



**St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
20th June 2021
Father's Day**

President: Fr Andrew Hutchinson

Preacher: Stephen Linstead

BIBLE READINGS Ephesians 6: 1 - 9

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honour your father and mother'—this is the first commandment with a promise: 'so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.'

And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart, as you obey Christ; not only while being watched, and in order to please them, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. Render service with enthusiasm, as to the Lord and not to men and women, knowing that whatever good we do, we will receive the same again from the Lord, whether we are slaves or free.

And, masters, do the same to them. Stop threatening them, for you know that both of you have the same Master in heaven, and with him there is no partiality.

GOSPEL Luke 2: 41 – 51a

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

COLLECT

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Ministry to young people
Tuesday	All who campaign for racial justice
Wednesday	Members of religious communities
Thursday	Suzette, our Pioneer Minister
Friday	All who are exploring their vocation
Saturday	Charlotte Gibson and all to be ordained as deacon or priest

NEXT SUNDAY

Readings: Wisdom 1. 13-15; 2. 23-24, 2 Corinthians 8. 7 - end, Mark 5. 21 - end
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THOSE PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE - 1st Reading of Banns

Jacob Thomas Read & Julie Catherine Whiting, David James Tinkler & Ania Kroplewska,
Matthew Hay & Samantha Hill, James William Stuart Wheeler & Catherine Rebecca Povey

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED (St Alphege)

Lucy Adeyemo, Dan Doyle, Anne Lawrence, Kerrie, Paul Evans.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Henry Balthazor, Stephen Foster, Jenny Williams, Jonathan Mark, Stephen John, George Hutchinson, Helen Greenham, Anne Roberts, Katie, Evelyn Berry, Anne Kemp, Peter Gregory, Liz Gregory, Mandy Watts, Rashi Somal.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED: Jean Jordan, Patricia Blackburn, Roy Probert

NOTICES

Our churches are now open for Sunday services. When you book it will be necessary to provide your name, number of people attending from your household, your email address (if you have one) and a contact telephone number. The wearing of a mask in places of worship is still mandatory and we ask all who attend a service to bring one with them. We will continue to share services online for those unable to attend in person. For all the latest information go to: <https://www.solihullparish.org.uk/>

St Alphege Church

A eucharist service will take place at 10.30am. To book a place either email office@solihullparish.org.uk or call (0121) 705 5350.

St Helen's Church

There will be two eucharist services at 9.30am and 11am. To book a place either go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/sthelseucharist> or call Beryl Moppett on (0121) 705 0337.

Parish Giving - Would you like to make a financial donation to support the work of Solihull Parish? Giving couldn't be easier and every donation, no matter how small, helps to make a real difference. A huge thank-you to all who have donated so far and those who are members of our Parish Giving Scheme. To donate head to: [:https://www.solihullparish.org.uk/giving/](https://www.solihullparish.org.uk/giving/)

Praise and Play via Zoom - Praise and Play will be meeting weekly at 9.30 am every Friday morning via Zoom for a mix of songs, a Bible story, craft and chat, but you'll need to bring your own cuppa and biscuits! Contact Linda Hicks l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk to receive the Zoom link. (But don't worry if you can't make Friday morning, we'll still be posting the videos on Facebook and the website in the usual way so that no one misses out on the fun!)

Messy Church via Zoom

Families of all ages are invited to a very special Pentecost themed Messy Church via Zoom on Friday at 4.30pm. Email Linda Hicks l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk to register to receive the Zoom link and she'll then send out a list of a few things you'll need to gather together to share a Messy time online.

Choral Evensong – currently 5pm on Sundays with a small congregation – please book at <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BCLJ>. Bookings open each Monday at 12 noon and close on Sunday at 12 noon or earlier if the places have been filled.

News update - Anne Lawrence has been moved out of ICU and into a ward at Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Lucy Adeyemo remains very poorly. Chris Thorp is in regular contact with her daughter, so if you wish to send a message, email chris_thorp@blueyonder.co.uk. Please continue to keep both Anne, Lucy and all who are sick at this time in your prayers.

Wednesday Lunchtime Recitals - We are delighted that our popular lunchtime recital series has now resumed, with recitals each week on Wednesdays at 1.10pm. In order to keep everyone safe, masks must be worn and social distancing measures will be in place. We regret that refreshments are not currently available. Admission is free of charge and a retiring collection is held in aid of The Friends of St Alphege Music. Please could we ask that you book a place by visiting <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BBOF>.

Wednesday 23th June – Ben Horden, organ

Wednesday 30th June – Risa Sekine, violin

Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games - Opportunities to get involved in the Commonwealth Games 2022, through Birmingham Churches Together can be found on the BCT website. Including news about chaplaincy, volunteering, schools, and church engagement. <https://www.birminghamchurches.org.uk/commonwealthgames/>

New Area Dean of Kings Norton, Moseley & Shirley Deanery -The Bishop of Birmingham is delighted to announce the appointment of the Revd Phelim as the Area Dean of Kings Norton, Moseley & Shirley. Phelim is currently Priest in Charge of the parish of St German with St Saviour Cardiff, and Ministry Area Leader of the South Cardiff group of parishes.

Knowle Parish Church is looking to recruit an **Assistant Youth Minister** (full-time) and an **Assistant Children's Minister** (part-time). Details of both positions and how to apply can be found on the KPC website at <https://www.kpc.org.uk/about-kpc/kpc-job-opportunities/> 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 opportunities.

Volunteering opportunity - Shine Youth are a Solihull Christian Charity who recruit members from all the Christian churches in Solihull. They are currently looking for volunteers to work with them a morning each week supporting teenagers in Solihull Secondary schools who are coping with difficult circumstances such as bereavement/family breakdown/anxiety and are struggling with their emotional wellbeing. Induction for new volunteers will take place in September and regular training and supervision takes place. They usually support about 100 teenagers each year on a 1:1 basis, but due to the impact of Covid-19 this figure is set to double. Interested? Contact Cheryl Hawkins at: cheryl@shineyouth.org.uk