



**St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
18th October 2020
St Luke The Evangelist**



**President & Preacher
The Revd Sue Chandler**

COLLECT

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; 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. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O 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	Our Pioneer Minister, Suzette Maguire
Tuesday	Our Parish office staff, Prem Patel and Ann Colloby
Wednesday	Our Parish Youth Worker, Joe Minall
Thursday	Our Parish Children & Families workers, Linda Hicks & Sue Chandler
Friday	Staff, patients and volunteers of the Marie Curie hospice
Saturday	St Alphege Director of Music, Joe Cooper

NEXT SUNDAY - Bible Sunday

Readings: Nehemiah 8. 1-4a, 5-6, 8-12, Colossians 3. 12-17, Matthew 24. 30-35.
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PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED (St Alphege)

Gloria Florance, 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, Shirley Vincent, Anna Mary Thomas, Helen L.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Anne Lawrence, Henry Balthazor, Stephen Foster, Jenny Williams, Jonathan Mark, Stephen John,, Debbie White, Maia Vundum-Perry, George Hutchinson, Barbara Abbott, Sheila Pittaway, Helen Greenham, Jane Kenchington.

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)

Paul Tunnicliffe, Sylvia Hancock, Jacqueline Mullett, Betty Watkins.

THOSE PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE - 2nd Reading of Banns

Gavin Lee Thomas Hunt & Lydia Gale Lorna Kathleen Ellis,
Paul Christopher George & Soraya Katie Birch

BIBLE READINGS Acts 16. 6-12a

They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

GOSPEL Luke 10. 1-9

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

All churches - Latest information available at: <https://www.solihullparish.org.uk>

This Sunday's online service will be live from St Alphege Church at 10.30am

For people who are participating from home it will be available on Facebook and YouTube. There will be links on the home page of the parish website for you to watch later if you wish.

Thank you to everyone for all you're doing to keep the churches functioning, all your prayer and witnessing to Christ, especially in these Covid-19 times. I am very sad still not to be able to be back with you. My GP continues to say that I am not well enough to return to work yet. I appreciate those of you who drop me the occasional email/text and I am very grateful for your prayers. One thing that I can do at home is pray - which I am doing a lot of and always remember you all to God on a daily basis. Jane Kenchington.

Our Rector - Like to send a personal message to Jane? Please direct these to her PA, Ann Colloby at: -office1@solihullparish.org.uk.

Our Archdeacon, Simon Heathfield, has requested that the following statement is publicised to all church members across the Solihull Parish: - Following recent events in Solihull Parish the PCC, Bishop, Archdeacon and church officers have been working together to move forward in a positive spirit. The Bishop is pleased to announce the appointment of new Interim Parish Wardens. Ruth Marshall from St Alphege and Andrew Williams from St Michael's have been appointed to serve until the next Annual Parochial Church Meeting when the parish will elect new Parish Wardens by the usual method. Both Andrew and Ruth are current members of the PCC and therefore are well equipped to work with the council, deputy wardens, staff and volunteers to bring unity and leadership at this time. The PCC have also elected a new secretary, Mike Abrams, and Lay Chair, Keith Wilson, who are also experienced in such matters and will increase the capacity and ability of the council to do its work of strategic governance and leadership. Bishop David and the PCC are grateful to all who have contributed to the common good of the parish at this time and ask all to join them in continued prayer for the future.

Due to personal circumstances Helen Greenham has agreed with the Bishop to withdraw from ministry temporarily. Helen appreciates people's support, but asks please refrain from making contact until further notice, to respect the family's privacy. Please contact the churchwardens for any enquiries about Support and Helen's work or ministry. Please join the Bishop in prayer for all concerned.

All Souls Day - Due to the pandemic, there will be no All Souls Eucharist at St. Alphege Church this year. However, a pre-recorded service will be streamed via the website on 2nd November. If you would like the name of a loved one to be read out at this service, please provide details no later than noon on 30th October. Names may be entered on the list in church or notified to the Parish Office.

Weekly Dwell Service - Fr Simon is offering a new online reflective service which will be live streamed on our Facebook page at 10am every Wednesday from St Michael's Chapel. The link will be made available later on our homepage. Please be aware that St Michael's Chapel will not be open on a Wednesday for Private Individual Prayer.

NHS QR code posters Track and Trace Now clearly displayed in the Oliver Bird Hall.

Christmas-themed face coverings - 7 wonderful designs to choose from inclusive of a filter pocket and adjustable nose wire. £3 each, raising funds for Mothers' Union. For more information contact: - patmarsahl1@hotmail.com or esleach@blueyonder.co.uk

Monday 19th October 2020, 7.45pm, St Alphege District AGM,OBH. This is an important event in the life of our Church when Church Council officers are elected. If you are interested in joining the Church Council and would like more details or a nomination form for application please contact Sheila Sayers (Secretary) on 07507683639 or sheilasayers@hotmail.co.uk for more information. Forms will also be available from Ann Colloby in the Parish office 0121-705-5350 or office1@solihullparish.org.uk. The following vacancies need to be filled: five vacancies for Church Council membership, four vacancies for representatives on the Deanery Synod, one vacancy for the post of Deputy Warden and a two vacancies for representation on the Parish Church Council. Report booklets will not be produced this year but reports will be available on Churchbuilder or via email on request. The date of the Parish APCM is still to be announced. **Please Note number for attending the AGM will be limited, to book a place please contact Susan Gomm on gomm550@btinternet.com**

From mid-October onwards, boys and girls from St Alphege Choirs will be working on Christmas carols to create a recording to share with local hospices and care homes in the hope that we can bring some comfort and joy through music to the most vulnerable in our community this Christmas. Children aged 7 to 11 are warmly invited to join the choirs to work on this project. There will be an informal Zoom meeting this Saturday (10th) at 3pm to find out more. Please email isabel@solihullparish.org.uk to register your interest.

Saturday 31 October - Churchyard tidy up morning 1000 - 1300hrs - the famous annual "great leaf gathering". Great fun for all ages especially families, with social distancing and lots of fresh air. Can you spare an hour to help? Suitable refreshments available. Details Michael Rumball 711 1726

Community Champions News - Solihull is now in Tier 2 - High risk. We have 148 cases per 100000 people. This means there must be no household mixing anywhere indoors - in houses, pubs, restaurants. You can meet others, following the rule of 6, in gardens, parks or other outdoor places, but are strongly urged not to do so. Exercise classes and organised sports are permitted outdoors, but only allowed indoors if you can avoid mixing households. You can travel to venues and amenities for work and education purposes but should reduce the number of journeys where possible. You are permitted to go on holiday as long as you go with your household and do not mix with others. You should aim to travel as little as possible. Self-catering properties count as private houses for regulations. The bottom line is that the situation is fast moving and hospitals are seeing the impact. We must all do as much as possible to reduce our own contacts. We must stick to the guidelines. We need to go back to the initial messages of hope and resilience and ask what we can do to help each other.

Well done! Elaine Diskin successfully ran her own marathon on Saturday 10 October. To date she has raised a phenomenal £1,065.

Vacancy - Knowle Parish Church is looking to recruit an Administrator & Communications Facilitator to join the team working in the Parish Office. This is a part time post (20 hours per week): more details can be found on the KPC website at <http://www.kpc.org.uk/about-kpc/job-opportunity-at-kpc-office>. Please contact the Parish Office (01564 779123) if you would like further information or, if you know someone who may be suitable, please tell them about the opportunity.

'Stopgap' Job Change Service KPC will be offering a service to the whole community providing confidential, one to one advice and support to anyone who has lost their job, may be needing to change careers, or is contemplating starting their own business. To find out more contact James Thorne on cjameslthorne@hotmail.com or via the Parish Office office@kpc.org.uk/01564 779123

Sunday Services - 10.30am Eucharist at St Alphege. St Helen's 10am & 6pm.

You are most welcome to attend either Church, feedback from all services has been incredibly positive.

Booking a place at St Alphege for Sunday Eucharist: -

Contact the Parish Office on 0121 705 5350 or email office@solihullparish.org.uk.

Booking opens at 9 am every Monday morning for the subsequent Sunday. We need to know the names of the people you are booking for, whether you are part of the same household/support bubble (so you can sit together in church), 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>

- 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

Any attendees who subsequently show symptoms or test positive for Covid-19, must immediately contact the Parish Office.

Booking a place at St Helen's Church: -

There will be a service at St Helen's on Sundays at 10.00am and at 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.

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