



St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
Sunday 8th September 2024
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
Service of Light

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

Morning Readings: Isaiah 35.4-7a, James 2.1-10, 14-17, Mark 7.24-end

8.00am Said Eucharist

President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

9:15am All Age Holy Communion

President: Revd Sue Chandler & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Reader: (NT) Susan Gomm

Hymns:

266

Screens

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Music led by Junior Choristers, Young Voices and Worship Band

Anthem: Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us

401

416

11.00am Choral Eucharist

Psalm 146

President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Reader(s): (OT) Sally Herd, (NT) Carol Southworth

Hymns:

234 (t2)

339

Music led by Senior Choristers and Men's Choir

Setting: Missa Octo Vocum - Hassler

Anthem: Thou wilt keep him - SS Wesley

Voluntary: Fantaisie in Eb - Saint-Saëns

376

466

5.00pm Choral Evensong

Psalm

119.41-56

Officiant: Revd Roy Murray & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Readings: Exodus 14.5-end, Matthew 6.1-18

Reader: Ann Taylor

Hymns:

494

466

244

Music led by Men's Choir

Condon Responses

Canticles: Evening Service in G - Sumsion

Anthem: Hear the voice and prayer - Tallis

Voluntary: Postlude in D - Dyson

THIS WEEK

Mon 9	09.00am	Morning Prayer (enter by choir vestry please)
Tues 10	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group (in the OBH)
	7.30pm	Bellringers practice
Weds 11	9.15am	St Alphege School Federation Service
Thurs 12	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
Fri 13	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Sat 14	10:00	Heritage Day

BIBLE READING Isaiah 35.4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

BIBLE READING James 2.1-10,14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

GOSPEL Mark 7.24-end

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

- Monday The Society of the Holy Cross
- Tuesday Nick and all the parish clergy
- Wednesday Our Deputy Wardens
- Thursday The work of our DCC's
- Friday The Orthodox Churches

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

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

Stella Wright, Denise Biddle, Revd Steve Burch and Kathy Burch

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 15th September : Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Services: 8.00am Said Eucharist: President & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall
 9.15am The Junction - Oliver Bird Hall
 10.30am Sung Eucharist: President: Revd Roy Murray & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

Morning Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a, James 3.1-12, Mark 8.27-end
 5.00pm Evensong: Officiant: Revd Nick Parker & Preacher: Revd Sue Chandler

Evening Readings: Exodus 18.13-26, Matthew 7.1-14

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

Refreshments are available this morning after the 9.15am service in the OBH and 11am service at the back of the church. All welcome.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - St Michael's is hosting a coffee morning on Friday 27th Sept from 10am until 12 noon in St Michael's Chapel, Bryanston Road B91 1BS. All are welcome.

Wednesday lunchtime recitals will resume on 18th September: 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.

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

We 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.

Bible Study Group, Sat 14 September - This month's **bible study group** (1030 - 1130) will be held in Room 5 of the OBH rather than the Church due to the National Heritage Open Day scheme which St Alphege is taking part in this year. This group meets on the 2nd Saturday monthly through out the year. Numbers have been growing and everybody is welcome.

Service of Thanksgiving for the late John Goodman - 23rd September, 11am, St Alphege Church. Following on at Copt Heath Golf Club, 1220 Warwick Road, Solihull B93 9LN. All friends of John are welcome.

Church Lighting Works

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.

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**

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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Reference:	St Alphege



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