

This Week

Mon
9 Jan

Women's book club are reading 'The Hiding Place' (8pm). Newcomers welcome! See Elizabeth Barry or Chris Stonehouse for more details.

Tue
10 Jan

Women's Fellowship Group, 10.00 – 11.30am. Crèche provided.

CAP prayer meeting 7.45pm at St Stephens

Wed
11 Jan

Fellowship Groups resume. See new Termcard for details.

Thu
12 Jan

Explorers (Y2-6) 6.00 – 7.00pm
Club 114 (Y7-9) 6.30 – 8.00pm

Christianity Explored Course begins.

Tue
1 Feb

Faith: Outdated or Essential?
Birmingham ICC, 7.00

– 9.30pm. Tickets on sale from the office at £10, including a meal. Pick up a flyer from the information table in the foyer.

News and Requests

Wanted: Ministry Trainees, Sep 2017-Aug 2018. Spend a year serving the church and learning gospel ministry. Details from Chris Hobbs/Parish Office.

Christopher Thornhill goes to London for his operation on 12th Jan. Please pray for safety during the anaesthetic and for a successful operation.

Winter Night Shelter at St Stephen's volunteers: thank you for volunteering, you should have received your rota. Please plan to come to the Night Shelter lunch/prayer time/training after the morning service TODAY!

Room to rent: Short term (6 month) possibility, available March, with 2 other girls. See Elly Quaintance, 07860847098, Lellybhu@hotmail.com

New **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.



ST STEPHENS AND ST WULSTANS SELLY PARK

8th January 2017

making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ

10.00am Morning Service

'Suffering: Where is God when it hurts?' *Andy Martin*

6.00pm Evening Service

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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 morning in Sunday Club we are looking at the book of Proverbs. We'll see that the Bible shapes our everyday lives. This morning we will be setting the scene by looking at 1 Kings 3:1-15. King Solomon asked God to make him wise.

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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Assistant Minister: Andy Martin

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Looking Ahead

Sat
21 Jan

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

Tue
24 Jan

PCC Meeting, 7.45 for 8.00pm.

Thu
26 Jan

CAP Money Course begins. Worried about money? A free course to help you manage your money better, learn to budget, save and spend well. Thursday evenings until 9th Feb. Contact the Office for more details.

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

Sun 8, 15, 22 Jan 2017

big
questions

10am and 6pm

Questions about God, faith,
life, Christianity, the Bible
and Jesus.

Still to come in the series:

Jan 15th - Truth:
Why should I trust the Bible?

Jan 22nd - Hypocrisy:
***How can Christians behave
so badly?***

Sermon Notes

Where is God when it hurts?

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

OPENING PRAYER *(David Twiss)*

HYMN As with gladness

SONG Light of the world

CONFESSION

O Lord our God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As we come before you now, believers and doubters alike, we all share a deep need, for we are all lost without your grace. Search us, O God, and know our hearts, test us and know our troubled thoughts. Give us true repentance. Forgive us all our wrongs. Transform us by your Spirit to live for you each day, to learn to serve each other and, through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, to come at last to heaven. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG All through history

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

PRAYERS *(Mark Checketts)*

followed by **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.

Morning Service

BIBLE READINGS *(Helen Hobbs)*

Psalm 13 (page 548)

Philippians 2:1-11 (page 1179)

Revelation 21:1-5 (page 1249)

(This is the word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God)

TALK Where is God when it hurts?

(Andy Martin)

SONG Our only hope is you

QUESTIONS

HYMN Yes, finished, the Messiah dies

Please collect your child from crèche

CLOSING PRAYER

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SONG My heart is filled with thankfulness

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INTERVAL

Evening Service

MUSIC GROUP Mine are days that God has numbered

DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

SONG How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

PRAYERS (*Tony Ball*)

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NEWS (*Andy Martin*)

HYMN God, we praise you, God we bless you

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.