



St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
12th September 2021
Trinity 15

President: The Venerable Paul Taylor

Preacher: John Heywood

BIBLE READINGS Proverbs 1. 20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.'

NEW TESTAMENT James 3. 1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine yield figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

GOSPEL Mark 8. 27-end

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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.

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	Ruth Marshall, our Reader-in-training
Tuesday	That we may declare our faith in Christ in word and deed
Wednesday	Those suffering for their faith in Christ
Thursday	Staff and residents of local care homes
Friday	Spiritual Directors and Confessors
Saturday	The St Alphege bell ringers

NEXT SUNDAY

Readings: Proverbs 31. 10-end, James 3. 13-4:3, 7-8a, Mark 9. 30-37
President: Revd Andrew Hutchinson & Preacher: Caroline Egan

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED (St Alphege)

Lucy Adeyemo, Dan Doyle, Anne Lawrence, Kerrie, Paul Evans, Pat Dudley, Gill Jones, Wendy Meikle, Hazel Smith, Maryan.

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.

NOTICES

Worship - Booking still required and the wearing of masks in Church, except where exemptions apply. There will be no changes to worship except that the congregation may sing behind their masks. These arrangements will be regularly reviewed.

Eucharist services at **St Alphege 10.30 am** and **St Helen's & St Michael's at 10am**

For booking details and all the latest information go to: <https://www.solihullparish.org.uk>
We will continue to share services online for those unable to attend in person.

Creationtide - As part of our Guest Speaker programme for Creationtide, this Sunday we welcome John Heywood. John is a retired Social worker, worships at St Peter, Maney (in Sutton Coldfield) and is a Member of the diocesan Synod.

Consultation: Our new Rector and our community mission priorities - Many thanks to everyone who responded to the recent consultation. We have received 150 contributions which will be used in the preparation of our Parish Profile to attract a new Rector and to inform our future mission priorities. The analysis of the responses is in the hands of Andy Halstead, Paul Smith and Sand Cooper. They hope to have a draft Parish Profile for the PCC in October.

Praise & Play - Now meeting **in person** 9.30am-10.30am every Friday morning in the Oliver Bird Hall. 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.

Christian Men Together - Breakfast Saturday 18 September 9am-10.30am - when we have a speaker from Church Army. A great breakfast for £5, with good company, at the Greville Arms, Cornyx Lane, Solihull B91 2RB. Do come along and bring friends. For more details contact Andrew Williams - arwilliams399@gmail.com

Parish News - After a long gap, we are now able to resume sales of Parish News from the North Door. Any questions to Malcolm (705-1866)

Volunteer wanted at St. Alphege to keep the footpaths up to the Church clear of leaves and to clear moss and debris from the gullies around the base of the Church. Please contact Susan Gomm on 0121 705 0015.

Director of Music role – whilst we are in the process of recruiting a new Director of Music, Angela Sones will be covering the role for September and October. She will be leading choir rehearsals, conducting the choir during Sunday services and will also be involved in the recital series. Angela has many years of experience as an organist and choir leader. We welcome Angela and we thank the deputising organists who will be accompanying services during this time, some of whom have supported our music over recent months and years.

Donations for Afghan Refugees - At the back of St Alphege church there is a bin where toiletries, disposable nappies, soap, toothpaste and new children's toys (no food) are being collected and will be delivered to the collection point at the Renewal Church Centre in Lode Lane.

Help wanted please - There are now enough welcoming volunteers but we need a few more cake making volunteers for the Wednesday recitals. We have a small friendly team but it would be fantastic if a few more people could get involved. If you can help please contact Lynne Groutage 07974678134 or lynne.groutage@sky.com Thank you.

Come Together - A morning of reflection, prayer and activities facilitated by Suzette Maguire. Saturday 2nd October, St Alphege Church, Tea and Coffee from 9.00am to start at 9.30am finishing at 12 noon or bring your own lunch and stay for a chat. As promised last week we now have more details to share:

We know Suzette as our Pioneer Minister but, what we may not know, is that she is a trained and experienced Spiritual Director. Suzette says: "I understand that St Alphege has hosted quiet mornings in the past, and I have a history of running them in previous parishes so, when the idea was passed to me *and* with all the changes afoot in the parish, what better time to 'come together' to focus on our relationship with God.

If the experience of a quiet morning is a new one to you, do come along and give it a try, and/or speak to Pam Price or me about it beforehand.

See you on October 2nd!

Book online at: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-alphege-church-solihull/t-kjymdz> Or contact Suzette Maguire 0121 709 0884 or Pam Price 0121 704 3104.

News from the St Alphege ringers - Last Sunday afternoon, before Evensong, the St Alphege ringers rang their first QP since the start of the COVID pandemic. It was dedicated to Annie and Andrew Bartholomew (son of Mary and Donald, once a Verger here) who married earlier in the week. There are a couple of wonderful photographs, one of the happy couple and one of Donald, currently on our Parish Facebook and Instagram pages.

A big thank-you to Sand Cooper for sharing them with us.

Wednesday Lunchtime Recitals - We are delighted that our popular lunchtime recital series has now resumed after the summer break, with recitals each week on Wednesdays at 1.10pm. Please could we ask you to continue to wear a mask inside church. Tea/coffee and cake are available before the recital. Admission is free of charge and a retiring collection is held in aid of The Friends of St Alphege Music. It is helpful if people can book a place by visiting <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BBOF> - but please do come along if you haven't booked - we should be able to fit you in. Here's the performers next few weeks.

Wednesday 15th September - Shi Chin - violin

Wednesday 22nd September - Anthony Pinel - organ

Installation of Joe Cooper at Bangor Cathedral - This will take place on the 26 September. Anyone interested in travelling to this special occasion, please follow [this link](#)

Churchyard tidy up last Saturday carried out some much needed work. Thanks are due to the small group who attended. We were outnumbered by the Parish Youth + their leaders and much appreciated their help. The next tidy up morning will be the annual collection of the fallen leaves on Saturday 6 November 10am-1pm. Great fun for all the family. Can you help on this occasion? Details from Michael (0121) 711 1726