



St. Alphege Church
Sunday 1st December 2024
The First Sunday of Advent

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

Morning Readings: Jeremiah 33.14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end, Luke 21.25-36

8.00am Said Eucharist

President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

9.15am The Junction - Oliver Bird Hall

10.30am Sung Eucharist

President: Revd Roy Murray & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
Reader(s): David Sturdee (OT) Mike Rumball (NT)

Psalm

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Music led by Junior Choristers, Senior Boys' and Men's Choirs
Setting: Communion Service in *Bb* - Stanford
Anthem: People look East - Farjeon, arr. Shaw
Voluntary: Veni ad Salvandum nos - Liam Condon

Hymns:

469

401

Screens

270

5.00pm Advent Carols

Officiant: Revd Nick Parker
Readings: See order of service

Music led by Senior Choristers, Ladies' and Men's Choirs
Anthems: Matin responsory - Palestrina; People look East - arr. Shaw;
Gaudete omnes - H Praetorius; O radiant dawn - James Macmillan;
Magnificat from Gloucester Service - Howells;
E'en so Lord Jesus - Paul Manz
Voluntary: Toccata in G - Dubois

Carols:

(See order
of service)

**St Alphege Church is open from 10.00am to 3.00pm on
Weekdays & 10.00am to 12.00pm on Saturdays**

THIS WEEK

Mon 2	09.00am	Morning Prayer (enter via choir vestry please)
Tues 3	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group (in the OBH)
	7.30pm	Bellringers practice
Weds 4	1.10pm	Lunchtime recital - Alessandra Scalzone (flute)
Thurs 5	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
Fri 6	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	2.00pm	Interment of ashes
Sat 7	11.30am	Interment of ashes

BIBLE READING Jeremiah 33.14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

BIBLE READING 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

GOSPEL Luke 21.25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

COLLECT

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Staff and residents of local care homes
Tuesday	Volunteer carers in the community
Wednesday	The Marie Curie hospice community
Thursday	Those who help care for our church buildings
Friday	Those working with children in our churches

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

Daisy, Mary, Andrew, Jonathan, Peter Sheppard, Kerrie, Hilary Thurlow, and David Porter.

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, Ruth & Rae, Roger Loads, and Hazel Hewlett.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Jillian Hecht, and Laurence Lane.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 8th December: The second Sunday of Advent

Services: 8.00am - Said Eucharist: President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
9.15am - All Age Christingle Service at St Alphege
11.00am - Choral Eucharist: President: The Ven Paul Taylor & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Morning Readings: Malachi 3.1-4, Philippians 1.3-11, Luke 3.1-6
5.00pm Evensong: Officiant & Preacher: Stephen Linstead

Evening Readings: Isaiah 40.1-11, Luke 1.1-25

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

Advent Charity Collections: This Sunday there will be a retiring collection for the work of Solihull Churches Action on Homelessness (SCAH).

Please give generously.

Church Opening. St Alphege Church is open to the public every weekday from 10am to 3pm and Saturday mornings from 10am to 12 noon. We are still looking for volunteers who can spare an hour or two every so often to act as welcomers. Can you help us out? Please contact Pam Price colandpam@ic24.net.

Project Turnaround: The plans are on display at the back of church and can be downloaded from the parish website. Everyone is encouraged to give feedback. What do you like, and is there anything you are less keen on? Please email turnaround@solihullparish.org.uk

Wednesday lunchtime recital - 4th December - Alessandra Scalzone (flute) and Stephen Pemins (piano). 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.

Advent literature. If you have a spare copy of Journeying through Advent Book, which you could donate, please could you leave it at the Parish Office. Thank you.

Advent books, calendars and candles are available to purchase from the Bookstall as well as Parish Christmas cards.

Toy collection - Linda Hicks is looking for donations of NEW toys and gifts to be distributed to the city's most vulnerable children and young people. (No electronic toys or toys requiring batteries) Please drop items off at the Parish office in the OBH by **Thursday 5th December**. Thank you.

MU Advent Lunch and Meditation on Thurs 5th Dec at 1.00pm in the OBH. Lunch and Meditation £10. Meditation only £3. If you would like to come, and have not already, let Elaine know by 4pm 3rd Dec on 0121 705 3265.

Christingle preparations - Could you spare an hour on **Friday 6th December** 2-3pm in the OBH, to help prepare the oranges and sweets for the St Alphege Christingle. Please e mail Linda Hicks if you can help - l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk

CANCER RESEARCH UK Carols for Life Concert -14th December in St Alphege Church at 7.00pm the choirs are giving a concert of Christmas music with Carols for audience participation. Admission is £12.00 for adults and £5.00 for children (under 5's free) and includes a glass of wine and a mince pie. Come and have a foretaste of Christmas while supporting this wonderful charity. Tickets available from John Emmett (jxemmett@gmail.com)

St Alphege School Admissions - In accordance with the School Admissions Code 2021, the Schools of St Alphege are required to consult on admissions arrangements where changes are proposed. The draft Admissions Policy for the academic year 2026-27 is available to view on our website at <https://www.stalphege.solihull.sch.uk/Parents/Admissions/> and a copy is available from the school office. **There are significant changes in the proposed policy.**

Advent appeals: This week's retiring collection is on behalf of SCAH, the local charity combating homelessness. Please give generously. You can donate in cash as you leave church, or by online banking, or via the QR code below.

To donate St Alphege, please use the contactless Giving Station by the North Door



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