

This Week

TODAY

No Cross Section, we're back on 4th June.

Half-Term! Activities resume in the week beginning 4th June.

Looking Ahead

**Sun
4 Jun**

All Age Service, 10.00am.
The one about the honey and the lion (Judges 14).

Evening service, 6.00pm.
Sacrifice and service: Can you afford it? (Luke 14:25-35)

Cross Section social (Y10-13)
7.45pm-9.00pm

**Tue
6 Jun**

Prayer Gathering, 10.00-11:30am.
Crèche provided.

Women's Tea and Cake Evening at Boston Tea Party, 7.30pm. All women welcome! Speak to Sarah Underwood or Jem Huggins for more info, and sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

**Wed
7 Jun**

Prayer Gathering 8.00 - 9.30pm.
Refreshments 7.30 - 7.55pm.

**Sun
11 Jun**

Service of Baptism & Confirmation, 6.00pm, led by Bishop Maurice Sinclair. Please come and celebrate with the 9 candidates.

**Mon
12 Jun**

Marriage MOT 7.45 for 8.00-9.30pm. Marriage in the service of God, especially in juggling responsibilities like family, work and church. A mixture of talk, interview and discussion in couples. For anyone who is, or about to be, married. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer to give us an idea of numbers.

**Fri
23 Jun**

Music rehearsal and social, 7.00-9.00pm. For all church musicians and anyone interested in getting involved with music ministry. Speak to Allan Ooi for details.

**Sat
1 Jul**

Church Family BBQ, early evening at the vicarage. Save the date!

**Mon
3 Jul**

Women's Book Group will meet to discuss the book 'Radical' by David Platt. All women welcome. Speak to Elizabeth Barry or Chris Stonehouse for more info.

News and Requests

The McNeills would like to borrow a car for 28 June - 16 July. Offers to Nick Devas please! (nandp@psmail.net).

Church photocopier: if you haven't yet worked out how to use the new copier, please do make yourself known to the office so we can give you your new code and show you how it works!

Book of the Term:

'A Better Story: God, Sex & Human Flourishing', Glynn Harrison. Only £7 - sign up for a copy from the Foyer. What the Bible says and why it is good. A wonderful book.



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

28th May 2017

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

10.00am Morning Service

Sex and Marriage:
What the Old Testament says
Chris Hobbs

6.00pm Evening Service

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Children and young people will go to their activities part way through the service:

Crèche and Club 114 leave through the foyer to go to their rooms.

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

Sunday Club: Are looking at Mark 4-8. Today we see that King Jesus has power over nature. He can control the wind and the waves (4:35-41).

Club 114 is looking at 1 Peter. Today we will see that now that we are part of God's family, we need to act like it! (2:11-25)

Refreshments are served after the services.

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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.

Morning Service

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

Sermon Notes:

**Sex and marriage:
what the Old Testament says**

Two questions:

"What did God really say?" (Gen 3:1)

"Is God really good?" (Gen 3:4-5)

**1. Sex/marriage is for serving God
(Gen 1:26:31; 2:15-25)**

2. Sex can be bad (Lev 18:1-29)

3. Sex can be great (Song 4:1-5:1)

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AN OPENING PSALM *said together*

Psalm 62:1-8 *David Twiss*

HYMN

Hallelujah sing to Jesus

SONG

You're the Word of God the Father

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

COLLECT for the Sunday after Ascension Day

SONG Solomon was a young man

NEWS *after which children and young people leave for their activities*

SONG Speak, O Lord

BIBLE READINGS *Helen Hobbs*

Genesis 1:26-31, 2:15-25 (page 4)

Songs 4:1-5:1 (page 680)

This is the word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God

SERMON

Chris Hobbs

Sex and marriage: what the Old Testament says

THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS *Richard Griffith*

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 Yes, finished the Messiah dies

Please collect your child(ren) from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our hearts; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. Amen.

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OPENING PRAYER *Tom Bryant*

HYMN Crown him with many crowns

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SONGS Bless the Lord, O my soul
Our only hope is you
My heart is filled with thankfulness

BIBLE READINGS *Naomi Bryant*

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Songs 4:1-5:1 (page 68o)
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SERMON *Chris Hobbs*

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INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS

HYMN I hear the Saviour say

APOSTLES' CREED

NEWS

SONGS I will offer up my life

CLOSING PRAYER

To him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and for evermore. Amen.

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