

## This Week

Sun  
29

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

Mon  
30

**Birmingham Winter Night Shelter service of Prayer and Praise.** 7.30-9.00pm at St Stephens.

Tue  
1

**Colin (Buchanan) in concert. 5pm at St Stephen's.** £4.50 for anyone over the age of 2. Tickets are going fast, and are only available online; [www.wegotickets.com/event/430783](http://www.wegotickets.com/event/430783) (Tickets will not be available on the door)

Wed  
2

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

Thu  
3

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

**The World We All Want** continues, 8.00 – 9.30pm, at Church. Contact the Parish Office to sign up.

Fri  
4

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

Sun  
6

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*We have weekly Fellowship Groups. Speak to a member of the staff team to find out more.*

### Church Suite is coming!

We will be moving to use a Church Management System, that will be a central point for contact information, rotas, church calendars and other exciting things. It's an exciting step for us, and it will help us communicate more efficiently, as well as comply with the new laws being brought in next month with the new General Data Protection Regulations. Go to: [www.sssw.org.uk/churchsuite](http://www.sssw.org.uk/churchsuite) to sign up, please do this by the **end of April**. See information sheet at the back of church, or contact Jem if you have any questions.

## Looking Ahead

8/9  
May

**Prayer Gatherings.** Tue 10-11.30am (crèche provided). Wed 8-9.30pm (drinks from 7.30pm)

Sat 12  
May

**Women's Brunch,** 10-11:30 in the Cranmer Room. With a talk on Identity and lots of time to chat, pray and eat. £3 per person.

Please let Jem know if you can come.

**Dad's Stay and Play** 10-11:30 in Church. Bacon butties provided, £1.50 per family

Thu 17  
May

**'Multiply':** Midlands Gospel Partnership leaders conference, 10am-4pm at St Stephen's. To explore how we can multiply churches across the Midlands. See flyers.

Mon 9  
July

**Women's book club** have just started reading 'Killing fields, Living fields', Speak to Elizabeth or Chris Stonehouse for more.

## News and Requests

**At Wednesday's Annual Meeting** Ian Butler and Oli Huggins were re-elected to serve as Churchwardens. Rob Davies, Richard Griffith and Adam Kendall were elected to serve on the Church Council.

**Floor Fan needed** for Colin concert of Tuesday. See Amanda if you can help.

**Wool needed.** Do you have any in nice colours (bright/pretty pastels/ sparkly)? Please pass it along to Imogen.

**New service rotas** are in the pigeon holes. Please pick yours up today!



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

## 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018

*making and maturing disciples  
of Jesus Christ*

### 10.00am Morning Service

Stand your ground  
Ephesians 6:1-10-24 *Chris Hobbs*

### 4.00pm Afternoon Service

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### 6.30pm Evening Service

Seeing and believing  
John 20:24-31 *Andy Martin*

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

**Crèche** (under 3's) leave through back of church.  
**Sunday Club** (3-10): (**Scramblers, Climbers and Explorers**) leave through the main doors and will be guided upstairs. Today in Sunday Club we are looking at Exodus 3: 1 - 4: 17. We will see that God makes himself known. He is holy. He is the rescuer. Moses was God's messenger.

**Club114 at the 4pm** (11-14) leave through the Hudson-Taylor room at the front of church. Today they are learning how to stand against the devil with God's amour on.

**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 at the back of church. We will get in touch with you shortly. Please also help yourself to a Welcome Booklet from the display in the Foyer.

### Data Protection & Privacy

We will store your data in accordance with our Privacy Notice, which you can find at: <http://sssw.org.uk/privacynotice>. If you would ever like us to stop contacting you or to delete your details phone 0121 472 8253 or email [office@sssw.org.uk](mailto:office@sssw.org.uk).

We would love to keep you informed about our news, events and services.

Please tick this box so we can do this, and write your details below:

**Name/s**

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**Date**

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- Being a Christian
- Newcomers' events
- Small Groups
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If you have a specific question you would like answered please write it below:

**Sermon Notes:** Ephesians 6:10-24  
**Stand your ground**

• **Be strong in the Lord (v10-13)**

• **Stand firm in God's armour (v14-17)**

• **Pray in the Spirit (v18-20)**

**Missed a sermon recently?**  
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## Morning Service

**OPENING PRAYER** *Tom Bryant*

**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.**

**HYMN** Stand up, stand up for Jesus

**CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**Almighty God, Creator of all. You marvellously made us in your image; but we have rebelled against you, by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbours. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and truly repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the death of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SONG** It's a light and a hammer

**NEWS**

*After which children leave for their activities*

**SONG** Speak, O Lord

**BIBLE READING** *Chris Stonehouse*

Isaiah 59:1-8, 15b-20 (page 745)

Ephesians 6:10-24 (page 1177)

**SERMON** *Chris Hobbs*

Stand your ground

**INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS**

**SONG** In days of peace and days of rest

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**PRAYERS** *David Stokes*

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** O Church, arise

*Please collect your child 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.**

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## Afternoon Service

**OPENING PRAYER** *Andy Martin*

**HYMN** Stand up, stand up for Jesus

**BAPTISM**

of Surhi, Anahi, Kieran & Zavier Kabuga

**SONGS** In Ephesians 3 verse 18  
In days of peace and days of rest

**NEWS**

*After which children and young people leave for their activities*

**PRAYERS** *Sarah Allen*

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.**

**SONG** Speak, O Lord

**BIBLE READING** *Andy Schofield*

Isaiah 59:1-8, 15b-20 (page 745)

Ephesians 6:10-24 (page 1177)

**SERMON** *Chris Hobbs*

Stand your ground

**HYMN** O Church, arise

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**BLESSING**

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John 20:24-31

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**OPENING PRAYER** *Chris Hobbs*

**HYMN** All hail the power of Jesus' name

**SONG** Bless the Lord O my soul

**CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF**

**FORGIVENESS**

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.**

**SONGS** He's our rescuer

When I survey the wondrous cross

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**BIBLE READINGS** *Melanie Britton*

John 20:24-31 (page 1089)

1 Peter 1:3-12 (page 1217)

## Evening Service

**SERMON** *Andy Martin*

Seeing and believing

**INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS**

**SONG** Christ is risen, he's risen indeed

**PRAYERS** *Judy Quaintance*

ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**NEWS**

**HYMN** Jesus is Lord, The cry that echoes

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace; 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 cake.*