

## This Week

Sun  
28

**Cross-Section** (Y10-13)  
5.30 – 7.00pm, toasties included  
**Rooted** (Student group) 8:00-  
9:15pm, food included

Mon  
29

**Butcher and Beer.** 7.30pm at St  
Stephens. Pick up a ticket today.  
Flyers in the foyer.

Wed  
31

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

Thu  
1

**Cross-Section Bible Study**  
(Y10-13) 4.30-5.30pm  
**Explorers** (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm  
**Club114** (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm

**Christianity Explored continues,** 8.00pm.  
Contact Andy Martin to find out more.

Fri  
2

**Stay and Play** (baby and toddler  
group) 10.00am – 11.30am

**Night Shelter continues.**

*There are weekly **Fellowship Groups**, on Tuesday  
Mornings and Wednesday evenings. Speak to a  
member of the staff team to find out more.*

## Looking Ahead

6 / 7  
Feb

**Prayer Gatherings.**  
Tues 10-11:30am (crèche  
provided). Wed 8-9:30pm,  
refreshments from 7:30pm.

Wed 7  
Feb

**'Religion: cause of hate or  
source of peace?'** at the ICC,  
6.30-9.30pm. Is Faith  
Reasonable? is back, this time  
with guest speaker Krish Kandiah. Flyers in  
the foyer. Tickets bought online:  
<http://chaplaincyplus.org.uk/events/religion/>  
(use 'sssw1' as a code for 50% discount)

Tue 13  
Feb

**Raising Children in a  
technology-obsessed World.**  
7.30 for pancakes, 8pm start.  
This parenting evening is for all,  
whether you parent a toddler, a teen and all  
in between.

Thu 15  
Feb

**Christian Institute meeting,**  
'Giving an answer'. 7.30-8.45pm  
at Beeches Evangelical Church  
(B42 2HL). Flyers in the foyer.

Mon 5  
Mar

**Women's book club** are now  
reading Virtually Human, by E  
Brooks & Pete Nicholas.

## News and Requests

**UoBCU events week:** The CU events week is  
coming up. This year we would like to help  
financially; if you would like to, please send  
a contribution to the office, or pay it into  
our account online, ref: "UBCU gift".

**New Address.** The Barry's have moved to 28  
Frederick Road, Selly Oak, B29 6PB.

**Address Book and Prayer Guide.** If you'd  
like a new book sign up for one in the foyer  
(books will only be available to those who  
are in the book).

**Relationships and Sex Education** in primary  
and secondary schools. The Department  
for Education consultation closes on **Mon  
12 Feb.** Details of how to respond, from the  
Family Education Trust, are in the Foyer.

**Caring Minds event.** Tue 20 Feb, 6-8pm at St  
Stephen's. Are you a carer, or do you  
support someone with a mental illness? If  
so this presentation is for you. Speak to  
Margaret Clarke or find out more. Flyers in  
the foyer.



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

## 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018

making and maturing disciples of  
Jesus Christ in Birmingham

### 10.00am Morning Service

From death to life  
Ephesians 2:1-10 *Chris Hobbs*

### 4.00pm Afternoon Service

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### 6.30pm Evening Service

First things first  
Ezra 3 *Andy Martin*

**Children** will go to their activities part way  
through both the 10am and 4pm service:

**Crèche** leave through the foyer.

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

**Sunday Club** will be looking at Acts 9 today.  
We will see that Jesus changed Paul into a truth  
teller and the giver of God's good news.

**Club114** will be on during the 4pm service.  
They will leave through the foyer. They will be  
looking at Ephesians 2, to see what being  
alive in Christ means.

**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.

Name/s

Address

Phone

Email

I would like to know more about:

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- Small Groups
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**Sermon Notes:**  
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- Saved (v5, 8)

A new creation! (v10)

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[www.sssw.org.uk](http://www.sssw.org.uk)

**OPENING PRAYER** *Andy Martin*

**SONGS** By faith  
My hope is built on nothing less

**PRAYER**  
**Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. You chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world and destined us for adoption as your children. In Christ we have the forgiveness of sins, an inheritance in your kingdom, the seal of your Spirit, and in him we live for the praise of your glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

**SONG** Lord, the light of your love is shining

**NEWS**  
*Children leave for their activities*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**BIBLE READING** *Margaret Twiss*  
Psalm 51 (page 573)  
Ephesians 2:1-10 (page 1174)

**SERMON** *Chris Hobbs*  
From death to life

**SONG** Holy Father rich in mercy

**CONFESSION**  
**O Lord our God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As we come before you now, believers and doubters alike, we all share a deep need, for we are all lost without your grace. Search us, O God, and know our hearts, test us and know our troubled thoughts. Give us true repentance. Forgive us all our wrongs. Transform us by your Spirit to live for you each day, to learn to serve each other and, through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, to come at last to heaven. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**PRAYERS** *Chris Porter*  
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.**

**HYMN** And can it be  
*Please collect your child(ren) from crèche*

**BLESSING**  
The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to Himself, The power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in His service, The joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Please stay on for tea/coffee and biscuits.*

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## Afternoon Service

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## Sermon Notes:

First things first Ezra 3

### Scene One (1-6)

Location: Temple Mount in Jerusalem

Date: Year 1, Month 7

God's people rebuild the altar

Why:

So what?

### Scene Two (7-13)

Location: Temple Mount in Jerusalem

Date: Year 2, Month 2

God's people lay the foundations of the Temple with great shouts of joy... and great sobs of sadness

Why:

So what?

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**OPENING PRAYER** *Chris Hobbs*

**BIBLE READING** (read together)

Psalms 136:1-12 (page 626)

**SONGS** Come people of the risen King

Fairest Lord Jesus

## CONFESSION

**Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and broken your laws. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit enable us to live for you and to please you more and more, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**PRAYERS** *Dawn Evans*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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## NEWS

**SONGS** All people that on earth do dwell  
Who could know your thoughts  
God of grace, amazing wonder

**BIBLE READINGS** *Paul Coley*

Ezra 3:1-13 (page 475)

John 2:12-22 (page 1065)

**SERMON** *Andy Martin*

First things first

## INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**HYMN** Sing to God new songs of worship

## CLOSING PRAYER

*Please stay on for tea/coffee and cake.*