



St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
Sunday 18th August 2019
Trinity 9

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 Jane Kenchington	
9.15am	Parish Eucharist	Hymns
	President & Preacher: Revd Jane Kenchington	51
	Reader: Pam Price	444
	Prayers: Dr Peter Rock	524
	Offertory: Ron & Santie Wheeler & Friends	72
		80
	Voluntary: Praeambulium in F - Lübeck	607
		754
10.15am	Coffee Squash in the Oliver Bird Hall	
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Hymns
	President & Preacher: Revd Jane Kenchington	Leaflet
	1st Reader: John Emmett	363
	2nd Reader: George Mullis	Ps 82
	Voluntary: Praeludium in C Bux WV 137 - Buxtehude	15
		225
		484
		167
1.00pm	Baptism	
	Revd John Bradford baptises Elijah Shone, Lewis and Thea Ballard	
6.30pm	Congregational Evensong	Hymns
	Officiant & Preacher: Nick Partridge	258
	NT Reader: Philp Tew	Ps 119
	OT: Isaiah 28. 9-22	366
	NT: Matthew 20. 1-16	490
	Voluntary: Allabreve BWV 589 - J S Bach	

THIS WEEK

Tues 20 9.30am Eucharist in St Antony's Chapel.
10.00am Prayer Group in upper Chapel
Wed 21 10.00am Eucharist at St Michael's Chapel, Bryanston Road.
Thur 22 10.30am Eucharist in the Nave
Fri 23 11.00am Funeral of Adrian Wort

Next Sunday 25th - Combined service at 10.30am instead of 9.15am and 11am service (8am service as usual)
No 9.15am or 11 am service

COLLECT

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY

Readings: Morning: Isaiah 58. 9b - end, Hebrews 12. 18 - end, Luke 13. 10-17. Evening: Isaiah 30. 8-21, Matthew 31. 28-32

8am President & Preacher: Revd John Bradford, 10.30am President & Preacher Revd Jane Kenchington, 6.30pm Congregational Evensong Stephen Linstead.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Linda and Sue, Children's Workers in our parish
Tuesday	The parish Men's Group, for continued growth
Wednesday	The work of food banks and their customers
Thursday	Joe and the Youth Team in our parish
Friday	The lonely or isolated
Saturday	Weekday guides and volunteers in church

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

Mandy, Rashi Somal, Sarah, Michael, George Hutchinson, Margaret Evans, Jean Williams, Martin H, Barbara Abbott, Ellie Mitchell, Verity Munslow, Hilary Soper

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

Adrian Wort, Kenneth Mitchell, Revd Anthony Rees.

BIBLE READING Jeremiah 23. 23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

BIBLE READING Hebrews 11. 29 - 12. 2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

GOSPEL Luke 12. 49-56

'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August

Sun 25th , Combined 10.30am Service. There will be no 9.15am and 11am service. Instead there will be a combined Eucharist at 10.30am with drinks and nibbles afterwards at the back of church. 8am service as usual.

September

Wed 4th, 1.10pm Lunchtime Recital - James and Alex Woodrow (violin/piano).

Refreshments from 12.30pm, all welcome.

Sat 7th, 10.00am - 1pm, Third churchyard tidy up session - can you spare an hour please? Details: Michael Rumball 0121 711 1726

Sun 8th, 9.15am - All Age Service returns after the summer break!

Fri 20th, 7.30pm - A free event hosted by the Women's Theology Group. Women and men are welcomed to this one-off event, looking closely at Genesis 2-3. Refreshment will be available. For more information please contact Charlotte Gibson.

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.

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. Tue 27th Aug at 7.45pm. Book by contacting Viv Dobson vhdobson@gmail.com or at the Parish Office.

Growing Disciples, Building Community, Transforming Lives

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