

## This Week

Tue  
2 May

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

**Children & Youth Team meeting**,  
7.45pm for coffee. Do come to  
chat, pray and encourage!

2,3,4  
May

**Birmingham Spring Convention**  
7.30pm Carrs Lane Church Centre.  
Speaker: Steve Brady. 3 evenings: 'A  
Lord worth loving', 'A church  
worth joining' and 'A faith  
worth sharing'. Flyers in the  
foyer.

Wed  
3 May

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

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

**CAP Money Course** begins.  
A free course to help you manage  
your money better, learn to budget,  
save and spend well. Wed mornings  
10am-12pm until 17<sup>th</sup> May at Christ  
Church.  
Book by emailing [info@christ-  
church-selly-park.org.uk](mailto:info@christ-church-selly-park.org.uk)

Thu  
4 May

**The World We All Want**  
8.00 – 9.30pm. Flyers in the foyer.

**Explorers** (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm  
**Club 114** (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm

**'Real Change'** starts, 8.00 –  
9.30pm. A six-session Bible-  
centred course on becoming more  
like Jesus in everyday life. Flyers in  
the Foyer.

Fri  
5 May

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

## Looking Ahead

Mon  
8 May

**Women's Book Group** will meet  
at 8pm to discuss "out of the  
Black Shadows". Location tbc.  
Speak to Elizabeth Barry or  
Chris Stonehouse for more info.

Sat  
13 May

**Maintenance Morning** at St  
Stephen's. Please keep the date  
free, more details to follow.

**Friends International 'New  
Chapter' event** to say farewell to  
the McCullochs and welcome their  
successors. Please come along and hear  
encouraging stories, 3.00-5.00pm here.

## News and Requests

**Elections.** At the Annual Meeting on Wed 26  
Apr the following were elected to serve: Ian  
Butler, Oli Huggins (churchwardens), Mark  
Fox, Judy Quaintance, Mat Schofield, Andy  
Walker (Deanery Synod), Elizabeth Barry,  
Naomi Stevens, Thom Wilkinson (PCC). Our  
thanks to them; please pray for them as they  
take up/continue these roles.

**Baptism and Confirmation** If you are  
interested in being baptised and/or  
confirmed on Sun 11 June at 6pm, please  
speak to Andy Martin **by Sun 7 May**.

**The Harvey family** need accommodation  
from 1-4 and 12-14 June. They can split up  
into 2 and 3 if necessary. If you are away  
during any part of that time, please get hold  
of Nick Devas

**The McNeills** would like to borrow a car for  
28 June – 16 July. Offers to Nick Devas please!

**Congratulations to Harry and Heather  
Woodward** on the birth of baby Jocelyn Paige  
on 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr, weighing 7.3lbs.

**Day Centre helpers needed** from June, 9am –  
2.45pm, once or twice per month. This would  
release an existing team member to cook.  
Contact Jean Phillips if you can help.



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

## 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017

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

### 10.00am Morning Service

Don't give up on word ministry  
2 Corinthians 4:1-6 *Paul Hancock*

### 6.00pm Evening Service

Don't give up on weak ministry  
2 Corinthians 4:7-15 *Paul Hancock*

**Children** 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:** this term we are looking at Mark  
ch 4-8, learning that Jesus is the King of God's  
kingdom. Today in ch4:1-20 we will see that we  
should expect a mixed response to the good  
news of Jesus.

**Club 114** is looking at 1 Peter. Today we will see  
that we are massively privileged, despite  
suffering and hardship.

**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:**

- Being a Christian
- Newcomers' events
- Small Groups
- Pre-school activities
- Children's / Youth Work
- Student events
- Giving to the church
- Other

**Sermon Notes**

**Don't give up on word ministry  
2 Corinthians 4:1-6**

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

**OPENING PRAYER** *Chris Hobbs*

**HYMN** Immortal, invisible

**SONG**

You have called us out of darkest night

**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**

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

**NEWS**

*after which children leave for their activities*

**SONG**

I once was lost in darkest night

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**INTERVIEW with Paul Hancock**

**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.**

**BIBLE READINGS** *Virginie Hannam*

Genesis 1:1-5 (page 3)

2 Corinthians 4:1-6 (page 116o)

This is the word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God**

**SERMON** Don't give up on word ministry

*Paul Hancock*

**HYMN** In Christ alone

**CLOSING PRAYER**

*Please stay on after the service for tea/coffee and biscuits.*

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Email

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**Evening Service**

**OPENING PRAYER** *Andy Martin*

**SONGS** What can wash away my sin?  
Strength will rise  
Our God he bridged the great divide

**CONFESSION**

**Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**INTERVIEW with Paul Hancock**

**BIBLE READINGS** *Melanie Britton*

Psalm 116 (page 615)  
2 Corinthians 4:7-15 (page 1160)  
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**SERMON** Don't give up on weak ministry  
*Paul Hancock*

**INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS**

**SONGS** Comfort for weary sinners  
Fairest Lord Jesus

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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**NEWS**

**SONG**

The grace of God has reached for me

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