



**St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
5th December 2021
Advent 2**

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

Retiring Collection for Malawi Diocesan Appeal

8.00am Said Eucharist

President & Preacher The Revd Canon Andrew Hutchinson

9.15am The Junction

10.30am Sung Eucharist

President The Revd Canon Andrew Hutchinson

Preacher Suzette Maguire

Music led by Senior Boys' and Men's Choirs

Setting: Wood in the Phrygian Mode

Anthem: The Truth from Above arr. Vaughan Williams

Voluntary: Final sur 'Ave Maris Stella' - Marcel Dupré

Hymns

400

416

81

513

5.00pm Choral Evensong

President & Preacher The Revd Simon Marshall

Music led by Girls' and Men's Choirs

Ebdon Responses Psalm 76

Canticles: Evening Service in C – Stanford

Anthem: Hosanna to the Son of David – Weelkes

Voluntary: Chorale Prelude 'Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland'
(BWV 661) - J.S.Bach

Hymns

475

14

252

BIBLE READING Philippians 1. 3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

GOSPEL Luke 3. 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'

COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

NEXT WEEK - All Age Worship

Readings: Philippians 4. 4-7, Luke 3. 7-18

Services:- 8am President & Preacher: The Revd Canon Andrew Hutchinson, 9.15am Christingle All Age Worship with The Revd Sue Chandler, 11am President & Preacher: The Revd Sue Chandler, 5pm President & Preacher: The Revd Simon Marshall

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Those working with children in our churches
Tuesday	Our Bishops David and Anne
Wednesday	Those awaiting the birth of a child
Thursday	Those caring for a family member who is ill
Friday	Those preparing for baptism
Saturday	The work of the Town Centre Chaplaincy

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

Lucy Adeyemo, Dan Doyle, Anne Lawrence, Kerrie, Pat Dudley, Gill Jones, Wendy Meikle, Hazel Smith, Maryan, Michael Adams, Ron, Richard Hedgecox, Zoe & Stephen, Tess Salmon, Gordon Rowledge, Peggy Monkhouse, Martin Tunnicliffe, Tina, Eric Hale, Chris Weale, Sue Lander.

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

David Bradnock, Diana Flynn

NOTICES

Masks encouraged unless exemptions apply and hand sanitising upon arrival. Thank-you for your continued support.

Parish Of Solihull – Sunday Service

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

Junction

9.15 am - First and Third Sunday in the OBH, Fourth Sunday on zoom
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).

Messy Church 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, drinks and biscuits will be available so bring along a spill proof cup and help yourself to a drink if you would like to. 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 Office staff will be working remotely from Friday 3rd December to Tuesday 7th December inclusive.

Today, Malawi Diocesan Appeal, Retiring Collection in Advent. Link to donate -
<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/a7f1cb1a-0cb1-41bf-bbed-975a45f4f5ac>

12th December - Children's Society, Retiring Collection in Advent link to donate:-
<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/4e49636a-a9d0-4de7-984d-7e6de1d6183b>

12th December, Drinks and Nibbles after the 11am service, i.e. the 2nd Sunday of each month, rather than the 4th Sunday. Join us for a drink, nibble and a chat.

17th December, Guardians Coffee Morning, 10.30 - 12.00, £5 per person. To be held at 9 Ulleries Road, Olton, B92 8DS. Plus raffle. To help with catering please advise if you plan to attend - margaretoswald43@gmail.com 0121 722 4092. We hope to see many of you at our first social event for 2 years.

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.

8th Dec - Sean Morrison, Violin

15th Dec - Angela Sones and Richard Hartshorn

House Share - For a half share of rent and utilities, I am seeking a lodger for No.3 St.Alphege Close. christopherthomas21@hotmail.co.uk

The Bookstall - Parish Christmas Card – a lovely photo of St Alphege Church in the snow taken earlier this year. £4 for 10 cards. Only a few packs remaining but more are on order. If you would like to place an order please contact Fran Halstead (07710 329030 or fran.halstead@gmail.com)

St Alphege Mission and Charity collection in Advent -

19th December - SCAH (Solihull Church Action on Homelessness). Link to donate:-

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/dd1aabba-2640-4dd8-b663-deb478e71eb6>

There will be retiring collection in Church, you may send a cheque payable to PCC of Solihull (Charity Name on the back of the cheque) to the Parish Office. Online donations can be made through the Parish website.

The Memorial Service for Geoff Wild is this Friday 10th December at 1.30pm at Windmill Community Centre, Rye Grass Lane, Redditch, B97 5YE. This is preceded by the Committal at Redditch Crematorium, Bordesley La, Redditch, B97 6RR for family and close friends at 12.30pm. Geoff sang tenor in our choir at St Alphege for over thirty years and was a stalwart of the close harmony group The Surplus Cassocks. He was 90.

News from the Bellringers - On Sunday 28th November, before the Holy Baptism and Confirmation service, a quarter peal was rung - 45 minutes of continuous ringing without going wrong. Well done to everyone involved, Jen Hickman, Kathryn Price-Feraud, Margaret Burling, Sand Cooper, Malcolm Paulson and Philip Pope. If anyone has dedications they would like the bells rung for, please get in touch with Malcolm Paulson. They try and ring a quarter peal at least once a month before Evensong and are happy to dedicate this to celebrate a birthday, a birth, Baptism, Wedding, Wedding anniversary or remembering those departed.