



St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
11th August 2019
Trinity 8

A WARM WELCOME to St. Alphege. It's good to have you with us.
Do join us for tea, coffee or squash at 10.15am.

TODAY

8.00am Said Eucharist

President & Preacher: Revd John Bradford

9.15am Parish Eucharist

President & Preacher: Revd Dr Sam Gibson

Reader: Lesley Day

Prayers: George Mullis

Offertory: Church & Churchyard

Voluntary: Fuga (Sonata II) - Mendelssohn

Hymns
Screens
740
336
455
403

10.15am Coffee Squash in the Oliver Bird Hall

11.00am Sung Eucharist

President & Preacher: Revd Dr Sam Gibson

1st Reader: David Sturdee

2nd Reader: Frances Rumball

Voluntary: Prelude in B minor, BWV 544 - J S Bach

Hymns
Leaflet
Ps 33
v 12-21
376
381
Leaflet

1.00pm Baptisms

Revd Helen Greenham baptises Ernie Bennett, Harry Grigg, Myla Twist, Theo Duffy

6.30pm Congregational Evensong

Officiant & Preacher: Stephen Linstead

NT Reader: Malcolm Owens

OT - Isaiah 11. 10-12.end

NT - Mark 7. 24-30

Voluntary: Fugue in B minor, BWV 544 - J S Bach

Hymns
243
Ps 108
Leaflet
360

THIS WEEK

Tues 13 9.30am Eucharist in St Antony's Chapel

10.00am Prayer Group in Upper Chapel

Wed 14 10.00am Eucharist at St Michael's Chapel, Bryanston Road

Thur 15 10.30am Eucharist in the Nave

Sat 17 12.30pm Wedding of Thomas Wood and Gemma Quinton

COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

NEXT SUNDAY

Readings: Morning: Jeremiah 23. 23-29, Hebrews 11. 29-12.2, Luke 12. 49-56 Evening: Isaiah 28. 9-22, Matthew 20. 1-16

8am,9.15am & 11am President & Preacher: Revd Jane Kenchington, 6.30pm Nick Partridge

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Andrew and John, Assisting Priests at St Alphege
Tuesday	Our own spiritual lives and growth in Christ
Wednesday	Survivors of concentration camps and their families
Thursday	Renewed hope in the resurrection life
Friday	The Parish 20's and 30's group
Saturday	Welcoming teams and servers in our churches

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

Michael Gates, Mandy, Rashi Somal, Sarah, Michael, George Hutchinson, Margaret Evans, Jean Williams, Martin H, , Revd Anthony Rees

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Joulios, Richard Harmon, Ann Roberts, Martin Pashley, Gill Jones, Diana Mitchell, Henry Balthazor, Maureen Tallis, Louise Butt, Stephen Foster, Jenny Williams, Jonathan Mark, Stephen John

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Nicholas Johnson, Adrian Wort

BIBLE READING - Genesis 15. 1-6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

BIBLE READING - Hebrews 11. 1-3, 8-16

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

GOSPEL - Luke 12. 32-40

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25th August, 10.30am - the 9.15 and 11am service will be combined into one.

4th September, 1.10pm Lunchtime Recital - James and Alex Woodrow (violin/piano). Refreshments from 12.30pm, all welcome.

8th September, 9.15am - All Age Service

NOTICES

Parking permits - Regular worshippers parking permits are up for renewal from September 2019. These are available to purchase at the Parish Office. £10 per permit.

Recruiting news, we are currently seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and highly competent Director of Operations. An understanding of church life and organisation is vital. Job advert and application form available to download from our Parish website at: www.solihullparish.org.uk Closing date is Friday 30th August.

Nicholas Johnsons funeral - Thursday 15th August, 11am at St. Albans Church, Highgate, Conybere Street, Birmingham, B12 0YH

Raffle sale for Cancer Research - Our office administrator Lilley is selling raffle tickets, prizes include hampers from Tesco's, Morrison's and Pets at Home, vouchers for restaurants and Touchwood shops, 4 x tickets to a Wasps game and lots more! £2 each or £5 for 3, all proceeds to Cancer Research UK. Contact the Parish Office to purchase!

3D Course 2019-20. This year, a 3D group (Diocesan Course for Developing Disciples) is meeting on Fridays at St. Michael's Chapel; there are also evening options across the Diocese. Several St. Alphege members attended this year's course in our parish and benefited from it. It is a 30-week year-round course, looking at Old and New Testaments and topics in Christian life. If you'd like to know more or sign up to 3D ask Jane/Sam

Wednesday Lunchtime Recitals - Thank you everyone who supports the Recital series. Recitals will resume on 4th September.

Urgent weeding needed outside on OBH garden and gardens outside St. Alphege Close, if you would like to volunteer contact Christine Horswill on 0121 711 4918

Safeguarding Basic Awareness Training OBH Room 1 All our volunteers are encouraged to do this training but others who are interested are also welcome. This can also be done online but if you would prefer to do it with a group of people please come along. Dates planned Thu 15th Aug at 10.30am and Tue 27th Aug at 7.45pm. Book by contacting Viv Dobson vhdobson@gmail.com or at the Parish Office.

Car park safety - Unfortunately on Sun 4th Aug there was a near miss in the OBH car park due to a driver not adhering to the 5 mph speed limit and also driving in the wrong direction! Please can we remind everyone of the importance of complying to the car park rules for the safety of all - Thank you.

A service for the life of Michael Green will be held at Coventry Cathedral at 11am Sat 7th Sept. All are welcome and we shall continue to pray for Rosemary and the family.

Growing Disciples, Building Community, Transforming Lives

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