



St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
19th September 2021
Trinity 16

President: Revd Andrew Hutchinson

Preacher: Caroline Egan

BIBLE READINGS Proverbs 31. 10-end

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.' Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

NEW TESTAMENT James 3. 13-4. 3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

GOSPEL Mark 9. 30-37

Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Those persecuted for their faith
Tuesday	Our Pioneer Minister, Suzette Maguire
Wednesday	Our church treasurers
Thursday	Those exploring religious vocations
Friday	Our church musicians
Saturday	Those living in poverty

NEXT SUNDAY

Readings: Genesis 28. 10-17, Revelation 12. 7-12, John 1. 47-end
President: & Preacher: Revd John Bradford

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.

THOSE PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE - 1st Reading of Banns

Daniel Robert Handley & Cheryl Louise Hollands

NOTICES

Worship - Booking still required and the wearing of masks in Church, except of course 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 Caroline Egan worships at St Philip's and St James' in Dorridge. Until her retirement last year, she worked for nearly forty years as a lawyer. She is now working on a voluntary basis on various fronts - with her church and, through Birmingham Anglican Climate Action, the Diocese, in moving faster to address the climate and ecological emergencies, and she was also part of the team involved in drafting the Climate and Ecology Bill, tabled by Caroline Lucas MP. It is a Bill that seeks to address the climate and environmental crises together, in a fair and just way, with the necessary degree of urgency, and a mechanism for ensuring public buy-in.

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

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

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.

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. 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. Look out for more details on the Pew Slip

Help wanted please - We are looking for volunteers to help with the welcoming and refreshments (Tea/coffee and cake) at the Wednesday recitals starting September. 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.

The Greville Arms, Cornyx Lane, Solihull B91 2RB is holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 24th September, 11am to 2pm. Suzette will be there if anyone wants to pop in and support this worthy cause – and eat cake! – with her.

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 22nd September - Anthony Pinel - organ

Wednesday 29th September - The Tenby Duo - saxophone and cello

Parish Of Solihull – Sunday Service structure from October 2021

Having taken into account the St Alphege Consultation and the needs of the Junction and St Helen and St Michael (which is reopening in October), and a suitable structure we will need for a smaller church, the following structure will be in place from October (with some variations required for Christmas and Remembrance etc). We also wanted to give variety which necessitates the need for a Said Communion. The choir is now singing at two services on a Sunday.

St Alphege - for October

8.00 am Said Holy Communion

10.30 am Sung Eucharist

5.00 pm Sung Evensong

St Alphege - from November

8.00 am Said Holy Communion

10.30 am Sung Eucharist except:

Second Sunday - 9.15 am All Age Eucharist and 11.00 am Sung Eucharist *

5.00 pm Sung Evensong

*November 11.00am may be the Civic Service

Junction

9.15 am - on zoom until half term and then hopefully in person

From November - Second Sunday - join All Age Eucharist in St Alphege

St Helen - 10.00 am Eucharist

St Michael - 10.30 am Eucharist (Details on possible all age worship at St Helen and St Michael still to be decided.)

The decision on services lies with Clergy and Parish and Deputy Wardens who have agreed to this structure.

We must make sure that our services are attractive to our current members and the many in the Parish to whom we need to minister.

We appreciate that this will not satisfy everyone but we hope that people will appreciate that this provides considerable variety throughout the Parish and it is hoped that people will at times explore different services to the ones they normally attend.

Simon Marshall

Parish and District Wardens

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