



St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
16th February 2020
2nd 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 Retiring Collection for SCAH

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 Suzette Maguire

Reader Pat Marshall

Prayers George Mullis

Offertory Church & Churchyard

Hymns

6

Omit v

3, 5-6

167

54

763

778

761

499

10.15am Coffee Squash in the Oliver Bird Hall

11.00am Sung Eucharist

President Revd Canon Jane Kenchington

Preacher Suzette Maguire

1st Reader Rachael Linstead 2nd Reader Frances Rumball

Hymns

390

Ps 136

V 1-9

285

294

263

363

Omit v

4-6

Hymns

464

Ps 148

Leaflet

394

6.30pm Congregational Evensong

Officiant & Preacher Revd Simon Marshall

NT Reader Susam Gomm

OT - Proverbs 1. 1, 22-31 NT - Luke 12. 16-31

Voluntary Prière à Notre-Dame, Boëllmann

THIS WEEK

Tues 18 9.30am Eucharist in St Antony's Chapel.

10.00am Prayer Group in Upper Chapel

Wed 19 10.00am Eucharist at St Michael's Chapel, Bryanston Road.

1.10pm Lunchtime Recital - Mary Culloty O'Sullivan, Soprano.

Thur 20 10.30am Eucharist in the Nave

Fri 21 11.00am Funeral of Betty Wood

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY

Readings: Exodus 24. 12-end, 2. Peter 1. 16-end, Matthew 17. 1-9

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

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Our part in God's mission to Solihull
Tuesday	Our Archdeacon, Simon
Wednesday	Our Parish Pioneer Minister, Suzette Maguire
Thursday	Our Parish Director of Operations, Nic Duncan
Friday	Those participating in the parish Just Explore Course
Saturday	Those caring for a family member who is ill

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, Megha

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

Margaret Lamb, Mike Southworth, Betty Wood

THOSE PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE - 3rd Reading of Banns

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

BIBLE READINGS Genesis 1. 1-end & 2. 1-3

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome

of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

BIBLE READING Romans 8. 18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL Matthew 6. 25-end

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

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.

Wed 26th, 1.10pm, St Alphege Church, Lunchtime Recital - David Smith, French horn. David will perform two Mozart horn concerti, Nos. 1 in D & 3 in E flat.

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.

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.

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!

800 Year Cook Book - Susan and Philip Leach thanks everyone who sent in recipes for the Cook Book. They are now compiling it and hope to publish sometime in April.

Children's Society - Thank you, £700 was raised at the Christingle service.

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.solihull.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

Thank you for all of your warm wishes, cards and for extremely generous gifts from the congregation and choir as I move on from St Alphege to Leeds Minster. I have greatly enjoyed my three years of organ playing at St Alphege and it has been a privileged to get to know so many lovely people and to have felt very much a part of the community here. Alex Woodrow.

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.