



**St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
24th October 2021
Bible Sunday**

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

8.00am Said Eucharist

President & Preacher The Venerable Paul Taylor

10.30am Choral Eucharist

President & Preacher The Venerable Paul Taylor

Setting: Mass of John the Baptist - Chris Bell

Voluntary: Con Moto Maestoso from Sonata No.3 - Mendelssohn

Hymns

701

368,t2

429

612

5.00pm Choral Evensong

President & Preacher Linda Hicks

Psalm 119: 121-136

Voluntary: Benedictus op.59 No.9 - Reger

Hymns

486

473

**(omit *
verses)**

t2

466

BIBLE READINGS 2 Tim. 3.14-4.5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

GOSPEL John 5.36b-end

But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

COLLECT

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	The work of the Bible Society
Tuesday	The people of St Michael's Church
Wednesday	The staff and children of St Alphege Pre-School
Thursday	Clergy, staff and congregations of the Cathedral
Friday	Our part in God's mission to Solihull
Saturday	Staff and residents of local care homes

NEXT SUNDAY

Readings: Deut.6.1-9; Heb. 9.11-14; Mark 12.28-34

8am Revd Simon Marshall

10.30am President & Preacher: Revd Sue Chandler,

5.00pm Evensong - President & Preacher: Stephen Linstead

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED (St Alphege)

Lucy Adeyemo, Dan Doyle, Anne Lawrence, Kerrie, Pat Dudley, Gill Jones, Wendy Meikle, Hazel Smith, Maryan, Michael Adams, Ron, Richard Hedgecox, Zoe & Stephen.

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, Baby Louis

NOTICES

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 November 2021

St Alphege - from November - 8.00am Said Eucharist, 10.30am Sung Eucharist except: Second Sunday - 9.15am All Age Eucharist and 11.00am Sung Eucharist * 5.00pm 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 - 10.00am Eucharist

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

All Souls' Eucharist at St Alphege, 7.30pm Tuesday 2 November 2021 - Sheets of paper are available by both the north and west doors in church where you may print the names of those people who you wish to be remembered during the service.

'One Light One Vision' Sunday 21 November 5pm, St Alphege Junior School - A very special parish wide service will be taking place on the last liturgical Sunday of the year everyone is warmly invited to attend. "The 21st November is Christ the King, the last Sunday of the year, so a good moment to reflect back (in thankfulness and penitence for what has been) and prayerfully look forward to what will be". Nick Parker, Area Dean for Yardley and Solihull.

Messy Church Friday 19 November and 17 December 4-5pm at St Helen's Church, St Helen's Road, B91 2DA (off Buryfield Road). We won't be serving tea yet but hopefully it won't be too long before that is possible! Cost: £2 per child, max £7 per family. Places are limited and booking with Linda l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk is essential.

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.

The Parish youth are having their annual '**Lock in, Log out**' overnight social on Friday the 22nd-23rd of October at St Helens. It's a time in which we lock our phones and other personal electrical devices away and spend the night playing games, sharing meals, entertaining each other, and generally spending time with those we are with, rather than those online. We also spend time in worship and reflective prayers and is always a very special time and one of the youth highlights. We still have spaces for any youth wanting to join, contact Joe at j.minall@solihullparish.org.uk for more details.

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.

Lunchtime Recitals - on Wednesdays at 1.10pm. Refreshments from 12.30pm. 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.

27th October – Choristers of St Alphege,

3 November – Chordata Sax Quartet

Learning more, Confirmation and Baptism - If you are interested in learning more about our faith, and/or being baptised or confirmed, could you let me know so we can see when it would be appropriate to put on a course such as Just Explore. By replying, you are not committing yourself but it would help us and we would then get back to you with some suggestions of what we might do. Andrew Williams - arwilliams399@gmail.com or ring the Parish Office 0121 705 5350.

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).

The Greville Arms held a MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 24th September, which some of you came along and supported. Thank you! According to Dawn, the manager, as of the end of last week money was still coming in, so they are looking at a total of £138 plus.

The Guardians AGM will be held on Thursday 28th October at 7:30pm in the OBH. All members welcome, please advise if you'll be attending. margaretoswald43@gmail.com.

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

Admissions for St Alphege Nursery 2022-2023: Birth range 1/9/2018 - 31/08/2019 - Applications will be accepted to the school from 1 September 2021 and close on Tuesday 1 December 2021. Offers will be made by Monday 31 January 2022. Application Forms available to download from -

<https://www.stalphege.solihull.sch.uk/nursery/admissions-2/>