

## St. Alphege Church Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 The Fourth Sunday before Advent

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

Morning Read <b>8.00am</b>	dings: Deuteronomy 6.1-9, Hebrews 9.11-14, Mark 12.28-34  Said Eucharist  President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker	
9.15am	The Junction - St Alphege Church	
10.30am	Sung Eucharist President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker Reader(s):(OT) Sally Herd (NT) Rachael Linstead	<b>Psalm</b> 119.1-8
	Music led by Junior Choristers, Senior Boys' and Men's Choirs Gloria: Creation Mass - Marty Haugen Setting: Mass of the Quiet Hour - Oldroyd Anthem: Give us the wings of faith -Bullock Voluntary: Litanies - Alain	Hymns: 201 474 452 11
5.00pm	Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration Officiants: Revd Nick Parker & Revd Simon Marshall	
	Readings: Revelation 7.9-end, Matthews 5.1-12 Reader:Ann Taylor	<b>Hymns:</b> 410 499
	Music led by Senior Girls', Ladies', and Men's Choirs Anthems: In my father's House - Phillip Stopford In Paradisum - Faure The Lord is my Shepherd - Howard Goodall Voluntary: Solemn Melody - Walford Davies	624

# St Alphege Church is now open 10.00am to 3.00pm on Weekdays & 10.00am to 12.00pm on Saturdays

#### **THIS WEEK**

Mon 4	09.00am	Morning Prayer (enter via choir vestry please)
Tues 5	10.00am 7.30pm	St Alphege Prayer Group (in the OBH) Bellringers Practice
Weds 6	1.10pm	Lunchtime recital -Gen Li, cello and Yin Yu (piano)
Thurs 7	9.00am 10.30am 1.00pm	Morning Prayer Said Eucharist Interment of ashes
Fri 8	9.00am	Morning Prayer

#### **BIBLE READING** Deuteronomy 6.1-9

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

#### **BIBLE READING** Hebrews 9.11-14

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

#### **GOSPEL** Mark 12.28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

#### COLLECT

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; 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 of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday The staff of St Alphege schools

Tuesday Rev Sue Chandler and her work in the parish

Wednesday Those in prison and their families

Thursday Bishop Michael

Friday Those suffering for their faith

#### PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

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

#### **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

Patricia Floyd, and Charles Brown.

## **NEXT WEEK: Sunday 10th November: Remembrance Sunday**

Services: 8.00am - Said Eucharist: President & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

9.15am - All Age Holy Communion

10.45am - Civic Act of Remembrance- War Memorial

11.00am - Remembrance Service: President: Revd Nick Parker & Preacher: Paul

Day

Morning Readings: Micah 4.1-5, John 15.9-17

5.00pm Evensong: Officiant: Revd Roy Murray & Preacher: Revd Sue Chandler

Evening Readings: Isaiah 10.33 - 11.9, John 14.23-29

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

**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** - 6<sup>h</sup> November -Gen Li, Cello and Yin Yu (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.

**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.

**Great Churchyard Tidy up**, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November-. From 10am-1pm to collect leaves up, suitable for all ages including children, followed by refreshments. For more details please call 0121 711 1726.

**Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration** - Sunday 3rd November at 5pm - If you are attending this service and would like to add names of family members you wish to be remembered, sign-up sheets are available in church.

### **Community Tree Planting Day** – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – 11.30am

The National Woodland Trust have donated 105 tree saplings to the parish which will be planted around the current forest school site and the main hall of the OBH. We are hosting a community tree planting event as above with tea and cakes provided. To register your interest, please contact Ben at Chair@stalphege-preschool.org.uk. We hope to see you there!"

**A Souls of our Shoes exhibition** will be available to visit in St. Alphege during church opening hours from Sunday 17th until Sunday 24th November. The exhibit is a Mothers' Union initiative to shine a spotlight on the voices of those who have walked away from domestic abuse and those who walk the journey with them. The exhibit, curated by St. Alphege MU, is now 'on tour', having been launched at St. Martin's in the Bullring earlier this year. Shoes have been donated by Solihull Parish and then paired with quotes from survivors of domestic abuse, giving an insight into their experiences and pathway to recovery.

For more details on the initiative, please visit the MU website using the following link: <a href="https://www.mothersunion.org/news/souls-our-shoes">www.mothersunion.org/news/souls-our-shoes</a>

**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 two methods below: -

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