



St. Alphege Church This Week's News

Sunday 1st September 2024 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Morning Readings: James 1.17-end, Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

8.00am Said Eucharist

President and Preacher: Revd Roy Murray

10.30am Sung Eucharist

President: Revd Simon Marshall & Preacher: Revd Roy Murray

Reader(s): (NT) Paul Evans

Music

Setting: Mass of John the Baptist - Chris Bell

Music during communion: Impromptu no.3 in G flat

major- Schubert

Voluntary: Fanfare - Mathias

Psalm 91

Hymns:

747

557

605(omit v2&5)

238

1.00am Baptisms

5.00pm Congregational Evensong

Psalm 119:1-16

Officiant: Michael Smith & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

Readings: Exodus 12.21-27, Matthew 4.23-5.20

Reader: Geoff Naylor

Hymns:

63

294

243(omit v5&6)

Music

Voluntary: Sonata No.4 1st Movement - Mendelssohn

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). The expectation is that people offering this would lead once every 2-3 months. 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 2	09.00am	Morning Prayer
Tues 3	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group (in the OBH)
	7.30pm	Bellringers practice
Weds 4		Church closed
Thurs 5	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
Fri 6	9.00am	Morning Prayer (enter by choir vestry please)

BIBLE READING James 1.17-end

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and

GOSPEL Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us sure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

- Monday The Church of the Pacific
- Tuesday The Roman Catholic Church
- Wednesday Michael and Anne, our Bishops
- Thursday Our Churchwardens
- Friday The Church of South America

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

Mark Keymer, Daisy, E and family, Richard Cann, Ruth, Mary Andrew, Jonathan and Peter Sheppard

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.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

John Goodman.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 8 September : Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity -Service of Light

- Services:** 8.00am Said Eucharist: President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
- 9.15am All Age Holy Communion: President: Revd Sue Chandler & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
- 11.00am Choral Eucharist: President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Morning Readings: Isaiah 35.4-7a, James 2.1-10,14-17, Matthew 5.13-16

5.00pm Evensong: Officiant: Revd Roy Murray & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Evening Readings: Exodus 14.4-end, John 8.12-20

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

Church Lighting Works (Phase 1 of Project Turnaround) is nearing completion. 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 mid-September. **Please contact the Parish Office if you need further information.**

Heritage Open Day Saturday 14th September 10am-4pm

Join with this national initiative celebrating history and culture, offering tours of the church and bells, and refreshments. We need people to welcome at the door and to serve teas and coffees. Can you spare an hour or two? All offers of help to Pam Price: colandpam@ic24.net or 0121 704 3104.

Invitational 'Services of Light'

On Sunday 8th September we celebrate our new lighting (the completion of Project Turnaround Phase 1) with services at 8am, 9.15am, 11am, and 5pm focussed upon the Light of Christ. Alongside specially chosen readings and music we will demonstrate the capability of our new system to full dramatic effect. Please help to spread the word, extending a warm invitation to others.

Thursday 5th Sept Mothers' Union 1.30pm OBH. A talk about Troop Aid. All welcome. Lifts can be arranged, please contact Elaine 0121 705 3265

Summer combined Sunday services for St. Michael & St. Helen's congregations (10am at St. Helen's Church) Please note this has been extended to include Sunday 1st September. The 10.30am St. Michael's Eucharist resumes at Sharman's Cross Junior School from Sunday 8th.

Wives Fellowship Lunch Club: Will be held on Friday 6th September at 12 noon. Please contact Carol Caldicott on 0121 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

Poppy Drop-off Points

Knitted or crocheted poppies for the installation at St. Alphege Church, for Remembrance Sunday can be dropped off at the following locations:-

Solihull Parish Office- Oliver Bird Hall, Listers/Audi, The Greville Arms, Arena Hair and Beauty and John Lewis

Churchyard tidy up session -Sat 31 August - 1000 - 1300hrs. Can you help, if only for an hour? Tasks suitable for all ages. Everybody welcome, including children. Refreshments provided.

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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Sort code:	30-97-78
Account:	00206323
A/c name:	PCC Solihull
Reference:	St Alphege



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