



**St. Alphege Church**  
**This Week's News**  
**24th November 2019**  
**Christ the King**

**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 Retiring collection for Northdoor flower beds**

**8.00am Said Eucharist**

President & Preacher Revd Dr Sam Gibson

**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 & Preacher Revd Dr Sam Gibson

Reader Pat Marshall

Prayers George Mullis Offertory Mothers' Union

Music led by the Girls' & Junior Men Choir

Anthem: Let all the World Vaughan Williams

Voluntary: Toccata Boellmann

**Hymns**

**355**

**445**

**255**

**768**

**138**

**48**

**Omit**

**v 2-4**

**10.15am Coffee Squash in the Oliver Bird Hall**

**11.00am Choral Eucharist**

President & Preacher Canon Andrew Hutchinson

1st Reader George Mullis 2nd Reader Avril Welch

Music led by Blythe Scholars

Setting: Missa «O Rex Gloriam» Palestrina

Anthem: Worthy is the Lamb Handel

Voluntary: Alleluys Simon Preston

**Hymns**

**352**

**Ps 46**

**443**

**439**

**338**

**Omit**

**V 2-4**

**6.30pm Choral Evensong**

Officiant & Preacher Linda Hicks

NT Reader Susan Gomm

OT - 1 Samuel 8. 4-20 NT - John 18. 33-37

Music led by the Boys' & Men's Choir

Responses Rose

Canticles: Evening Service in B flat Stanford

Anthem: Jubilate Deo in B flat Stanford

Te Deum in B flat Stanford

Voluntary: Toccata Op. 59 Stanford

**Hymns**

**332**

**Omit**

**V 2&3**

**Ps 72**

**388**

**394**

**THIS WEEK**

Tues 26 **9.00am** Eucharist in St Antony's Chapel.

10.00am Prayer Group in **Room 5**

7.30pm Licensing of Pioneer Minister Suzette Maguire

Wed 27 10.00am Eucharist at St Michael's Chapel, Bryanston Road.

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Thur 28 10.30am Eucharist in the Nave

## **COLLECT**

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

Readings: Isaiah 2. 1-5, Romans 13. 11-end, Matthew 24. 36-44

8am President & Preacher Revd Dr Sam Gibson, 9.15am & 11 am President & Preacher Revd Jane Kenchinton, 6.30pm **Advent Carol Service with Revd Jane Kenchinton**

## **THIS WEEK PRAY FOR**

Monday	Joe Cooper, Director of Music
Tuesday	Our new Pioneer Minister, Suzette Maguire
Wednesday	The work of Solihull Churches Action on Homelessness
Thursday	The work of our Parish Church Council
Friday	The Town Centre Chaplaincy
Saturday	David & Anne, our Bishops

## **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, 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**

Alec Powell, Joan Guest

## **BIBLE READING Jeremiah 23. 1-6**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.

## **BIBLE READING Colossians 1. 11-20**

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

## **GOSPEL Luke 23. 33 - 43**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

### **NOTICES**

**Hustings** - Churches Together in Central Solihull invite you to Solihull Parliamentary Constituency Hustings on Sunday 1st December, 4.00pm, OBH. Questions to be submitted by email to [beryl.mopett@virginmedia.com](mailto:beryl.mopett@virginmedia.com) or handed in at the OBH between 3.30pm and 3.45pm on the day.

**Bag a Book this Christmas!** This year we will be supporting the Children's Storehouse Christmas campaign (part of the Jubilee Solihull Community Trust). 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 24th November.

**St. Alphege C.of E. Nursery School Entry September 2020.** Applications for places in our Nursery School for September 2020 should be made directly to the Infant School Office, in person or by telephoning 0121-705-0443. Application forms should be returned to the School Office by 1st December, please. Children applying should be 3 years old (but not 4) by, or on, 31st August 2020. There are 30 places in the morning Nursery session and 30 in the afternoon session.

**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](mailto:office@solihullparish.org.uk)) or to Susan Leach ([esleach@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:esleach@blueyonder.co.uk)) in the next few weeks.

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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### November

#### **Wed 27th - No Lunchtime Recital**

**Wed 27th, 1.30pm, M.U. Knit & Natter.** Eileen's home, 59 St Gerard's Road, Solihull. All welcome.

**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.

**Wed 4th, 1.10pm - St Alphege Church, Lunchtime Recital,** Michael Lam (baritone) and Anna Ho. A recital of opera arias and Chinese art songs by Honk Kong baritone Michael CT Lam and pianist Anna Vienna Ho.

**Thurs 5th, 1.00pm, OBH, M.U. Lunch** followed by Advent Meditation at 2pm with Fr Simon. £10 or £3 for meditation only. Please let Elaine know if you are coming to lunch on 705 3265 or [elainediskin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:elainediskin@hotmail.co.uk). Lifts 705 8761/ 270 6132.

**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](mailto:l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk)

**Sat 7th, 7.30pm, Olton Friary.** Solihull Choral Society Christmas Concert with St Alphege SongSquad. Nowell! Tickets available from <http://www.solihullchoral.org.uk>.

**Sun 8th, 9.15am, St Alphege Church, All Age Christingle Service.** Please do come and join us for this special service.

**Fri 13th, 2.00pm & 7.00pm, Birmingham Town Hall,** Carol concert in aid of CLIC Sargent by Midland's Hospital Choir. Adults £12.75, Children £6.00. Tickets on line from [www.thsh.co.uk/event/carols-for-clic](http://www.thsh.co.uk/event/carols-for-clic)

## NOTICES

**A new Honorary Canon ( Jane Kenchington) and a new Lay Canon (Andy Halstead) of Birmingham Cathedral.** Lay Canons and Honorary Canons are "Non Residential" – 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.**

**Young Servers.** We are looking for junior aged children (year 3 and up) to join our team of young servers at our All Age service. There is an open training session on **Sunday 12th January, in the OBH during coffee-squash (after All Age worship),** run by Sam and Linda. Parents/guardians are asked to be present; the session lasts about 20 minutes. All are welcome to give serving a go, it is great fun and an important role in church. Any questions please email [curate@solihullparish.org.uk](mailto:curate@solihullparish.org.uk) or [l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk](mailto:l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk)

**Advent Challenge** - Luke's Gospel. We have been given the challenge by Suzette our Pioneer Minister in this month's Parish Magazine to read a chapter of Luke for each of the days starting on Advent Sunday leading up to Christmas, as our preparation for the celebration on Christmas Day. We have acquired copies of Luke's gospel in a modern translation and these are available to take either for yourself or to give as a challenge for a friend or member of your own family. Please take up the challenge and do pick up a copy of Luke's Gospel and start reading from Advent Sunday. 'Know who and why we celebrate'!!