

## This Week

Wed  
2 Aug

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

Sun  
6 Aug

**Church Family Lunch jointly with Church of the Light** 1pm at St Stephen's. After lunch, they will share briefly their stories of coming to faith in Jesus. Please sign up on the notice board. There is no charge.

## Looking Ahead

Tue  
29 Aug

**Holiday Bible Club**, Tue 29 Aug – Fri 1 Sep and Sun 3 Sep. For children in Reception through to Yr 6, inclusive.

Fri/Sat  
22/23  
Sep

**Women's Weekend: 'Finding Contentment'**. A chance to spend time together and learn from God's word. See flyers for more info and to sign up. This is for all women, regardless of age or how long you've been coming to St Stephen's.

## August Summer Socials

**9<sup>th</sup> Slides from Bolivia**  
Come along to 55 Selly Wick Drive at 8pm to see slides of Maurice's recent trip to Bolivia and enjoy Bolivian nibbles.  
*Maurice and Gill Sinclair*

**16<sup>th</sup> Local Evening Walk**  
Meet at 7.50pm at the MAC, Cannon Hill Park (by the lakeside entrance), for a 1-hour circular walk followed by a drink at the bar. Parking available at the MAC.  
*Mark Checketts*

**23<sup>rd</sup> Cheese n Wine/Coffee**  
Come along to 7 Selly Wick Road 7.30-9.30pm for cheese and wine. All welcome!  
*Liz and Adam Simcox*

**30<sup>th</sup> Pudding Party**  
7.30pm start at 92 Elm Road, Bournville, bring a drink if you wish.  
*David and Margaret Twiss*

## News and Requests

**Church Weekend Away**, 10-12 Nov. Please find all necessary info in the leaflet.

**Holiday Club leaders** please find your handbook in your pigeon hole.

**Holiday Club needs** clean, empty yoghurt pots, fishing nets, metal detectors, and a free standing garden parasol. Please would you bring them to church if you can help? Please register your children!

**Wanted: Your Story:** we are putting together a book of short stories from members of the church family. These could be about how you became a Christian, or of God's work in you at a significant moment of your Christian life. If you'd like to contribute (300-500 words), please get in touch with Nicky Sammons (07554 418703).

**The Church Office will be closed** from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August. Please do send any necessary info to Gina before this time.

**GAFCON**, "gathering faithful Bible-believing Anglicans around the world to guard and proclaim the one true gospel." Pick up a leaflet and see if you would like to become a supporter.

**Sunday morning refreshments** need more help in serving coffee. Please contact Margaret Twiss 4722639 or [dampwiss@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:dampwiss@blueyonder.co.uk)

**Can you lend a car to the McNeills?** They are back from 4-16<sup>th</sup> Aug and would love to borrow 'a wee run-around' for that time.



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

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

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

## 10.00am Morning Service

'From the rising of the sun'  
Psalm 50 *Andy Martin*

## 6.00pm Evening Service

'The promise of gospel preaching'  
Luke 24:46-47 *Chris Hobbs*

**Children** will go to their activities part way through the service:

**Crèche** leaves through the foyer.

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

**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:**  
From the rising of the sun Psalm 50

**The Lord God summons the court (1-6)**

**The first charge (7-15)**

**The second charge (16-21)**

**Concluding statement (22-23)**

**1. The Lord is our righteous Judge & Saviour**

**2. The Lord loves grateful hearts**

**3. The Lord loves obedient hearts**

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

**OPENING PRAYER** *Chris Hobbs*

**HYMN**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**SONG**

The grace of God has reached for me

**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**

**SONG** Solomon was a young man

**INTERVIEW WITH REBEKAH FOX**

**NEWS**

*After which children leave for their activities*

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**PRAYERS** *Rob Davies*

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** When I fear my faith will fail

**BIBLE READINGS** *Ian Butler*

Psalm 50 (page 572)

Acts 17:22-30 (page 1113)

This is the word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God**

**SERMON** *Andy Martin*

Praying with the Psalms  
'From the rising of the sun'

**SONG** O King you are most worthy  
*Please collect your child(ren) from crèche*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

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

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**The promise of gospel preaching**  
 Luke 24:46-47

**Jesus promises three 'pairs':**

**1. 'repentance' and 'forgiveness' (v47)**

**2. 'in his name' and 'to all nations' (v47)**

**3. 'will be preached' (v47) and 'power from on high' (v49)**

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**OPENING PRAYER** *Chris Hobbs*

**HYMN** Praise to Christ, the Lord incarnate

**THE NICENE CREED**

**NEWS**

**SONGS** Christ is risen, He's risen indeed  
 When I fear my faith will fail  
 There is a higher throne

**BIBLE READINGS** *Paul Coley*  
 Isaiah 49:1-7 (page 735)  
 Luke 24:36-53 (page 1062)  
 This is the word of the Lord;  
**Thanks be to God**

**SERMON** *Chris Hobbs*  
 The promise of gospel preaching

**INSIGHTS AND QUESTIONS**

**SONG**  
 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

**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** *Judy Quaintance*  
 ending with **THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
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**HYMN**  
 Awake, awake, O Zion

**CLOSING 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.**

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