

Sunday 26th August



Welcome to our 10.00am Service

Tom Bryant will be speaking on 'Walking in love 2' (3 John)

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There is a **Crèche (for under 3's)** in the Cranmer Room.

This week in **Sunday Club (ages 3-10)** will have Holiday Activities.

Club114 (ages 11-14) will be back after the Summer Holidays (at the 4.00pm service)



Refreshments are served in the foyer after the service, please stay and join us.



Toilets are in the foyer and upstairs; baby-changing facilities in the disabled toilet.

OPENING PRAYER *Andy Martin*

HYMN O God beyond all praising

CONFESSION

SONG It's a light and a hammer

NEWS

Children leave for their activities

SONGS How great the chasm
By faith

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BIBLE READINGS *Amanda Martin*

John 16:5-16 (page 1084)

3 John v1-14 (page 1230)

SERMON *Tom Bryant*

Walking in love (2)

PRAYERS *Richard Griffith*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

HYMN When peace like a river

Please collect your child from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

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Welcome to our 6.30pm Service

Andy Martin will be speaking on 'Deliverance' (Psalm 59)

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OPENING PRAYER *Helen Buckley*

SONGS Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Nothing but grace

CONFESSION

PRAYERS *Nick Devas*
ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

SONGS When my hope and strength is gone
My heart is filled with thankfulness

THE APOSTLES' CREED

NEWS

SONG Your word endures forever

BIBLE READINGS *Imogen Prasad*

1 Samuel 19:8-17 (page 291)

Psalm 59 (page 577)

SERMON *Andy Martin*
Deliverance

HYMN In Christ alone

CLOSING PRAYER

What I have learned

- to praise God for

- to confess to God

- to ask God for

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The corridors of power

Evil in the corridors of power is nothing new. Wherever people exercise power over others you will find corruption, violence, greed. This week Donald Trump's campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, was convicted on a number of charges in a US court. Who knows what the enquiry into Russian meddling in the campaign will reveal!

Men and women were commissioned to rule the world and steward its resources for the glory of God (Genesis 1:26-30), but because of sin they rule out of self-interest, exploiting others for their own selfish reasons and their own glory. In Psalm 58 David denounces them. Do you speak justly? he asks. Do you judge with equity? No. "Even from birth the wicked go astray; from the womb they are wayward" he says in v. 3. But that verse should cause us to pause for a moment. Does it ring any bells? Only a few psalms earlier in 51:5 David says that he "has been sinful from the time my mother conceived me." The greatest old testament king? Sinful from birth like the wrongdoers? What about us? Are we any better? It is very easy to point the finger at the wrongdoing of others, to tut at injustice and grieve violence when we see it on the news. But every time we condemn wrong in others we are looking in a mirror. And if we, unlike the people we see, have been granted forgiveness of sins and eternal life then we have only God to thank!

Your brother in Christ,
Andy Martin (Assistant Minister)

#MeettheFamily (more on Facebook and Instagram)



Elizabeth is a mummy of two gorgeous little ones and wife to Christopher, she is a keen journal keeper and diary maker, owner of a beautiful pink bicycle and a follower of Jesus.

She is learning to trust God's plans for her when life doesn't go as she wants it to. This is something she can do because of God's huge love for her in Jesus, and she believes that God knows best with his wisdom in every area of his life. She says it's not easy to pray 'your will be done', but she can look back on God's kindness to her.

If you don't have an account with Facebook or Instagram you can see what we get up to by looking at the bottom of our homepage: www.sssw.org.uk

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Sundays at St Stephens

10am service, for all ages with activities for children (crèche to year 6)

6.30pm service, more relaxed and informal.

The 4pm service will return on Sun 9 Sept

This Week

**Wed
29**

Pizza, snacks, wine and coffee evening at the Simcox's. 7.00-9.00pm

We have weekly Fellowship Groups in term time. Speak to Chris Hobbs to find out more.

Looking Ahead

**Aug
28-31**

**OUT OF THIS WORLD
HOLIDAY CLUB**

10am-12noon at St Stephens.

Sign up forms are in the foyer; take lots to invite school friends!

**** Help will be needed to clear church today after the evening Service****

**June
28-30
2019**

Church Family Weekend Away, at Hothorpe Hall. There is an opportunity to begin paying for the weekend in instalments now. Contact the Parish Office if this is something you'd like to do.