



St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
12th January 2020
The Baptism of Christ

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 Revd Simon Marshall Preacher Gill Jones

9.15am All Age Worship with Baptism

President Revd Dr Sam Gibson

Hymns
205
324
485
495
711

10.15am Coffee Squash in the Oliver Bird Hall

11.00am Choral Eucharist

President & Preacher Revd Canon Andrew Hutchinson
1st Reader John Emmett 2nd Reader David Sturdee
Music led by the Boys' and Men's Choir
Setting: Missa a L'hora Passa Viadana
Anthem: This is the Record of John Gibbons
Voluntary: Partita on 'Bethlehem of noblest cities' Part 1
Paul Ritchie

Hymns
12
Ps 29
495
omit
v 3-4
56
omit v4
470
omit
v 4-6

1.00pm Baptism

Revd Helen Greenham baptises Teddy Butler

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Officiant Linda Hicks
NT Reader Malcolm Owens
OT - Hebrews 1. 1-12 NT - Luke 3. 15-22
Music led by the Girls' and Men's Choir
Responses Smith
Canticles: Fauxboudons Service Whitlock
Anthem: Listen Sweet Dove Ives
Voluntary: Partita on 'Bethlehem of noblest cities' Part 2
Paul Ritchie

Hymns
Leaflet
Ps 46
58
425

THIS WEEK

- Tues 14 9.30am Eucharist in St Antony's Chapel.
10.00am Prayer Group in Upper Chapel
- Wed 15 10.00am Eucharist at St Michael's Chapel, Bryanston Road.
1.10pm Lunchtime Recital - Swift Recorder Trio
6.30pm Choral Evensong
- Thur 16 10.30am **M. U. Corporate Eucharist followed by Annual General Meeting**

COLLECT

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY

Readings: Isaiah 49. 1-7, 1 Corinthians 1. 1-9, John 1. 29-42

8am President & Preacher Revd Dr Sam Gibson, 9.15am President Revd Canon Jane Kenchington, Preacher Gill Jones, 11am President Revd Dr Sam Gibson, Preacher Anne Cartwright, 6.30pm Annual Unity Service President Revd Canon Jane Kenchington, Preacher The Revd Dr Kate coleman

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	The work of SCAH
Tuesday	St Augustine's RC Church in Solihull
Wednesday	Solihull Methodist Church
Thursday	Christchurch United Reformed Church in Solihull as they await a new minister
Friday	East Wind Tabernacle Church
Saturday	Renewal Christian Centre

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

Rashi Somal, Sarah, Michael, Margaret Evans, Jean Williams, Martin H, Mandy, Barbara Abbott, Ellie Mitchell, Kate, Joy, Ruth, Margaret & Colin James, Valerie Powell, Lydia Hunt, Irene Williams, Ann Roberts, Derek Owen, Priscilla White, Mike, Lucy, Hedley, Louisa Perry, Michele, Alan

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Richard Harmon, Martin Pashley, Diana Mitchell, Henry Balthazor, Louise Butt, Stephen Foster, Jenny Williams, Jonathan Mark, Stephen John, Debbie White, Helen Greenham, George Hutchinson, Barbara Abbott

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Pauline Blow, Marguerite Smith, Lisa Browne

THOSE PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE - 2nd Reading of Banns

Benjamin James Lee & Julie Hayes

BIBLE READING Isaiah 42. 1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

BIBLE READING Acts 10.34-43

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

GOSPEL Matthew 3. 13-end

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

NOTICES

First Communion Course 2020. Welcome service on Sunday 8th March. There will be 6 preparation sessions from 4.00-5.00pm on Sunday afternoons 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th March, 26th April, 3th May. Admission to Holy Communion on 10th May. For further information or to register contact Linda Hicks email l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk.

Christmas Cards - Thomas Bragg & Sons are collecting old cards for St Giles Hospice where they will turn them into cash. For every 10,000 cards received they will plant a new tree at Temple Fields Natural Burial Ground in Solihull, last year they collected 33,000. You are welcome to drop off your cards at the Parish Office until Monday, 20th January.

St. Alphege Pre-School – invites families with children who will be 3 years old between 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021 to complete an application form. The closing date is 31st January. Applications are available from the Pre-school notice board at the Oliver Bird Hall or email manager@stalphege-preschool.org.uk for a copy.

Solihull Welcome - Asylum Seekers. As part of our 800 Kindnesses year, St Alphege is starting a collection of warm clothing to be given to needy Asylum Seekers who come weekly to sign on at the Home Office in Homer Road and to visit St Augustine's Church hall where they are given a warm welcome and free refreshments run by volunteers. Our visitors are mainly young men who sometimes have no other clothing but what they are wearing. Currently we have a need for warm coats, hats, scarves, gloves etc and men's shoes up to size 13. A black collection dustbin is available at the back of St Alphege Church next to the food banks. We hope that we can make a good collection between us. A tally will be kept so that we can see how well we did at the end of the year. Thanking you all for your past and future generosity, especially the dad who last year willingly gave us a much needed double buggy for a very grateful family. God bless. Glenda Lee

Bible Reading Fellowship Notes for January to April are ready for collection from the table by the North Door.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January

Tues 14th, 10.30am, Wives' Fellowship. Meet at Barston Golf Club for coffee followed by a walk round the lake. Lunch 12.30pm at the Golf Club. Visitors welcome. Details from Carol Caldicott - 0121 705 3168

Wed 15th, 12.30pm, United Prayer Lunch, Solihull United Reformed Church (Christ Church), 741 Warwick Road, B91 3DG. All are welcome.

Wed 15th, 1.10pm, St Alphege Church, Lunchtime Recital - Swift Recorder Trio. Their programme will range from Medieval carols, Renaissance vocal and instrumental works through to modern day with music from the UK, the Netherlands, Israel, France and Germany. Refreshments from 12.30pm. Free admission, all welcome.

Sun 19th, 6.30pm, St Alphege Church will be hosting the Annual Service launching the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We will welcome The Reverend Dr Kate Coleman to preach. A popular speaker and lecturer, Kate has gained a reputation as a pioneer, visionary and an inspiration to many, recognised as one of the 20 most influential black Christian women leaders in the UK her media contributions include the mainstream press, radio and TV. Kate is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

Wed 22nd, 1.10pm, St Alphege Church, Lunchtime Recital - Callum Alger, organ. Award-winning organist, Callum Alger, will perform a recital including works by Franck and J S Bach.- . Refreshments from 12.30pm. Free admission, all welcome.

NOTICES - continued

SOLPARISH to 70085. No cash for the collection? You can now contribute to the work of the church through your mobile phone. Just text SOLPARISH to 70085 and you will give £5-00 to church funds charged to your phone bill.

King Herod the Great. To answer the question that I was asked about King Herod the Great: he was born in 73BC and died in 4 BC. Jane K

During Lent our congregations are being offered a chance to spend some time listening to God with the help of a trained retreat leader. You stay at home, the retreat comes to you. You choose where to meet your guide. It is your retreat tailored to your situation and needs. You meet once a week for half an hour with your guide over Lent. The rest of the week you pray with the scripture passages prayerfully selected for you. If you are interested please speak to Rev Jane 07743 402229 or Gill Jones 07986 613260.

Collection for Alex Woodrow- organist. Alex has been our organist for the last 18 months plus filling vacant slots when we were advertising for an organist two years ago. Sadly for us, he has been appointed to be Director of Music at Leeds Minster and his last Sunday here will be 9 February. Alex has made an immense contribution to music at St Alphege and we will miss him greatly. If you would like to give a donation towards a farewell gift to Alex, please would you leave it in the Parish office in an envelope clearly labelled "Alex's collection" or via bank transfer 'PCC of Solihull' a/c no. 00206323, sort code 309778, please put Alex Woodrow as a reference. Thank you very much. Jane K

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.

Help - could anyone sit with an elderly couple for a couple of hours per month, so that their carer can go out? If you can help, please contact me at nurse@solihullparish.org.uk.

APS Support UK - If you have any unrequired used stamps, especially from the Christmas mail, it would be appreciated if you could donate this to APS, as they are good money earners. You can bring your stamps to the parish office.