

## This Week

Tue  
29 Aug

**Holiday Bible Club**, Tue 29 Aug – Fri 1 Sep and Sun 3 Sep. For children in Reception through to Yr 6, inclusive. If you haven't signed up yet, why not?!

Wed  
30 Aug

### **Pudding Party**

The last of our August Summer Socials is tonight: 7.30pm start at 92 Elm Road, Bournville, bring a drink if you wish.

*David and Margaret Twiss*

## Looking Ahead

Tue 5  
Sep

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

Wed 6  
Sep

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

Fri/Sat  
22/23  
Sep

### **Women's Weekend: 'Finding Contentment'**

A chance to spend time together and learn from God's word. Please sign up using flyers in the foyer. This is for all women, regardless of age or how long you've been coming to St Stephen's. Please put completed flyer in the marked box in the foyer.

## News and Requests

**Church Weekend Away**, 10-12 Nov. 'Ready Steady Grow'. We want everyone to come if they can. Single rooms and concessions are available. See separate leaflet in the foyer for details and to book. Please put completed forms in an envelope together with money/cheque, and mark for the attention of the Parish Office, and put in the Parish Office pigeon-hole in the foyer.

**Equip Our** in-house one-year training course designed to 'equip the saints for the work of ministry'. Fully re-worked for 2017! Leaflets in the foyer. Speak to Chris Hobbs if you are interested.

**Wanted: Your Story:** we are putting together a book of short stories from members of the church family. These could be about how you became a Christian, or of God's work in you at a significant moment of your Christian life. If you'd like to contribute (300-500 words), please get in touch with Nicky Sammons (07554 418703).

**GAFCON**, "gathering faithful Bible-believing Anglicans around the world to guard and proclaim the one true gospel." Pick up a leaflet and see if you would like to become a supporter.

**Sunday morning refreshments** need more help in serving coffee. Please contact Margaret Twiss 4722639 or [damptwiss@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:damptwiss@blueyonder.co.uk)



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## 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017

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

### **10.00am Morning Service with Holy Communion**

'The view from heaven'  
Psalm 53

*Andy Martin*

### **6.00pm Evening Service**

'The promise of certain forgiveness'  
1 John 1:9

*Charles Hindley*

**Children** will go to their activities part way through the service:

**Crèche** leaves through the foyer.

**3-11 year olds** will be upstairs in the Tyndale Room for Holiday Cover, and will leave through the Hudson-Taylor room at the front of church.

**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.

Sermon Notes:  
The view from heaven

Psalm 53

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

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION** *Chris Hobbs*  
Almighty God to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no  
secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts  
of our hearts by the inspiration of your  
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SONG** All my days

**CONFESSION**  
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we  
have sinned against you and against our  
neighbour in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault. We are  
truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who  
died for us, forgive us all that is past and  
grant that we may serve you in newness of  
life to the glory of your name. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**SONG** I'm following the King

**NEWS**  
*After which children leave for their  
activities*

**SONG** Your glorious cause, O God

**BIBLE READINGS** *Andy Walker*  
Psalm 53 (page 574)  
Romans 3:9-26 (page 113o)  
This is the word of the Lord;  
**Thanks be to God**

**SERMON** *Andy Martin*  
The view from heaven

**THE NICENE CREED**

**PRAYERS** *Richard Griffith*

**HYMN** Man of sorrows

**COMMUNION (see insert)**

**HYMN** Stand up, stand up for Jesus  
*Please collect your child(ren) from crèche*

**CLOSING PRAYER**  
May the God of peace, who through the blood  
of the eternal covenant brought back from  
the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd  
of the sheep, equip us with everything good  
for doing his will, and may he work in us what  
is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to  
whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Name/s

**Sermon Notes:**  
**The promise of certain forgiveness**  
1 John 1:9

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

**OPENING PRAYER** *Chris Hobbs*

**SONGS** Come praise and glorify  
You died in my place

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**SONGS**  
He wraps himself in light  
You're the Word of God the Father

**BIBLE READINGS** *Peter Richardson*  
Psalm 32 (page 560)  
1 John 1:1-2:2 (page 1225)  
This is the word of the Lord;  
**Thanks be to God**

**SERMON** *Charles Hindley*  
The promise of certain forgiveness

**INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS**

**HYMN** Here is love

**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**

**PRAYERS** *Tony Ball*  
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.**

**NEWS**

**HYMN**  
Come thou fount of every blessing

**CLOSING PRAYER**  
**O God, you are light, and in you there is no darkness at all: give us grace no longer to walk in darkness, but to walk in the light; to live by the truth, to have fellowship with you and with one another, purified from all sin by the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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