



**St. Alphege Church  
This Week's News  
13th September 2020  
Trinity 14**



**President: Revd Canon Andrew Hutchinson  
Preacher: Suzette Maguire**

## **COLLECT**

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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.

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **THIS WEEK PRAY FOR**

Monday	That we may declare our faith in Christ in word and deed
Tuesday	Those suffering for their faith in Christ
Wednesday	Staff and residents of local care homes
Thursday	Spiritual Directors and Confessors
Friday	The St Alphege bell ringers
Saturday	Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

Readings: Exodus 16. 2-15, Philippians 1. 21-end, Matthew 20. 1-16  
President & Preacher: Revd Sue Chandler

## **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, David Boyes, Evelyn Berry, Lee-Anne Wilson, Jane Kenchington, 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; Jane; Helen; Carolyn; Nigel; Angeline; Maria.

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

Jacqueline Mullett, George Mullis.

## **BIBLE READINGS    Exodus 14. 19-31**

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

## **NEW TESTAMENT    Romans 14. 1-12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

## **GOSPEL Matthew 18. 21-35**

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

**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.

**In light of new Covid-19** restrictions to be implemented from Monday 14 September, the Church of England issued the following statement on Wednesday 9 September after clarification was received from the Government: We understand the new regulations around social gatherings will not apply to public worship or individual prayer in church buildings. Read the full statement at [cofe.io/COVIDRestrictions](https://cofe.io/COVIDRestrictions).

**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).

**George Mullis's** funeral on Monday 21st September at 12.15pm, St Alphege church. If you wish to attend then please contact his daughter Carol on 07435 003021.

**Saturday 31st October** - Advanced notice for your diary - The final planned Churchyard tidy up morning this year 1000 - 1300hrs will be the famous annual "great leaf gathering". Great fun for all ages especially families.

**St Alphege School** - We currently have availability in Years 2,3,5 & 6. Applications should be made via <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/admissions> and further information can be obtained from either school office. Infant School 0121 705 0443 Junior School 0121 704 2714 or from the school website <https://www.stalphege.solihull.sch.uk/>

**The PCC and our Archdeacon, Simon Heathfield,** have requested that the following statement is publicised to all church members across the Solihull Parish:

It is with deep regret that we announce the resignation of our Parish Wardens - Deirdre Moll and Neil Eaton. This has been due to difficulties they have experienced in undertaking their duties. The Bishop and Archdeacon are supporting the PCC and Parish in our transition and together with the PCC thank them both for the commitment and hard work they have carried out on behalf of the Parish. A suitable Vote of Thanks was given at a recent PCC meeting. The PCC is now engaged with the Bishop in seeking new Parish Wardens and we hope to be able to announce them soon. Any correspondence previously handled by Parish wardens should in the first instance be directed to either a member of the clergy team, or a deputy church warden who will help decide where an answer is best found. In the meantime, please pray for an early resolution.

Our Pioneer Minister Suzette Maguire would like to share the following:

### **WORLD CHILDLESS WEEK**

Stephanie Phillips is passionate about raising awareness for the childless not by choice community. In 2017, after realising that there was no national recognition of the community, she decided to start World Childless Week.

World Childless Week 2020 runs from 14th to 20th September. It is an event that happens largely online – see <https://worldchildlessweek.net/> - with a different theme every day, ranging from 'Our stories', to 'Men matter too', to 'Comments that hurt', to 'We are Worthy'. It may be that you don't need to access World Childless Week as you are not a part of the childless not by choice community. However, you may know someone who would like to know more. Please do pass this information on if you do. Thank you, Suzette

**The Big Knit 2020** Age UK (national) have been advised by Innocent that the Big Knit will go ahead this year. Each hat sent raises 25p. Innocent smoothies then top their smoothie bottles with your little hats to be sold in shops. In 2018/19 Age UK Solihull raised £2,996 to help with their amazing work and of course this year it is even more essential than ever. The money raised for Age UK Solihull, stays in the borough to help local older people. To download patterns, go to:

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/the-big-knit/>

**Age UK** - We'd be grateful to hear from anyone who is interested in becoming a Telephone Befriender with us. We now have a waiting list of older people who are lonely and isolated in their homes and would really appreciate a telephone call once or twice a week for a chat. Many of our volunteers are now going back to work and are no longer available for Telephone Befriending, so we're keen to hear from new people. We match up volunteers with a client who they can get to know, and our volunteers tell us that they find it very rewarding to know they are making a difference to someone's life. Our staff are available to support all Telephone Befrienders, and we can arrange further support for the clients if this becomes necessary.

Please click here for more information or to download our short application form.

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/solihull/get-involved/volunteer/>

For any queries or to send us a completed application form, please email Volunteer Coordinator Catherine Gulati on [volunteering@ageuksolihull.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@ageuksolihull.org.uk). You can also telephone 07397 718455.

**Sunday Services** - From September onwards there will be three Sunday services across the parish: 10.30am at St Alphege and 10am & 6pm at St Helen's. Please remember that you are most welcome to attend either Church. Feedback from all services has been incredibly positive and the Parish Office are happy to assist you with your booking.

**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 6.00pm. To book for either of these services please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/sthelenseucharist> or alternately phone Beryl Moppett on 0121 705 0337 and leave a message.