



St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
17th November 2019
2nd Sunday before Advent

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 The Junction in the Oliver Bird Hall

Gems (to 4yrs with parents), Pebbles (4-7) & Rock Solid (7-11)

9.15am Parish Eucharist

President Revd Jane Kenchington Preacher Charlotte Gibson

Reader Carol Caldicott

Prayers Dr Peter Rock

Offertory Fran & Andy Halstead & friends

Music led by St Alphege Singers

Anthem: Benedictus Jenkins

Voluntary: Allegro in F CPE Bach

10.15am Coffee Squash in the Oliver Bird Hall

11.00am Choral Eucharist

President Revd Dr Sam Gibson Preacher Charlotte Gibson

1st Reader Alan Kirkby 2nd Reader John Emmett

Music led by the Girls' and Men's Choir

Setting: Mass in G Schubert

Anthem: Insanae et vanae curae Haydn

Voluntary: March on a Theme by Handel Guilmant

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Officiant & Preacher Revd Simon Marshall

NT Reader Ann Taylor

OT - Daniel 6

NT - Matthew 13. 1-9, 18-23

Music led by the Boys' and Men's Choir

Responses Rose

Canticles: Evening Service in D Dyson

Anthem: Save us, O Lord Bairstow

Voluntary: Fantasia in A Alan Gray

Hymns

22

251

170

599

72

683

Hymns

452

Ps 98

444

Leaflet

490

Hymns

200

Ps 97

372

476

THIS WEEK

Tues 19 9.30am Eucharist in St Antony's Chapel

10.00am Prayer Group in Room 5

Wed 20 10.00am Eucharist at St Michael's Chapel, Bryanston Road

1.10pm Lunchtime Recital - Ruth Hopkins (soprano)

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Thur 21 10.30am Eucharist in the Nave

COLLECT

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

NEXT SUNDAY

Readings: Jeremiah 23. 1-6, Colossians 1. 11-20, Luke 23. 33-43

8am & 9.15am President & Preacher Revd Dr Sam Gibson, 11am President & Preacher Canon Andrew Hutchinson, 6.30pm Choral Evensong Linda Hicks.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Franciscan communities and members
Tuesday	Those exploring religious vocations
Wednesday	The work of the Police Service
Thursday	Those caring for a family member who is ill
Friday	Musicians, singers and choirs of our parish
Saturday	Our Archdeacon, Simon

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

Rashi Somal, Sarah, Michael, George Hutchinson, Margaret Evans, Jean Williams, Martin H, Mandy, Barbara Abbott, Ellie Mitchell, Verity Munslow, Kate, Joy, Ruth, Alec Powell, Margaret & Colin James, Helen Greenham, Valerie Powell, Lydia Hunt, Irene Williams, Ann Roberts, Derek Owen.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Richard Harmon, Martin Pashley, Diana Mitchell, Henry Balthazor, Louise Butt, Stephen Foster, Jenny Williams, Jonathan Mark, Stephen John.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Mary Ralph, Tony Phillips.

BIBLE READING Malachi 4. 1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

BIBLE READING 2 Thessalonians 3. 6-13

We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we

worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

GOSPEL Luke 21. 5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

NOTICES

Sparkhill Food Bank would like following items: Ryvitas, small bags of sugar and tins of meat soup, instant mash, dried milk. Warm school tights for girls, 3 warm hats for 3 cold ladies, please : men's shoes or trainers size 9, hair shampoo, picture books for preschool children, clean double duvet covers. Nappies sizes 2 and 6, small boxes of washing powder. Thank you.

Bag a Book this Christmas! This year we will be supporting the Children's Storehouse Christmas campaign (part of the Jubilee Solihull Community Trust). Each year the aim is to clothe 500 children in need and they love to give extras like toys and books. This year they would love our support to help make this happen by collecting lots of books for children and young people of all ages. Please support this campaign by bringing a book or a set of books to the Junction or the St. Alphege Church Building on either the 17th or 24th November.

Pioneer Minister: Suzette Maguire will be licensed by Bishop Anne on Tuesday 26 November at 7.30pm in St Alphege Church. PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO COME TO THIS SERVICE TO WELCOME SUZETTE.

Alex Woodrow has been appointed Director of Music at Leeds Minster, a post which he will take up in February 2020, subject to DBS clearance. Alex has played organ for us at St Alphege since February 2017, initially in a deputising role, and has been an amazing part of the music department. He is a highly-skilled organist and a fantastic choir trainer, and we have benefited from his accompanying skills and the wealth of knowledge he shares with the boys and girls when taking rehearsals. We will miss him greatly and we wish him well in his new role. His last Sunday at St Alphege will be Sunday 9th February.

Host UK arranges one day and weekend visits for International students all year round with three-night visits during the Festive season. Such hospitality is greatly sought after and valued by students far from home whose only alternative may be a lonely hall of residence. If you should like to know more, please go to our website www.hostuk.org or leave us a message on <http://visits.hostuk.org/Public/ApplyToBecomeAHost>.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November

Wed 20th, 1.10pm - St Alphege Church, Lunchtime Recital, Ruth Hopkins (soprano). Ruth is currently artist in residence for the National Trust at The Firs - Elgar's Birthplace Museum, where she is exploring the importance of music and landscape on creativity and wellbeing. This recital explores the links between music and mental health, and features music by Edward Elgar, Ivor Gurney, Henry Purcell and John Dowland.

Sat 23rd, 11 - 2.30pm, St Helen's Christmas Fayre. We require donations of new or good condition items for the follow stalls over the next few weeks: raffle prizes, tombola, chocolate tombola, books, puzzles, crafts. Home made cakes can be brought to the Fayre on the day. Any queries speak to Phil, Vicci, Paula or Jean. Thank you for your support.

Wed 27th - No Lunchtime Recital

Thurs 28th, 7.30pm, Solihull Methodist Church, Restore. Solihull welcome warmly invites our volunteers to an evening about the work of Restore. Jeremy Thompson will talk about their work amongst refugees and asylum seekers. If you like to attend please contact Wendy on john.wendy.bradley@virginmedia.com.

Fri 29th, 6.30pm – Carols for Birmingham Children's Hospital – carol concert to raise money for the hospital and the Friends of St Alphege Music featuring our own church choirs and St Alphege CE Junior School Songsquad. Tickets £5 for adults on the door, free for children.

December

Sun 1st, 3.00pm, Mell Square Crib Service. Please join us in Mell Square, Solihull for the Churches Together Blessing of the Crib and Carols. The service will last for about half an hour. All are welcome.

Fri 6th, 2.00-3.00pm, OBH, Christingle preparations - could you spare an hour to help prepare the oranges for the St Alphege Christingle. Bring a cordless drill if you have one. We were short of help last year so please do help if you can - Linda Hicks 270 7390 or l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk

Fri 6th, 6.30pm, Solihull United Reformed Church, Solihull Christmas Carol Concert. Solihull Hospital Charity - live music, festive food and drink. Adult tickets £10, NHS staff tickets £7. Buy tickets from www.hospitalcharity.org/events.

NOTICES

Bookstall. In addition to the Parish Christmas card there is an expanded range of Art Angels greetings cards.

A new Honorary Canon and a new Lay Canon of Birmingham Cathedral. Jane Kenchington and Andy Halstead received a very pleasant surprise recently when they each received a letter from Bishop David inviting them to be an Honorary Canon (Jane) and a Lay Canon (Andy) of Birmingham Cathedral. Lay Canons and Honorary Canons are "Non Residentiary" – they remain in the posts they already hold and are seen as a bridge between the Cathedral and the Diocese. They will be installed at a service of Evensong in the Cathedral on **Sunday 24 November at 3.30pm**. We would love you to come and join us at that service. The cathedral does need to be told how many people are coming so they can print the correct number of Orders of Service. So If you would like to come, please contact the Parish Office on 0121 705 5350 or email: office@solihullparish.org.uk by **TUESDAY 19 November**. Thank you.

New Cookbook. As part of the 800th Anniversary celebrations, a new edition of the parish Cookbook is being prepared. We want lots of new recipes – savouries and sweets, traditional and international - which are family favourites of yours. They need to have a list of ingredients, and the method of preparation and cooking, and the number it serves. Please send them, preferably by email, to the Parish Office (office@solihullparish.org.uk) or to Susan Leach (esleach@blueyonder.co.uk) in the next few weeks.

Thank you - Darcy Humphries, head chorister of the girls' choir, recently fund raised for her volunteering trip to Ecuador to participate in charity project. Your generosity in sponsoring toy bricks for children was amazing. She will be back again at coffee/squash on 24th November.