



St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
Sunday 14 July 2024
Seventh Sunday after Trinity

A WARM WELCOME to St. Alphege. It's good to have you with us.

Morning readings: Amos 7.7-15, Ephesians 1.3-14 and Mark 6.14-29

8.00am Said Eucharist

President & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

9.15am All Age Holy Communion:

President: Revd Nick Parker & Preacher: Linda Hicks

Hymns:

363

756

Music led by: Junior Choristers, St Alphege Young Voices and Worship Band

Screens

Anthem: This is my body - Owens

663

Communion: setting by Paul Inwood

329

703

11.00am Choral Eucharist

Psalm 24

President & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

Hymns:

Reader(s): (OT) Carol Southworth (NT) David Sturdee

338

103

Music led by Senior Choristers and Men's Choir

83

Setting: Communion Service 'Collegium Regale' - Howells

388

Anthem: Christus factus est - Bruckner

Voluntary: Prelude in C minor BWV 546 - J S Bach

5.00pm Choral Evensong

Psalm 66

Officiant & Preacher: Stephen Linstead

Hymns:

Readings: Job 4.1:5.6-end, and Romans 15.14-29

369

Reader: Geoff Naylor

240

377

Music led by Men's Choir

Harris Responses

Canticles: Short Service - Batten

Anthem: Gloria tibi trinitas - Byrd

Voluntary: Fantasia and Toccata in D minor - Stanford

THIS WEEK -

Due to lighting work, the church is now closed daytime on weekdays until mid-September except for:

Mon 15		Church closed
Tues 16	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group in OBH
	7.30pm	Bellringers practice
Weds 17	1.10pm	Lunchtime Recital in OBH: The Lachrimae Consort
Thurs 18	9.00am	Morning Prayer (enter by choir vestry please)
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
	7.30pm	Bell Handling Session
Fri 19	9.00am	Morning Prayer (enter by choir vestry please)

BIBLE READING Amos 7.7-15

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."'

And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

BIBLE READING Ephesians 1.3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL Mark 6.14-29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

COLLECT

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Our Archbishops Justin & Stephen
Tuesday	The people of St Alphege Church
Wednesday	The staff and pupils of the schools in our parish
Thursday	Archdeacon Jenny Tomlinson
Friday	Bible Translators

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

Daisy, Clive Vernon, E and family, Richard Cann, and Ruth.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Wendy Meikle, Henry Balthazor, Stephen Foster, Jenny Williams, Evelyn Berry, Ron Herd, Dan and Ruth,
Margaret Evans, Nicola Beale, Peter, Anne Kemp, Elizabeth Kershaw, John Russell, Malcolm Owens, Ellen,
Aaliyah Adeyemo, Angela Maas, Ruth & Rae, Roger Loads, Hazel Hewlett, and Faye,.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Mary Page, Sheila Cross, and John Hunter Turner

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 21 July: Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Morning Readings: Jeremiah 23.1-6, Ephesians 2.11-end, and Mark 6.30-34, 53 - end

Services: 8.00am Said Eucharist: Revd Simon Marshall & Preacher: Suzette Maguire

9.15am The Junction in OBH

10.30am Sung Eucharist: President: Revd Sue Chandler

& Preacher: Suzette Maguire

3.30pm: Evensong: **NOTE TIME CHANGE:** Officiant & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Readings: Isaiah 25.1-9, and 2 Corinthians 1.3-7

NOTICES (send any notices to pewslip@solihullparish.org.uk by 10am on Wednesdays)

Church Lighting Works (Phase 1 of Project Turnaround) has begun. The church will be closed on weekdays daytime, except for Thursdays at 10.30am worship, and for Morning Prayer (9am Thursdays and Fridays). Church will open as usual for worship on Sundays, as well as any weddings & baptisms. We expect completion in early September. **Please contact the Parish Office if you need further information.**

Guardians: Thank you to everyone who attended the 'Drinks & Nibbles' recently on 5 July. We hope you enjoyed yourselves. Particular thanks to Ann Taylor for hosting the event. We collected £226. Many thanks.

Wednesday lunchtime recitals: in the OBH: Weds 17 July: The Lachrimae Consort. Recitals start at 1.10pm with tea/coffee and cake available from 12.30pm. Entry is free with a retiring collection held in aid of The Friends of St Alphege Music. All welcome.

Choirs Sunday, next week 21 July:

10.30am service: We will have the opportunity to celebrate the contribution of our choirs during this Eucharist, when end-of-year awards will be presented and achievements recognised.

12 noon Bring and Share lunch – everyone is warmly invited to a bring and share lunch to be held in the Oliver Bird Hall to celebrate the end of the school year, organised by the Friends of St Alphege Music. This is for old and young alike with organised games to follow. The afternoon will conclude with **Evensong starting at the earlier time of 3.30pm.**

Parish Administrator vacancy - Part time role (20hrs) We are looking for someone to join our Parish office on a part time basis as sadly Veronica Spokes will be moving on from her current post. If you wish to apply for the vacancy, information is on the Parish website. Closing date for applications is Friday 16 August 2024.

Crafty people – we need you! We are planning to host a parish poppy installation at St. Alphege Church, Solihull for Remembrance Sunday 2024, and we need as many poppies as possible! (Knitted or crocheted.) Drop off points are now available across Solihull, including boxes at the Parish Office, as well as Sainsburys and John Lewis in the town centre.

We need as many poppies as possible knitted before the end of September. Thank you to all who are already on the case! Please pass the word on. (Patterns available if needed contact Suzette: s.maguire@solihullparish.org.uk)

Shiela Cross' funeral: will be held at St Helen's on Thursday 1 August at 1.00pm. More details in next week's notices.

Volunteers Needed! We are planning to showcase different aspects of church life along with the various opportunities for taking part and volunteering. Those who coordinate an area of church ministry are invited to get in touch with the Parish Office to book a table, to plan display and publicity materials. Email: admin@solihullparish.org.uk (please put Volunteers in subject line).

Donations: To make a regular donation please contact the Stewardship Secretary, Frank Upton on 0121 705 2963. To make a one off payment, please use one of the following two methods:

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