

## This Week

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

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1 May

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

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## 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.

**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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# Good Friday

30<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
10.00am

## All-Age Celebration

**OPENING PRAYER** *led by Andy Martin*

**SONG** For God so loved the World

**CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sin, God is faithful and just; he will forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.**

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins. For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;  
All **Father forgive us, save us and help us.** For behaving just as we want to without thinking of you;

All **Father forgive us, save us and help us.** For failing you by what we do and think and say;

All **Father forgive us, save us and help us.** For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;

All **Father forgive us, save us and help us.** In your great love for us, and because Jesus died for our sins;

All **Father forgive us, save us and help us. Heavenly Father, we thank you that you forgive all who truly turn to you. May your Holy Spirit give us strength to love and serve you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**VIDEO** Bread of Heaven

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**BIBLE READING** *Amanda Martin*  
Mark 15:1-39 (page 1022)

**TALK** The greatest swap *Tom Bryant*

**SONG** How deep the Father's love for us

**PRAYERS** *Sam Allen*  
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 survey

**CLOSING PRAYER**



**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 26<sup>th</sup> April  
8.00 – 9.30pm**

If you'd like to know more, please  
contact the Parish Office  
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office@sssw.org.uk

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