



**St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
1st August 2021
Trinity 9**

President: Revd Sue Chandler

Preacher: Linda Hicks

BIBLE READINGS Exodus 16. 2-4, 9-15

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. 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 Ephesians 4. 1-16

I, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

GOSPEL John 6. 24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

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.

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 unemployed
Tuesday	Our children's ministers
Wednesday	Parish priests
Thursday	Christian rulers
Friday	Our police and all involved in maintaining security
Saturday	Hymn writers and composers

NEXT SUNDAY

Readings: 1 Kings 19. 4-8, Ephesians 4. 25- 5. 2, John 6. 35, 41-51
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PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED (St Alphege)

Lucy Adeyemo, Dan Doyle, Anne Lawrence, Kerrie, Paul Evans, Valerie Tew, Pat Dudley, David Patterson, Gill Jones.

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: Jeremy Griffiths, Dorothy Wilkinson, David Boyes

NOTICES

When you book a Sunday service it will be necessary to provide your name, number of people attending from your household, your email address (if you have one) or 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/>

Public Worship from 19 July 2021

Guidance from the House of Bishops has now been received relating to public worship after 19 July. It was subsequently agreed at a meeting between Fr Simon, the Parish Wardens and the Deputy Wardens of the three churches in the parish that we have a continuing duty of care to protect others and ourselves. It was therefore further agreed that masks will still be worn, booking will still be required and there will be no changes to worship except that the congregation may sing behind their masks. These arrangements will be looked at again in mid-August. 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 & St Michael's will be reverting to one service on a Sunday at 10am from the 1st of August.

PRAISE & PLAY IS BACK! Praise and Play will meet **in person** 9.30am-10.30am every Friday morning in the Oliver Bird Hall **from Friday 23rd of July** (apart from 13th & 20th August) There will be a mix of songs, a Bible story, toys and chat, but you'll need to bring your own drinks and biscuits! Booking is ESSENTIAL and numbers will be limited so please e mail Linda Hicks l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk if you'd like to book a place.

Evensong during the Summer Holidays - Congregational evensong will take place on Sundays at 5pm throughout the summer holidays. In line with revised policies from 19th July, congregational singing will be permitted and the congregation will sit either in the chancel or nave, depending on numbers.

Please book in at: <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BCLJ> - booking is now open for all weeks of August. Booking closes at 12 noon on Sundays.

Can you help, please? We want to refurbish the Parish Office on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th August. Anyone (over 16) able to help with dismantling furniture, moving boxes, painting, cleaning, assembling furniture etc will be most gratefully welcomed. Please contact Pam Price 0121 704 3104 or colandpam@ic24.net if you are able to help for even an hour or two. Thank you.

Our thoughts and wishes are with Brendan Creed competing in the Tokyo Olympics (GB Hockey) and whose parents are parishioners. (Fr John)

Memorial Service for Barbara Semple – Thursday, 26 August 2021 - Memorial Service and burying of ashes - 1pm at St Alphege, Solihull and refreshments afterwards at Oliver Bird Hall from about 2pm. Barbara was a regular attendee at St Alphege until she went to live at St Bernard's Residential Care Home at the beginning of 2017. If you knew Barbara and would like to attend the service to celebrate her life, her relatives would love you to come. Please contact Helen Lygo on 07941 175598 or email helen.lygo@ntlworld.com. Because of Covid restrictions it is important that people are included on the guest list rather than just turning up on the day. Thank you.

Wednesday Lunchtime Recitals - Thank you to everyone who has supported the Wednesday recitals over the past three months. Recitals will pause for the month of August and then will resume on Wednesday 1st September.

Consultation: Our new Rector and our community mission priorities

We are about to look for a new Rector and we need your ideas about our church as we look at our community mission priorities. We'd like to ask you four questions:

1) What do you especially like about our church and why? 2) What do you think are the biggest problems for our church? 3) What would you like to see our church doing in the future that it doesn't do now? 4) How could our church do more in the community? 5) Additional comments

The document has been circulated widely by email and post and can also be found on the Parish Website @solihullparish.org.uk. A few copies will be available by the north door in church. Please let us have your ideas by Sunday, 5th September 2021

Message from Jane - Dear Friends,

Richard and I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your very generous farewell gifts. The book of memories is fabulous; the cheque extremely generous, the flowers were/are beautiful and Richard loved the wine he was given. And the wonderful cake was delicious. Thank you.

We'd also like to thank all of you who organised such an enjoyable evening last Friday at St Helen's. The folk of St Helen's did us proud in terms of their hospitality and we're very grateful. Thank you to the choir who came and sang John Rutter's *Gaelic Blessing* – an anthem that was sung at our wedding 30 years ago. We were so glad to see so many people on Friday and to have the opportunity for some conversation, even though it was quite brief in order to get round to everyone. Apologies to those whom we didn't manage to chat to. If ever you are travelling south down the M5 and fancy visiting us, do get in touch - we'd love to see you. Our new address will be:

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Meanwhile, this comes with our love and prayers for you all and for Solihull Parish

Dorothy Wilkinson, wife of Revd Canon Raymond Wilkinson, Rector of Solihull 1971 - 1987, died peacefully in her sleep on 16th July

Despite the sadness of her passing, her family wishes it to be known that it is not an entirely sad occasion as at the age of 102 she was, quite ready to go when the time came, and we are able to celebrate a life in which she has contributed in so many ways to the happiness of others. Dorothy was a leader in the Mothers' Union while she was at Solihull, and was much involved in the life of the Parish. We shall always remember her with love, knowing that she valued us all for what we are. She will be missed by her sons, Francis, Andrew, Mark and Paul, and their families.

Dorothy's funeral will take place at Oakley Wood Crematorium - North Chapel, Bishops Tachbrook, Leamington Spa CV33 9QP at 4pm on Tuesday 27th July

We expect numbers to be limited by the ever-changing Covid restrictions, so we ask those considering joining Dorothy's family and friends for this occasion and later for refreshments to make sure to contact Francis for further details by email or telephone:

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If you would like to watch the webcast: <https://www.wesleymedia.co.uk/webcast-view>
Login / Order ID: 103837 Password: bujduftu

Flowers to: John Taylor Funeralcare, 1-3 Russell Terrace, Leamington Spa CV31 1EZ
Donations in lieu of flowers to shelter.org.uk