

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.

News and Requests

Electoral Roll. If you consider yourself a member of this church, this is for you! Please complete a form from the Bookstall and return it to the Office by Sun 8 Apr. See Chris Hobbs if you have any questions.

Nominations for Church Council. We are looking for 2 people to serve as churchwardens, 3 as PCC members and 1 as Deanery Synod representatives (to be elected at the Annual Meeting, 25 Apr). Please be thinking and praying who this should be, and make nominations on the notice board. See flyer for further details.

Re-building for the future. The team will be meeting on Tuesday 10th April, at church 7.45pm for coffee. This time we're digging down!

The Harvey family will be visiting and need offers of accommodation: 15-24 May, 30 May-8 June, 15-17 June. Can divide up (2 & 3). Offers to Nick Devas

Bethan Stonehouse is looking for work to raise money for her trip to Bolivia with Latin Link. She's happy to do: childcare, dog-walking, cleaning, lawn-mowing, ironing or any other useful things! Please contact her on

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Easter Sunday

1st April 2018
10.00am

All-Age Celebration with Holy Communion

BIBLE READING *Chris Hobbs*
1 Corinthians 15:50-57 (page 1157)

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia

OPENING PRAYER *led by Chris Hobbs*

SONGS See, what a morning
Christ is risen, he's risen indeed

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.

BIBLE READING *Helen Hobbs*
Matthew 28: 1 - 10 (page 1000)

TALK He is Risen *Helen Buckley*

SONG
Sing a song, sing a joyful song

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; He was buried; He was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards He appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.

PRAYERS *Checketts Family*

NEWS

SONG See Him in Jerusalem

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

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 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. **Amen.**

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.

HYMN Thine be the glory

DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We shall be raised.

We shall be raised, Alleluia.

Death will be destroyed.

It will indeed be destroyed. Alleluia.

God will be all in all.

He will indeed be all in all. Alleluia.

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.



**We all dream of a better world:
A world of security, plenty and
friendship.**

Christians believe that God promises such a new world. Over seven Thursday evenings, we take a tour through the unfolding story of the Bible. Each session involves informal discussion of what the Bible says.

**Starting Thursday 26th April
8.00 – 9.30pm**

If you'd like to know more, please contact the Parish Office

0121 472 8253 or
office@sssw.org.uk

This Week

Today

There is no 4pm or 6.30pm service

Looking Ahead

**Wed
11 Apr**

Prayer Gathering. 8-9:30pm, refreshments from 7:30pm.

**Sun
22 Apr**

Church Family Lunch. 12noon (after the morning service) Everyone welcome! Suggested donation of £2 per person

**Mon
23 Apr**

Women's book group are now reading Crazy Love by Francis Chan. All women welcome! Speak to Chris Stonehouse or Elizabeth Barry if you'd like to join us.

**Wed
25 Apr**

Annual church meeting 8.00pm, coffee from 7.30pm

**Thu
26 Apr**

The World We All Want starts, 8.00 – 9.30pm.

**Tue
1 May**

Colin (Buchanan) in concert. 5pm at St Stephen's. Tickets £4.50 for anyone over the age of 2. Tickets available online;

www.wegotickets.com/event/430783