



**St. Alphege Church  
This Week's News  
9th August 2020  
Trinity 9**



**President - Revd Sue Chandler**

**Preacher - Revd Simon Marshall**

## **COLLECT**

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **THIS WEEK PRAY FOR**

Monday	The ministry of deacons
Tuesday	The gift of true prayer
Wednesday	The Parish men's group
Thursday	Wisdom in public life
Friday	Victims of genocide and violence
Saturday	Faith in the resurrection

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

Readings: Isaiah 56. 6-8, Romans 11. 1-2a & 29-32, Matthew 15. 21-28

President & Preacher: Revd Canon Andrew Hutchinson

## **PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED (St Alphege)**

Rashi Somal, Margaret Evans, Jean Williams, Joy, Ruth, Margaret & Colin James, Valerie Powell, Irene Williams, Ann Roberts, Derek Owen, Priscilla White, Lucy, Michele, Alan, Megha, George, David Boyes, Evelyn Berry, Lee-Anne Wilson, Jane Kenchington, Linda Hicks, Shirley Vincent, Anna Mary Thomas, Helen L, Maia Vundum-Perry, Anne Lawrence, Anthony Ford, Anne Hobbs.

## **CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR**

Henry Balthazor, Stephen Foster, Jenny Williams, Jonathan Mark, Stephen John, Debbie White, Helen Greenham, George Hutchinson, Barbara Abbott, Sheila Pittaway

## **PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED (St Michael)**

Carol & Stuart; Paul Binfield; Eileen Dowe; Irene Tunnicliffe; Julie; Donna; Geoffrey Pearson; Pat Bass; Anthony Vanes; Helen; Carolyn; Angeline; Maria.

## **PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED ( 3 Churches together)**

Greta Lyons; Eric Morton; Jacqueline Mullett, Margaret Jones.

## **BIBLE READINGS 1 Kings 19.9-18**

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

## **NEW TESTAMENT Romans 10.5-15**

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

## **GOSPEL Matthew 14.22-33**

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

**All churches** - Latest information available on our website

<https://www.solihullparish.org.uk>

**This Sunday's online service** for people who aren't able to come to church so are participating from home will be available on Facebook and YouTube at **10.30am**, or you can watch it later on Sunday. There will be links on the home page of the parish website.

**Saturday 15th August** - there will be a socially distanced churchyard tidy up session from 1030 - 1200hrs to gather up old grave goods and some lime tree trimmings to make it easier for the mowing contractors to undertake their regular grass cutting. Gloves, tools and large plastic bags (which have been "untouched" for over four months!) will be supplied. Suitable for all ages. Can you help please? E-mail for details [mrumball@btinternet.com](mailto:mrumball@btinternet.com)

**Revd Dr Sam Gibson's licensing** date as Vicar of St George's Edgbaston will be Friday 4th September 2020 at 7.30pm. It is hoped that this will take place in church, but it may be via a video conferencing call, all is dependent on the situation with Covid-19 at the time.

**Jane** - If you would like to send a personal message, please direct these to Ann at: [office1@solihullparish.org.uk](mailto:office1@solihullparish.org.uk).

**Bells** - we are glad to share with you that on Saturday, 15th August, the church bells will be rung for 15 minutes at 11.00am to celebrate 75th anniversary VJ Day

**We have received** the following notification this week from Tom Bradley, External Affairs Manager at Cadent: Starting next Monday (3rd August), Cadent will be upgrading old iron gas pipes in Church Hill Road, from Manor Square (outside St Alphege Parish Church) to the Oliver Bird Hall. This work will take 3 weeks. To keep staff and motorists safe while the work is underway, temporary traffic lights will be in place. The work coincides with a temporary one-way system in Church Hill Road to allow pedestrians to social distance. Drivers are advised to leave extra time for their journeys.

**Face Masks** - We have received the following request from Catherine and Elsa-May at Age UK Solihull. Can you help? Don't forget to register it with 800 Acts of Kindness if you do! You can email Linda Hicks at [800actsofkindness@solihullparish.org.uk](mailto:800actsofkindness@solihullparish.org.uk). We'd be really grateful if anyone has a sewing machine and can make some cloth face masks, or if you could donate any material or elastic to our office at The Core so others can make some. Any materials or finished masks can be dropped off during office hours at: Age UK Solihull, Lower Ground Floor, The Core, Homer Road, Solihull, B913RG. You can park briefly at the loading bay behind the Core Theatre, then you can walk around the corner to press the buzzer for our office at the Lower Ground Floor entrance. Please leave a note with your email address / address as we hope to send out some thank you notes at some point in the future.

**The resumption of services:** The following services will now take place weekly

St Alphege Sunday 10.30am Holy Eucharist

St Helen's Sunday 10.00am Holy Eucharist, Wednesday 6.00pm Holy Eucharist

**Booking a place at St Alphege Church:** If you wish to come to a live service please contact the Parish Office by telephone on 0121 705 5350 to book a place or email [office@solihullparish.org.uk](mailto:office@solihullparish.org.uk). We will need to know the names of the people you are booking for and whether you are part of the same household/support bubble (and so you can sit together in church). Please also let us have a contact telephone number and email address. Space will be limited, for more information please read the official letter regarding re-opening from the Revd Simon Marshall, now available on the parish website at: <https://www.solihullparish.org.uk>

**If anyone subsequently falls ill of suspected Covid-19, you must immediately contact the parish on 0121 705 5350 or [office@solihullparish.org.uk](mailto:office@solihullparish.org.uk) so that others sitting near you can be notified.**

- Note 1** No one will be admitted by the Wardens if considered to be at risk.
- Note 2** Anyone attending a Service will be expected to comply with the safety procedures and practices that are in operation
- Note 3** Please arrive early to ensure ample time for all safety procedures to be carried out.
- Note 4** Everyone will be expected to bring a face covering and use the hand sanitiser that is provided.
- Note 5** Ensure Social distancing at all times
- Note 6** You will be guided to your seat
- Note 7** Households will be grouped together and 2m from any other household group
- Note 8** You will be dismissed in an orderly fashion at the conclusion of the Service
- Note 9** Please do not linger or congregate in the car park after the Service

**Booking for a St Helens' service:** There will be a service at St Helen's on Sundays at 10.00am and on Wednesdays at 6.00pm. To book for either of these services please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/sthelenseucharist> or alternately phone Beryl Mopett on 0121 705 0337 and leave a message.