

## This Week

Fri  
5

**Night Shelter begins.** To help or contribute financially email: [ststephensnightshelter@gmail.com](mailto:ststephensnightshelter@gmail.com)

Sun  
7

**Morning Service, 10am**  
Why did Jesus come? To save

**Our regular weekly activities are pausing until next week.**

*Fellowship groups are also taking a break over Christmas. If you'd like to know more about being in a fellowship group speak to one of the staff team.*

Sun 28  
Jan

**New 4pm service starts.**

Mon 29  
Jan

**Butcher and Beer.** 7.30pm at St Stephens. Flyers in the foyer.

## News and Requests

**Wanted: Ministry Trainees, Sep 2018-Aug 2019.** Spend a year serving the church and learning gospel ministry. You don't have to be a student to apply! Details from Chris Hobbs/Parish Office.

**Address Book and Prayer Guide.** New books are available. Please sign up for one in the foyer, or email: [jem.huggins@sssw.org.uk](mailto:jem.huggins@sssw.org.uk). (Books will only be available to those who are in the book)

**Service rotas** are available for Jan and Feb 2018. They have been emailed as well.

**Christmas Office hours.** The Parish Office will be closed from Sat 23 Dec – Tues 2 Jan.



## 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

making and maturing disciples of  
Jesus Christ in Birmingham

## 10.00am Morning Service

Why did Jesus come? To save  
1 Timothy 1:15 *David Twiss*

## No 6.00pm service today

**Children** (3-11) will have holiday cover today, and will leave through the Hudson-Taylor room at the front of church.

**Young people** (11-14) are invited to stay in the service today.

**Crèche** (0-3) leave through the foyer.

**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 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.

## Looking Ahead

Mon 8  
Jan

**Women's Book Group.** "The Life You Never Expected" by Andrew & Rachel Wilson. All women welcome.

9/10  
Jan

**Prayer Gatherings. Tues 10-11:30am** (crèche provided),  
**Wed 8-9:30pm**, refreshments from 7:30pm.

Sat 13  
Jan

**Dad's Stay and Play, 10-11.30am.**  
**Church Family Walk.** From 2pm. Information sheets will be available in the new year.

Sat 20  
Jan

**Compelled by Love.** 10am-3pm. This day conference is all about cultivating a heart for the lost. Flyers 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:**  
**Why did Jesus come? To save**  
1 Timothy 1:15

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

## Morning Service

**OPENING PRAYER** *Andy Martin*

**HYMN** Crown him with many crowns

### 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

**SONG** Clap your hands

### NEWS

*Children leave for their activities*

**CAROL** The first Nowell

**BIBLE READING** *Diana Knott*

Acts 9:1-19a (page 1102)

1 Timothy 1:12-17 (page 1191)

**SERMON** *David Twiss*

Why did Jesus come? To save

**CAROL** O little town of Bethlehem

### 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.**

**SONG** He's our rescuer

*Please collect your child(ren) from crèche*

### CLOSING PRAYER

**Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you that you have brought us safely to the end of this year. As we begin a new year, keep us from falling into sin or running into danger, order us in all our doings and guide us to do always what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please stay on for tea/coffee and biscuits.*