



St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
10th October 2021
Trinity 19

A WARM WELCOME to St. Alphege. It's good to have you with us.

8.00am Said Eucharist

President & Preacher Revd Andrew Hutchinson

10.30am Choral Eucharist

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Music led by the Boys' and Junior Girls' Choirs

Setting: Mass for Treble Voices – Andrew Fletcher

Anthem: All Things Bright and Beautiful – John Rutter

Voluntary: Festal Flourish – Gordon Jacob

Hymns

121

167

169

705

5.00pm Choral Evensong

President & Preacher Revd Sue Chandler

Music led by the Senior Girls' Choir

Responses Archer Psalm 127

Canticles: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D for Treble Voices - Sumsion

Anthem: For the Beauty of the Earth – John Rutter

Voluntary: March – Choveaux

Hymns

150

V1,2,5

265

397

BIBLE READINGS Amos 5. 6-7, 10-15

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

NEW TESTAMENT Hebrews 4. 12-end

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our

weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

GOSPEL Mark 10. 17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

COLLECT

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Andrew and Pam, our parish wardens
Tuesday	Those who work in prisons and prison chaplains
Wednesday	Our MP, Julian Knight
Thursday	Those who maintain our church buildings
Friday	Staff and pupils of St Alphege Infant & Junior Schools
Saturday	Those imprisoned or tortured for their faith.

NEXT SUNDAY

Readings: Isaiah 53. 4-end, Hebrews 5. 1-10, Mark 10. 35-45

8.00am President & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall, 10.30am - President & Preacher: Revd Sue Chandler, 5.00pm - President & Preacher: Linda Hicks

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, Michael Adams, James Thorp, Ron, Richard Hedgecox.

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

Maureen Longthorn, Samuel Oji.

NOTICES

Worship - Booking is no longer required but the wearing of masks in Church still applies, except of course where exemptions apply.

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 Remembrance 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 - September 2021

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 email Linda Hicks l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk if you'd like to book a place.

Director of Music - we are delighted to announce that our new Director of Music and Organist will be Christopher Martin Thomas. You can find out more about him at www.octavaconsort.org. Chris will begin his role on 18th November.

Harvest Festival flowers - An appeal to St. Alphege flower arrangers that some suitable arrangements for Harvest will be welcome. Please contact Susan Gomm on 0121 705 0015 if you can help. Pampas grass plumes will be available.

Wednesday Luchtime Recitals - on Wednesdays at 1.10pm. Booking is not required but 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. Here's the performers next few weeks.

Wednesday 13th October – Pupils from Solihull School

Wednesday 20th October – Saorsa String Quartet

The Bookstall is now up and running again. We have a wide range of attractive cards at very reasonable prices as well as votive candles, prayer cards and books. We will also be selling a Parish Christmas card again this year - a lovely photo of the church in the snow taken earlier this year. These will be £4 for 10 cards, available from the Bookstall in church, the Parish Office or by contacting Fran Halstead 07710329030, fran.halstead@gmail.com) or Alison Vining (07971 265702, alison@vining.eu).

Maureen Longthorn's (Tom and Hugh Lilburn's grandma) funeral will be held in St Alphege Church on Friday 15th October at 11.30am.

Memorial Service for Diana Mitchell, MBE, RIP - Monday 11th October, 2pm. The Memorial Eucharist for Diana, who died in March 2020 and interment of her ashes will be held at 2pm at St Alphege. If you would like to attend, please contact Will or Phyllis Davies on 0121 705 0790 or email will.davies285@gmail.com. Fr Simon will officiate and the organist will be Angela Sones.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING DONATIONS - This year we would appreciate gifts of food which will be sent to the Helping Hands food bank at Renewal. <https://renewalcc.com/helpinghands/> They urgently need: Tinned fish, Tinned meat, Jam / marmalade / honey, Tinned Baked beans, Tinned Spaghetti*, Tinned vegetables and potatoes, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned beans / pulses / lentils, Instant Mashed potato*, Pasta 'n' sauce*, Microwave pasta and rice*, Tea bags (preferably 40s), Long-life milk*, Tinned fruit*, Tinned Rice pudding*, Tinned or carton custard*, Packets of biscuits, Packets of crisps. *Completely out of stock at the moment. Tins with ring pulls if possible, please. No dried pasta or rice is needed at present. If you forget your donation, you can donate online at the above address. Thank you very much for your support.

Black History Month service, 16 October, 4.00pm - CofE Birmingham will be holding a service of celebration and reflection at St Martin in the Bull Ring which will also be live streamed via Zoom. The service is entitled, 'Celebrate: Called to be' (1 Peter 2:9). To join the service via Zoom: Meeting ID:845 5157 0221, Passcode:689076

Solihull Faith Forum invites you to a talk and Q&A session with Councillor Ian Courts - Leader of Solihull Council on the Council's plans to make the Borough carbon neutral by 2041. The Uneven Path to Net Zero, Thursday 28th October, 7.30pm, St Helen's Church, B91 2DA

Sat 6 Nov - The great leaf gathering - Lots of help needed to collect up all the fallen leaves and tree debris before a final grass cut in preparation for Remembrance Sunday. Great fun for all ages especially children. Can you spare an hour to help? Details/further information 711 1726