

This Week

Tue 1 Nov **Prayer Gathering**, 10.00-11:30am.
Crèche provided.

Wed 2 Nov **Prayer Gathering**. 8.00-9.30pm in St Stephen's – with coffee, tea and cakes 7.30-7.55pm.

Thu 3 Nov Explorers (Y2-6) 6.00-7.00pm
Club114 (Y7-9) 6.30-8.00pm

Fri 4 Nov Stay and Play (baby and toddler group) 10.00am-11.30am

Sat 5 Nov **Midlands Men's Convention**, Nottingham, starting at 10.00am. Speak Rob Davies **TODAY**.

Welcome Meal. Newish to St Stephen's? Come and find out what we're about. Invitations from Chris and Helen Hobbs or the Parish Office.

Sun 6 Nov **Toy Service.** Please bring new toys and books for the BCM toy project. Especially for 0-3 year olds and 12-16 year olds. Please don't wrap the presents, but donations of wrapping paper are helpful.

Morning Service for All Ages. 10.00am
Helen Buckley

Evening Service with Holy Communion. 6.00pm. 'Not slaves but children' (Galatians 3:26-4:7) Andy Martin

Cross-section (Y10-13) 7.45pm-9.00pm

Looking Ahead

Mon 7 Nov **Woman's Book Group.** 8.00pm. See Elizabeth Barry or Chris Stonehouse for more information.

Mon 14 Nov **Parenting Evening.** For parents & parents-to-be. Let Chris Hobbs know of any issues you would like discussed **TODAY**.

Sat 19 Nov **Maintenance Day.** Meet at St Stephen's at 9am, please bring any gardening equipment that you have along with you.

'Journey of Childhood' 7.00pm at Church. More details on the poster on the noticeboard.

News and Requests

Special welcome to you if you are a **student**. Please find Andy Martin for more details about Rooted and for an invitation to lunch.

We are looking for people to take on (or help with) our monthly **Church Family Lunches**, by signing up for a month in 2017. If you'd like to be involved speak to Jem Huggins, office@sssw.org.uk.

The address book will be revised in the next few weeks. Please make changes to the book at the back of church, and add your details by Nov 13. Photos can be sent to office@sssw.org.uk.

Resolution regarding Women Bishops. The PCC will be considering this on Tue 29 Nov. See the paper on the Information Table for more details.



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

30th October 2016

*making and maturing
disciples of Jesus Christ*

10.00am Morning Service

'And God created man'
(Genesis 1:24-31) Chris Hobbs

6.00pm Evening Service

'So what do we do with God's law?'
(Galatians 3:15-25) Chris Stonehouse

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

Creche and **Club114** leave through the Foyer to go to their rooms. **Scramblers, Climbers** and **Explorers** leave through the Hudson Taylor Room at the front of church.

This term in Sunday Club we are looking at the Big Bible story: The King, the snake and the promise. **This morning** we will be looking at 2 Kings 24: 8 - 16. We will see that disobeying God has serious consequences. The people had to leave the land God had given them.

Refreshments are served after the services.

Toilets are in the foyer and upstairs; baby-changing facilities are in the disabled toilets.

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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 this tear-off slip overleaf and give it to one of the staff or welcome team, or place it in the Gifts Box at the back of church, to let us know who you are. We will get in touch with you shortly to help you feel at home quickly. Please also help yourself to a Welcome Booklet from the Information Table.

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

And God created man

Genesis 1:24-31

1. And God made the animals (v24-25)

2. And God made mankind (v26-30)

- in the image of God

to resemble God

to represent God

to relate to God

- male and female

3. And it was all very good (v31)

Missed a sermon recently? Visit www.sssw.org.uk

OPENING PRAYER *(David Twiss)*

HYMN Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

SONG The grace of God has reached for me

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 FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

SONG All through history

NEWS *after which children and young people go to their activities*

PRESENTATION: Just Caring

HYMN Great is thy faithfulness

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS *(Chris Porter)*

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 *(Andy Walker)*

Genesis 1:24-31 (page 4),

Psalm 8 (page 546)

(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON And God created man *(Chris Hobbs)*

SONG See the man

Please collect your child from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

Be with us, Lord, as we go out into the world: may the lips that have sung your praises always speak the truth; may the ears which have heard your word listen only to what is good; and may our lives in every part be always pleasing in your sight, for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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So what do we do with God's law?
Galatians 3:15-25

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Evening Service

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SONGS You're the word of God the Father
He wraps himself in light

HYMN Here is love

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.**

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PRAYERS *(Mark Fox)*

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PRESENTATION: Just Caring

NEWS

APOSTLES' CREED

SONGS Oh great God
From the breaking of the dawn

BIBLE READINGS *(Alex Luckwell)*

Genesis 17:1-19 (page 16),
Galatians 3:15-25 (page 1170)
(This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**)

SERMON So what do we do with God's law?
(Chris Stonehouse)

HYMN What can wash away my sin?

CLOSING PRAYER