



St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
9th February 2020
3rd Sunday before Lent

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 Alex Woodrow's farewell day

8.00am Said Eucharist

President & Preacher Revd Dr Sam Gibson

9.15am All Age worship - Salt and Light

President Revd Canon Jane Kenchington

Preacher Linda Hicks

Hymns
266
Screens
401
786
416

10.15am Coffee Squash in the Oliver Bird Hall

11.00am Choral Eucharist and presentation to Alex's farewell

President & Preacher Revd Dr Sam Gibson

1st Reader Alan Kirkby 2nd Reader George Mullis

Music led by the Boys' and Men's Choir

Setting: Missa Brevis Berkeley

Anthem: How Blest are They Gareth Price

Voluntary: Prelude in E minor (BWV 548) J S Bach

Hymns
494
Ps 112
v 1-9
Leaflet
302
235

1.00pm Baptism

Revd Simon Marshall baptises Benjamin Reader, Isla-Mae Byford, Lara Yates

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Officiant Linda Hicks

NT Reader Pam Price

OT - Amos 2. 4-end NT - Mark 1. 29-39

Music led by the Girls' and Men's Choir

Responses Walsh

Canticles: Evening Service in A Stanford

Anthem: Great is the Lord Elgar

Voluntary: Fugue in E minor (BWV 548) J S Bach

Hymns
243
Ps 4
378
324

THIS WEEK

Tues 11 9.30am Eucharist in St Antony's Chapel.

10.00am Prayer Group in Upper Chapel

Wed 12 10.00am Eucharist at St Michael's Chapel, Bryanston Road.

1.10pm Lunchtime Recital - Hooton Quintet

No Choral Evensong

Thur 13 10.30am Eucharist in the Nave

12.15pm Funeral of Monica Bilson

2.00pm Funeral of Joyce Hyland

There will be retiring collections for SCAH (Solihull Churches' Action on Homelessness) after all the services on Sunday 16 February.

COLLECT

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY

Readings: Genesis 1. 1-2.3, Romans 8. 18-25, Matthew 6. 25-end

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

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Charlotte Gibson, our Ordinand
Tuesday	Those who work at the Core in Solihull
Wednesday	Our Parish Wardens, Deirdre and Neil
Thursday	Those who are in hospital
Friday	Bible Translators
Saturday	Study groups in the parish

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

Rashi Somal, Sarah, Michael, Margaret Evans, Jean Williams, Mandy, Kate, Joy, Ruth, Margaret & Colin James, Valerie Powell, Lydia Hunt, Irene Williams, Ann Roberts, Derek Owen, Priscilla White, Lucy, Hedley, Louisa Perry, Michele, Alan, Sheila Pittaway

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

Doreen Davis, Monica Bilson, Margaret Lamb, Joyce Hyland, Mike Southworth, Betty Wood

THOSE PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE - 2nd Reading of Banns

Andrew Stephen Parker & Rosemary Wentworth Pitt, Gavin Mark David Williams & Sarah Louise Brown

BIBLE READINGS **Isaiah 58.1-12**

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to

break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

BIBLE READING 1 Corinthians 2. 1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

GOSPEL Matthew 5. 13-20

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

NOTICES

First Communion Course 2020. Welcome service on Sunday 1st March. There will be 6 preparation sessions from 4.00-5.00pm on Sunday afternoons 1st, 8th, 15th, and 29th March, 26th April, 3rd May. Admission to Holy Communion on 10th May. For further information or to register contact Linda Hicks email l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk.

Solihull Welcome Asylum Seekers - WOW!! What a response we had from the Junction last Sunday. We are very grateful on behalf of our visitors. For the month of February please could we have donations of SOCKS (men's, ladies, children's) also BLANKETS if anyone still has them. Many, many thanks. Blessings to you all. Allan and Glenda

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

Wed 12th, 1.10pm, St Alphege Church, Lunchtime Recital - Hooton Quintet. The Hooton Quintet performing music both old and new by Reicha and Hindemith.

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 704 3104, at the door, or online <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-alphege-church-solihull>

Wed 19th, 1.10pm, St Alphege Church, Lunchtime Recital - Mary Culloty O'Sullivan Soprano. A programme of Italian aria: O Mio Babbino Caro, Quando men Vo, and a selection of Irish Ballads and Love Songs... Perhaps Love (John Denver), When you tell me that you love me (Diana Ross), Over the Rainbow, etc

Sat 22nd, 5pm, OBH, M.U. Parish Pancake Party. Offers of cakes on the day and children's tombola prizes can be left in the Parish office or Pat's porch, 254 Whitefields Road before the day. All gratefully received. All very welcome

Sun 23rd, 1pm, Parish 20s & 30s Group Pub Lunch. Children, partners and friends very welcome. Please RSVP to Sam by 9th February (in person or by email solihullcurate@gmail.com) so we can book you in.

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.

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

800 Acts of Kindness – Kindness Cards are now available for you to record Acts of Kindness you have carried out or that you have experienced. What might you do to help reach the goal of recording at least 800 Acts of Kindness carried out in Solihull in 2020? We now have an 800 Acts of Kindness Facebook page and it's live! The link is www.facebook.com/800actsofkindness Do check out the page and like it and share it!

Could you be a Messy Church helper? Messy Church is on the second Friday of each month 4-6pm and there are lots of different ways to get involved. We particularly need help with registering and welcoming families as they arrive, setting up and clearing away, helping at craft tables, cake making. You don't need to help every month but you might want to as it's great fun! To offer to help or to find out more please contact Linda Hicks l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk or 07838 670772.

2020 Churchyard Tidy up mornings are for Saturdays 10 am - 1 pm on 21st March, 6th June, 5th September and 31st October. Tasks suitable for all ages. Details 711 1726

Fairtrade Bake Off Competition - Saturday 22nd February. In support of Solihull Fairtrade Borough Status. To see the rules and entry requirements visit www.olihull.gov.uk/fairtrade

Volunteers - One of the 800th events, 'Hear our Prayer'. We need volunteers to help on the first and second Saturday's (29th February and 7th March) in Lent between 11am and 1pm in Solihull town centre. For more information please contact Avril.j.welch@gmail.com or call her on 07801978184

SCAH Flag Day which this year is on Saturday 14th March. We would be very grateful if anyone would like to volunteer to collect for us. The person to contact if you would like to be involved is Sue Webb at sue.e.webb@btinternet.com

Tom, My eldest son is doing a sponsored monthly half marathon throughout 2020 to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK. If anyone would like to donate, the website is justgiving.com/fundraising/tom-wilson37 or give any cash to Keith Wilson or bring to the Parish Office. He has already done January's run.