



## Welcome to our 10am Service

This morning we are considering that Jesus is 'Powerful to save'  
(Mark 4:35-41)

**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 help yourself to a Welcome Booklet, and if you would like us to contact you about our activities then complete a Welcome Card – both are available in the foyer.

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

**Children's Holiday Activities**(age 3-Year 5) meet upstairs in the Tyndale Room.



**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** *Ben Wells*

**HYMN** My hope is built on nothing less

**CONFESSION**

**COLLECT**

**SONG** Jesus is the King

**NEWS**

*Children leave for their activities*

**SONG** There is no other name

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**PRAYERS** *David Twiss*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**SONG** I once was lost in darkest night

**BIBLE READINGS** *Amanda Martin*

Psalm 65 (*page 580*)

Mark 4:35-41 (*page 1006*)

**SERMON** *Andy Martin*

'Powerful to save'

**SONG** In Christ alone

**CLOSING PRAYER**



## Welcome to our 4pm Service

This afternoon we are considering that Jesus is 'Powerful to save'  
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There is a **Crèche** for under 3's in the Church.

**Children's Holiday Activities**(age 3-Year 5) meet upstairs in the Tyndale Room.



**Refreshments** are served in the Foyer before the service.



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**WELCOME** *Chris Hobbs*

### BIBLE READING

Psalm 65 (*page 580*)

**SONG** Jesus is the King

*Children leave for their activities*

### NEWS

**SONGS** There is no other name  
I once was lost in darkest night

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**CONFESSION**

**PRAYERS** *Jem Huggins*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BIBLE READING** *Peter Scurlock*

Mark 4:35-41 (*page 1006*)

**SERMON** *Andy Martin*

'Powerful to save'

**ALL IN TOGETHER**

**SONG** In Christ alone

**BLESSING**



## Welcome to our 6pm Service

This evening we are considering 'What is the truth about Jesus?'  
(2 Peter 1:12-21)

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



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

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**OPENING PRAYER** *Ben Wells*

**SONGS** Before the throne of God above  
Holy Father, rich in mercy

**NEWS**

**TESTIMONY**

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

**SONG** When darkness deepens

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**SONG** Speak, O Lord

**BIBLE READING** *Jill Webb*  
Mark 9:1-13 (*page 1012*)  
2 Peter 1:12-21 (*page 1222*)

**SERMON** *Chris Hobbs*  
'What is the truth about Jesus?'

**CONFESSION**

**HYMN** Yes, finished the Messiah dies

**CLOSING PRAYER**

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What have I learned...

- to praise God for?
- to confess to God?
- to ask God for?

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What I have learned?

To praise God for

To confess to God

To ask God for

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

## 10 incredible facts about the sloth

Dear Friends,

Yes, that is the title of an article I read on the BBC News website this week! To whet your appetite, let me give you the first three facts: 1. Without sloths there would be no avocados. 2. Sloths are three times stronger than us. 3. They poo a third of their body weight in one go. Doesn't that make you want to read the whole article? I personally have no way of verifying these things, but nor do I have any reason to doubt them.

It made me reflect on the things that fascinate people: from the true to the untrue, from the important to the trivial. (Incidentally, I am in no way criticising research into sloths when I say that! Such scientific research has brought humanity enormous benefits).

I wonder, though, in which category you would place the second coming of Jesus? True or untrue? Important or trivial? I hope you would place it firmly in the 'true and important' category. The apostle Peter felt it necessary to remind his readers that "we did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power" (2 Peter 1:16). Apparently there were people, even in the first century, saying it was a cleverly invented story – invented to ensure certain conduct. And how important to you is his coming, or is it just an 'incredible fact' – interesting and diverting, but hardly something to live your life by?

Yours warmly, in Christ,

Chris Hobbs (Senior Minister)

### Calling all students!

If you're a new student looking at churches here in Birmingham, we'd love to meet you.

Please come and chat to Ben Wells, our Assistant Minister here at St Stephen's, who heads up the student group at church. He'd be delighted to give you a flyer and further details of our Rooted group for students.

We meet during term time on Tuesdays at St Wulstan's, 7-9pm, starting from 1<sup>st</sup> October.

**Senior Minister (Vicar)** Chris Hobbs

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## Sunday Services

**10am at St Stephen's**, family friendly with activities for children (crèche-Year 5)

**3.30 for 4pm at St Stephen's**, family friendly with activities for children and young people (crèche – Year 9)

**6pm at St Wulstan's**, relaxed and informal.

## This Week

**Tue  
29**

**Christianity Explored**, 7-9pm at St Wulstan's. Includes a meal, short video talks, an opportunity to find out about Jesus Christ, to ask your questions and hear the Bible's answers. Contact Andy Martin for more details:

[andy.martin@sssw.org.uk](mailto:andy.martin@sssw.org.uk)

**Rooted** for students. 7-9pm at St Wulstan's B29 7DU.

**Wed  
30**

**Day Centre** will not be meeting today.

**Thu  
31**

**Cross Section Bible Study Explorers (Year 2-5) Pathfinders (Year 6-9)**

Half-term break – no meetings.

**Fri  
1**

**Stay and Play**  
Half-term break – not meeting.

**Sun  
3**

**Toy Service at 10am and 4pm**  
Please bring new toys for the Birmingham City Mission Toy Link project. Please don't wrap the presents, but rolls of wrapping paper are helpful. There will also be wrapping party opportunities, look out for dates next week.

## Looking ahead

**Tue  
5 /  
Wed  
6**

**Prayer Gatherings** – Tuesday morning / Wednesday evening. We will be praying for Lyn and Andrew Griffin, Children's ministry, Stay and Play, 4pm service.

**Sat  
9  
Nov**

**Men's Convention** 'The Joyful Fear of the Lord.' Please sign up soon as tickets are running out and let Chris Stonehouse know your transport requirements by registering on Church Suite.

**Sun  
10  
Nov**

**Guest Service.** 10 Nov, 10am & 4pm at St Stephen's: '**Jesus: Powerful to give life**'. A great opportunity to hear what Christianity is all about, especially for those new to church.

**Thu  
14  
Nov**

**Connecting Christ and Culture.** An evening with Kristi Mair (formerly of St Stephen's!), 7.30-9.00pm, St Bartholomew's Church, B15 3TA. Birmingham Diocesan Fellowship.

**Sat  
16  
Nov**

**Maintenance Morning** November 16th, 9.00am to noon. Come for part or all of the morning. Contact Tim Pearson for further information.

**Mon  
25  
Nov**

**Women's Book Club** are now reading *Enough*, by Helen Roseveare and *The Night the Angels Came*, by Cassie Chapman. Speak to Elizabeth if you'd like to join the WhatsApp group.

## News and Requests

**Can you sing or play an instrument?** We'd love to hear from you if you'd like to serve the church by using your musical gifts! Speak to Allan Ooi to find out more about how to get involved.