

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 and put it in the red box in the foyer, or give it to a member of staff or the welcome team.

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

This Week

Sun
31

All Age Service, 10.00am.
To God be the glory (Psalm 115:1).

Looking Ahead

9/10
Jan

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

Mon
8 Jan

Women's book club. "The Life You Never Expected" by Andrew & Rachel Wilson. All women welcome.

Sun
13 Jan

Church Family Walk, starting at 2pm. Details from the information table in the new year.

Sun
20 Jan

Compelled by Love. 10am-3pm. This day conference is all about cultivating a heart for the lost. Flyers in the foyer.

News and Requests

Christmas Offering for Open Doors' work for persecuted Christians: a box for contributions in the foyer, and Gift Aid envelopes available.

Updated **Church Family Address books and Prayer Guides** are available. Pop your name on the list at the back of church if you'd like one.

Our Church Office will be closed between Christmas and New Year, and will reopen on Tuesday 2nd Jan.

ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

Christmas Day

25th December 2017
10.00am

All-Age Celebration with Holy Communion

Welcome! We're so glad you've joined us today.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

OPENING PRAYER *Chris Hobbs*

CAROL O Come, all ye faithful
SONG Joy has dawned upon the earth

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and broken your laws. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit enable us to live for you and to please you more and more, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:

Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing.

Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.

Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

VIDEO In the dark?

SONG Unto us a child is born

BIBLE READING *Helen Hobbs*
John 1:1-13 (page 1027)

TALK One of the family

Helen Buckley

PRAYERS *David Twiss*

SONG From the squalor of a borrowed stable

Our regular Sunday services are:

10.00am – For all ages, with Children's activities (0-11)

Starting at the end of January we'll have a **4.00pm** – for all ages with children's activities (0-14)

6.00pm – A more relaxed and informal service



Over seven weeks delve deeper into the Christian faith in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Starting on **Thur 11 Jan**, 8.00-9.30pm
Contact the office for more details,
office@sssw.org.uk, 472 8253.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in your great love you gave your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, through his one offering of himself. Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we receiving this bread and this wine may share in his most precious body and blood.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread and gave you thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

ADMINISTRATION *of the bread and wine*

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 for ever. Amen.

CAROL Hark! The herald angels sing

CLOSING PRAYER

Gifts for Open Doors may be placed in the gifts box in the foyer.