



**St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
20th September 2020
Trinity 15**



President & Preacher: Revd Sue Chandler

COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Our Pioneer Minister, Suzette Maguire
Tuesday	Our church treasurers
Wednesday	Those exploring religious vocations
Thursday	Our church musicians
Friday	Those living in poverty
Saturday	Our Rector, Jane

NEXT SUNDAY

Readings: Exodus 17.1-7, Phillipians 2.1-13, Matthew 21.23-32

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, 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, Paul Tunnicliffe

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 16: 2-21

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.' Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." ' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." ' In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

NEW TESTAMENT Philippians 1. 21-end

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

GOSPEL Matthew 20. 1-16

Jesus said to his disciples 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

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.

Jane - If you would like to send a personal message, please direct these to Ann at: 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.

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. 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. 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 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.