONGS

Praise to Christ, the Lord incarnate
Jesus, Lord of creation
By faith

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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PRAYERS *Nick Devas*

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SONGS

Our only hope is you
Mine are days that God has numbered

THE APOSTLES' CREED

NEWS

BIBLE READINGS *Alice Johnston*

Proverbs 3:1-12 (page 637)

Hebrews 12:1-13 (page 1210)

This is the word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God

SERMON Remember this *Chris Hobbs*

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG And can it be

CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your holy word. May it be a lantern to our feet, a light to our paths, and a strength to our lives. Take us and use us to love and serve in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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