



St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
19th January 2020
Epiphany 2

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 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 Revd Canon Jane Kenchington Preacher Gill Jones

Reader Lynn Smart

Prayers Barbara Hughes Offertory St Alphege Council

Music led by Junior Boys' and Girls'

Anthem: Panis Angelicus Franck

Voluntary: Trumpet Tune William Boyce

Hymns

108

644

368

137

740

10.15am Coffee Squash in the Oliver Bird Hall

11.00am Choral Eucharist

President Revd Dr Sam Gibson Preacher Anne Cartwright

1st Reader George Mullis 2nd Reader Michele Herbert

Music led by Senior Girls'

Setting: Missa Brevis Britten

Anthem: O Worship the Lord Wesley

Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue on a theme by Vittoria - Benjamin Britten

Hymns

55

Ps 40

v 1-12

200

294

467

1.00pm Baptism

Revd Simon Marshall baptises Thomas Bythell

6.30pm Unity Service at St Alphege

President Revd Simon Marshall & Revd Canon Jane Kenchington

Preacher The Revd Dr Kate Coleman

Music led by Boys' and Men

Anthems: Locus Iste Bruckner

Jubilate Deo Walton

Voluntary: Fugue in E flat BWV 552 'St Ann' J S Bach

Hymns

Booklet

THIS WEEK

Mon 20 11.00am Memorial service for Pauline Blow

Tues 21 9.30am Eucharist in St Antony's Chapel.

10.00am Prayer Group in Room 5

2.00pm Funeral of Marguerite Smith

Wed 22 10.00am Eucharist at St Michael's Chapel, Bryanston Road

1.10pm Lunchtime Recital - Callum Alger, organ

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Thur 23 10.30am Eucharist in the Nave

COLLECT

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY

Readings: Isaiah 9. 1-4, 1 Corinthians 1. 10-18, Matthew 4. 12-23

8am President & Preacher Revd Canon Jane Kenchington, 9.15am President & Preacher Revd Dr Sam Gibson, 11am President & Preacher Revd Canon Jane Kenchington, 6.30pm Choral Evensong Revd Simon Marshall.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Solihull Quaker Meeting
Tuesday	Jubilee Church
Wednesday	St Helen's church
Thursday	St Michael's church
Friday	Suzette Maguire
Saturday	Those preparing for baptism and confirmation

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

Rashi Somal, Sarah, Michael, Margaret Evans, Jean Williams, Mandy, Barbara Abbott, 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, Betty Wood

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, Doreen Redfearn, Leonard Cooper

THOSE PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE - 3rd Reading of Banns

Benjamin James Lee & Julie Hayes

BIBLE READING Isaiah 49. 1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the

nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

BIBLE READING 1 Corinthians 1. 1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL John 1. 29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

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.

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. Our visitors are mainly young men who sometimes have no other clothing but what they are wearing. Currently we need 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. God bless. Glenda Lee

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January

Today, 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.

Tues 21st, 7 -7.30pm, Prayer for Youth Ministry in the parish. We shall meet at 20 Thornby Avenue. Everyone is welcome to join us to pray for Joe and our young people.

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.

Wed 29th, 1.10pm, St Alphege Church, Lunchtime Recital - Loeffler Duo. Refreshments from 12.30pm. Free admission, all welcome.

February

Sat 8th, Choir trip to Tewkesbury Abbey – coach places £15, departing from St Alphege at 11.45am. Please contact Isabel if you'd like to come – email isabelbaumber@btinternet.com.

Thurs 13th, 7.00pm for 7.30pm, St Alphege Church. Lesley Smith is Margaret Thatcher. Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine. All proceeds to Solihull 800. Available from Pam Price 0121 7043104, at the door, or online <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-alphege-church-solihull>

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.

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.

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

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

Chris Horswill is looking for someone to help or even take over from her where keeping the churchyard garden tidy is concerned. She has done this as a volunteer for many years but it is starting to get too much for her. If you have any time to spare and like gardening, please have a word with Chris or with me. Chris Thorp 01212434310.

APS Support UK - used stamps wanted to generate funds for APS (Antiphospholipid Syndrome), this is a blood disorder causing blood clots. Full details can be found on website:- APS Support UK. You can bring your stamps to the parish office.

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.