

This Week

Tue 29 Nov Women's Fellowship Group, 10.00-11:30am. Crèche provided.

PCC Meeting, 7.45pm.

Thu 1 Dec Explorers (Y2-6) 6.00-7.00pm
Club114 (Y7-9) 6.30-8.00pm

Fri 2 Dec Stay and Play (baby and toddler group) 10.00am-11.30am

Sat 3 Dec **Christmas Adventure.** 2.00-4.00pm at St Stephens. Fun for the whole family! Invitations are at the back of church.

Sun 4 Dec Morning Service, 10.00am. 'Did God really say?' (Genesis 3:1-7), Glen Scrivener.

Acoustic Carols by Candlelight. 6.00pm. Talk by Glen Scrivener. Followed by Christmas nibbles and mulled wine.

Looking Ahead

Tues 6 Dec **Prayer Gathering**, 10.00-11:30am. Crèche provided.

Wed 7 Dec **Prayer Gathering.** 8.00-9.30pm in St Stephen's – with coffee, tea and cakes 7.30-7.55pm.

Sun 11 Dec **All Age Carol Service.** 10.00pm. Chris Hobbs

Evening Service with Holy Communion, 6.00pm. 'Gospel Reward' (Galatians 6:1-18) Andy Martin.

Thu 15 Dec

Carols for Samuel Thornhill 6:45 for a 7pm,. Carols & readings followed by a light supper. Speak to Elizabeth or Sandra if you'd like to come.

Sun 18 Dec

Traditional Carols by Candlelight. 6.00pm, followed by Christmas nibbles and mulled wine

Sat 17 Dec

Spend a happy morning choosing and **wrapping Christmas gifts** for kids in need at BCM. Contact Chris Stonehouse to book your place.

Mon 9 Jan

Women's book club are reading 'The Hiding Place'. Newcomers welcome! See Elizabeth Barry or Chris Stonehouse for more details.

News and Requests

There will be a board up for **Church Family Christmas cards**, so no need to write out lots of individual ones!

Wanted: Ministry Trainees, Sep 2017-Aug 2018. Spend a year serving the church and learning gospel ministry. Details from Chris Hobbs/Parish Office.

Winter Night Shelter at St Stephen's: please sign up to volunteer using the yellow form you had last week. Yellow forms with details are in the foyer next to the reply box.

Free to a good home- 'Cot-bed' folds out to make a single bed. All mattresses and linen included. Great for post-cot little ones! See Gina Davies

Family in need. Looking for: soap dish, toothbrush holder, kitchen and waste bins, bathroom tidy, laundry basket, pans and baking dishes, vacuum cleaner, under bed storage and ceiling lamp shades. Cordelia is helping kit them out, let her know if you can help,



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

27th November 2016 Suffering Church Sunday

*making and maturing
disciples of Jesus Christ*

10.00am Morning Service

'And God made woman'
(Genesis 2:18 - 25) Chris Hobbs

6.00pm Evening Service

'Gospel Character'
(Galatians 5:16-26) Andy Martin

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

This term in Sunday Club we are looking at the big Bible story: The King, the snake and the promise. **This morning** we will see that Jesus didn't stay dead - he is alive forever and he is the King!

Church Family Lunch. Today at 12pm, all welcome, suggested donation of £2 a person.

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 this tear-off slip overleaf and give it to one of the staff or welcome team, or place it in the Gifts Box at the back of church, to let us know who you are. We will get in touch with you shortly to help you feel at home quickly. Please also help yourself to a Welcome Booklet from the Information Table.

Morning Service

Sermon Notes **And God made woman** Genesis 2:18 - 25

Name/s

Address

Phone

Email

I would like to know more about:

- Being a Christian
- Newcomers' events
- Small Groups
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- Other

1. A likeness

2. A difference

3. An order

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OPENING PRAYER *(Andy Martin)*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

HYMN Lo! He comes with clouds descending

SONG Come, people of the risen King

CONFESSIO

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 Jesus is the King

NEWS *after which children and young people go to their activities*

FOCUS ON THE SUFFERING CHURCH

(Andy Worthington)

HYMN Leaning on the everlasting arms

PRAYERS *(Chris Porter)*

BIBLE READINGS *(John Williams)*

Genesis 2:18 - 25 (page 5)

Ephesians 5:21 - 33 (page 1176)

(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON And God made woman *(Chris Hobbs)*

HYMN From the squalor of a borrowed stable

Please collect your child from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

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Sermon Notes

Gospel Character

Galatians 5:16 – 26

Galatians so far: We have been set free from the law to serve one another in love.

How do we do that? Live by the Spirit... (16)

1. Living by the Spirit is a battle (16-21)

2. Living by the Spirit is how we grow (22-26)

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OPENING PRAYER (*Chris Hobbs*)

HYMN O come, O come, Emmanuel

SONG Come praise and glorify

BIBLE READING (*Naomi Bryant*)

Matthew 5:1 - 12 (page 968)

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CONFESSION

Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory.

Have mercy and forgive us.

Lord, you have given your life for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart. **Have mercy and change us.**

Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you, Lord, and neglecting others.

Have mercy and cleanse us.

Lord, when we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry.

Have mercy and deliver us.

In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world. **Have mercy and forgive us.**

Father, through the redeeming death of your Son on the cross, by your Spirit and through your word, transform and renew us to follow you with joy.

All this we ask, confident in your unchanging faithfulness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

FOCUS ON THE SUFFERING CHURCH

PRAYERS (*Nick Devas*)

SONGS What a fearful scene
Through all life's sorrows and
despairs

NEWS (*Chris Hobbs*)

SONG Speak O Lord

BIBLE READING (*Naomi Bryant*)

Galatians 5:16 – 6:6 (page 1172)

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SERMON Gospel Character
(*Andy Martin*)

INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

SONG Holy Spirit living breath of God

CLOSING PRAYER