



St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
Sunday 28 July 2024
Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

Morning Readings: 2 Kings 4.42-end, Ephesians 3.14-end, and John 6.1-21

8.00am Said Eucharist

President and Preacher: Revd Roger Chamberlain

10.30am Sung Eucharist

President: Revd Sue Chandler & Preacher: Revd Roy Murray
Reader(s): (OT) Deirdre Moll (NT) Anne Rock

Music

Setting: Mass of John the Baptist – Chris Bell
Music during communion: An die Musik – Schubert
Voluntary: Allegro Marziale – Bridge

Psalm 103

Hymns:

402

550

67

60

6 (omit*)

1.00pm Baptism

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Officiant & Preacher: Linda Hicks
Readings: Job 19.1-27a, and Hebrews 8
Reader: Sherwood Burge

Music

Voluntary: Fantasia in D minor – Stanford

Psalm 74

Hymns:

352

242

374

Prayers of the People (Intercessions): Do you have a heart for prayer and for leading God's people in prayer? Since Covid, intercessions at 10.30am and 11am have been clergy led which is not best practice. We will therefore be creating a rota of lay intercessors and ask everyone to consider if they might be called to this important ministry (for which there are plentiful resources, with training given). Please speak to a member of the clergy to express interest or for further information.

THIS WEEK -

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

Mon 29		Church closed
Tues 30	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group in OBH
	7.30pm	Bellringers practice
Weds 31		Church closed
Thurs 1	9.00am	Morning Prayer (enter by choir vestry please)
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.30pm	Wedding: Brooks/Allen
	7.30pm	Bell Handling Session
Fri 2	9.00am	Morning Prayer (enter by choir vestry please)

BIBLE READING 2 Kings 4.42-end

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left." ' He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

BIBLE READING Ephesians 3.14-end

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL John 6.1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.



Special mention for Elizabeth and Mark who renewed their wedding vows here at St Alphege Church yesterday, Saturday 27th July

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	The staff of funeral directors in our town
Tuesday	The people of St Michael's church
Wednesday	Those in prison, and their families
Thursday	Community groups which use our church premises
Friday	Staff and residents of local care homes

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

Daisy, 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, Faye, Clive Vernon.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Mary Page, Sheila Cross, John Hunter Turner, and Linda Preece.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 4 August: Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Services: 8.00am Said Eucharist: President and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

10.30am Sung Eucharist: President: Anne Haselhurst

& Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

Morning Readings: Exodus 16.2-4, 9-15, Ephesians 4.1-16, John 6.24-35

5.00 Evening Prayer: Officiant & Preacher: Revd Roy Murray

Evening Readings: Job ch 28, Hebrews 11.17-31

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.**

Sheila Cross' funeral: will be held at St Helen's on Thursday 1 August at 1.00pm. Light refreshments will be served immediately after the service and the family and close friends will go on to Robin Hood Crematorium for 3.30pm. Best wishes, Chris and Jenny Carrington

Reminder: Sunday 4 August to Sunday 25 August (incl) St Michael's will worship with St Helen's at St Helen's Church, 6 St Helens Road, Solihull B91 2DA.

Wives' Fellowship Lunch Club: Friday 2 August at 12noon. Please contact Carol Caldicott on 705 3168 for more details.

Parish Welcome – the group that helps those newly arrived in the country with their English really needs more help! We meet in the OBH on Mondays from 2.00pm to 3.30pm for conversation based on worksheets. If you enjoy chatting with people from different backgrounds who are keen to learn, this is for you! Please speak to Deirdre Moll (07751 572046) or Frances Rumball fmrumball@yahoo.co.uk or come along on a Monday to see it in action.

Afternoon Tea charity event: following on from last year's successful event, a second Tea Party in aid of Breast Cancer UK on Saturday 17 August at 2.30pm in the Oliver Bird Hall. Please come and support, and if possible bake some cakes. Last years we raised £500. Contact John Smith for more details on 07305763435 or john240454@icloud.com

Parish Administrator vacancy - We are looking for someone to join our Parish office team on an part time basis (20hrs a week) 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)

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). Event date is yet TBC, so keep a look out for updates soon.

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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A/c name: PCC Solihull
Reference: St Alphege



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