



St. Alphege Church

This Week's News

24 December 2024

Christmas Eve

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

3.00pm	Christmas Eve - Crib Services	Hymns:
and	President: Revd Nick Parker & Preacher: Revd Sue Chandler	497
4.15pm	<u>Music led by Junior Choristers and Worship Band</u>	506
		53
		580
		574
		screens
11:30pm	Midnight Mass	Psalm:
	President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker	98
	Readings: Isaiah 9.2-7, Titus 2.11-14, Luke 2.8-20	
	<u>Music led by Senior Choristers, Ladies'and Men's Choirs</u>	Hymns:
	Setting: Coronation Mass - Mozart	See
	Anthems: A Spotless Rose - Howells; Sing Lullaby - Trad.	screens/booklet
	Basque, arr. C M Thomas	
	Voluntary: Dieu parmi nous - Messiaen	

Christmas Day morning: Monday 25 December - Services across the Parish

St Alphege:

Readings: Isaiah 9.2-7, Titus 2.11-14, Luke 2.1-14

8.00am	Said Eucharist, President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
10.30am	Sung Eucharist, President & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall
10.00am	St Helen's (with St Michael's joining):
	Holy Communion, President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Church is closed on other days, next open on Sunday 29 December

BIBLE READING - Isaiah 9.2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

BIBLE READING - Titus 2.11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

GOSPEL - Luke 2.1-20 (8-20)

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

8 In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

COLLECT

Eternal God,
who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;
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

God our Father,
in this night you have made known to us again
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him
until the day dawns
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday Those who are far from their families and friends
Tuesday Chris Thomas Director of Music at St Alphege and the St Alphege Choirs
Wednesday That the worldwide Church may celebrate this day with joy and goodwill
Thursday The work of Solihull Churches Action on Homelessness
Friday Those who live alone

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

Michael Weale, Ella, Daisy, Mary, Andrew, Jonathan, Peter Sheppard, Kerrie, Hilary Thurlow, Rachael Myall, 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, Angela Hillman and Mike Parsons.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 29th December - The First Sunday of Christmas

Services: 8.00am - Said Eucharist: President & Preacher: Revd Roy Murray
 10.30am - Sung Eucharist: President: Revd Anne Haselhurst & Preacher: Revd Roy Murray
Morning Readings: 1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26, Colossians 3.12-17, Luke 2.41-end
 5.00pm Evening Prayer
Evening Readings: Isaiah ch 61, Luke 2.15-21

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

A note from Fr Nick: A very big THANK YOU to all who've worked hard this Advent supporting the many extra services and invitational events – particularly those working behind the scenes in ways that are sometime unnoticed and often unheralded. It has been wonderful to welcome many people of all ages into the church, with our prayer that they'd know God's love, feel God's welcome, and experience the HOPE, JOY, and PEACE that this season brings. I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas, that you would similarly be blessed by our coming Saviour.

Church Opening – Christmas Arrangements

The church will be closed after the service on Christmas morning and reopen on Thursday 2nd January (usual timings, 10am-3pm). Thanks to all who have given their time to host visitors this Autumn and wishing you a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

The Parish Office - Christmas/New Year opening hours -

The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday 24th December until 9.00am on Monday 30th December.

Advent and Christmas services and events across the parish - Leaflets are available in church, detailing services and events parish-wide.

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 - No recital on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Recitals will resume after the Christmas break on Wednesday 8th January.

New Year Service - change to published details.



New Year's Day Service: Wednesday 1st January 10.30am
Our parish Eucharist with candle lighting as we pray in the New Year is being held at St. Helen's Church, St. Helen's Road, B91 2DA.
Refreshments afterwards. There is ample car parking.

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:

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



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