



**St. Alphege Church**  
**This Week's News**  
**19th June 2022**  
**Trinity 1**

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

**8.00am Said Eucharist**

President The Revd Simon Marshall  
Preacher Suzette Maguire

**9.15am Junction in the OBH**

**10.30am Choral Eucharist**

President Stephen Linstead  
Preacher Suzette Maguire  
Reader Frances Rumball  
Music led by the Ladies Choir

Setting: Short Communion Service - Wood  
Anthem: Christ whose glory - Shephard  
Voluntary: March - Choveaux

**Hymns**

**86**

**40**

**766**

**683**

**1.00pm Baptism with The Revd Simon Marshall**

**5.00pm Evensong**

President & Preacher Linda Hicks  
OT - Genesis 24. 1 - 27      NT - Mark 5. 21 - end  
Reader Ann Taylor  
Music led by the Senior Girl's Choir  
Preces & Responses - Darke  
Canticles: Berkshire Service – Malcolm Archer  
Anthem: Gaudent in coelis - Dering  
Voluntary: Le Banquet Celeste - Messiaen

**Hymns**

**Ps 57**

**353**

**249**

**263**

**THIS WEEK**

Mon 20	10 - 12 noon	Private Prayers
Tues 21	10 am	St Alphege Prayer Group
	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing practice
Wed 22	1.10 pm	Lunchtime Recitals - Benjamin Carnel, cello
Thurs 23	10.30 am	Eucharist in Church

### **BIBLE READING Isaiah 65. 1-9**

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am', to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.' These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it', so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

### **BIBLE READING Galatians 3. 23-end**

Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

### **GOSPEL Luke 8. 26-39**

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

## **COLLECT**

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of your redemption; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord, we have broken your bread and received your life. By the power of your Spirit keep us always in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **NEXT WEEK**

**Readings:** 1 Kings 19. 15-16, Galatians 5. 1 & 13-25, Luke 9. 51-end.

**Services:-** 8.00am, 10.30am & 5pm President & Preacher: The Revd Simon Marshall, 9.15 am Junction on Zoom.

## **THIS WEEK PRAY FOR**

Monday	Understanding between all faiths
Tuesday	The UK Government
Wednesday	The staff and pupils of the St Alphege schools
Thursday	Birmingham Diocesan
Friday	That we may point others to Christ
Saturday	The people and leaders of Ukraine & Russia

## **PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED**

Penny, Lucy Adeyemo, Kerrie, Pat Dudley, Wendy Meikle, Ron, Peggy Monkhouse, Tina, Chris Weale, Iona, Ann Brooks, Michael Palmer, Judy Potter, Isagani Olipas, David, April.

## **CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR**

Henry Balthazor, Stephen Foster, Jenny Williams, Jonathan Mark, Stephen John, Helen Greenham, Anne Roberts, Katie, Evelyn Berry, Anne Kemp, Mandy Watts, Rashi Somal, Tess Salmon.

## **PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Marion Bradford, Peter Gregory, James Bumstead, Robert Jones.

## **NOTICES**

### **Reinstatement of the chalice**

Following the agreement of the parish and deputy wardens, and the parish staff team, I am delighted to announce that the chalice will be reinstated at all services of the Holy Eucharist in the parish from Sunday 3rd July. Thus, it will be possible to receive both the bread and the wine of communion. This decision has been taken in line with the current advice of the Church of England. I understand that some people may still want to receive only the bread at communion, and that is absolutely fine - the receiving of wine will be a choice for each individual. The wine will be offered in the traditional way by a 'chalice assistant', as it was before the Covid-19 pandemic. We will keep this step under review to ensure that our congregations continue to feel safe, and that our worship is enriched. If you have any questions about this step, please contact me or one of the Churchwardens. Fr Simon.

**Church Guides** - We want to go back to St Alphege Church being open for longer so it is more welcoming to passers-by. To enable this to happen, we need more guides. If you think you would be able to help, please phone Martin Ayers 0121 704 3753 to find out more about what is involved.

**Work on St Alphege Church** - Phase 1 will be scaffolding around the North Porch and Belltower until June; the iron gates will be temporarily removed for repair work. Phase 2 will be around the choir vestry until August, and finally Phase 3: the East Window until November. Entry to the church will still be through the North Door. We are extremely grateful to the Guardians for agreeing to fund most of this work. Donations towards the repairs to the iron gates would be most appreciated.

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

Wed 22nd June - Benjamin Carnel, cello. Wed 29th June The Ink Quart, string quartet.

**Sunday 3rd July** - Guardians Afternoon Tea. To be held at Sheila Payne's home, 110 Grange Road, Olton, B91 1DA, 3 - 5 p.m. Tickets are required (to enable catering) and will cost £10 per head. Numbers are restricted to about 30. They will be sold in church by Bridget Wright and Margaret Oswald or by contacting Sheila on 0121 706 0520. Please pray for good weather.

**Second Saturday Bible Study** - This month on 9th July Second Saturday bible study group will meet in Room 1 of the OBH, due to a wedding in the church at 11.15am. We are working our way through Acts. The group enjoys considering scripture in a friendly and supportive atmosphere; every meeting is sure to generate enlightening and thought-provoking discussions. Feel free to email Alistair Welch on [alistair.g.welch@gmail.com](mailto:alistair.g.welch@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Looking forward to seeing you. Avril and Alistair Welch

**Solihull Welcomes** will take place on Wednesday 22nd June at The Core, Touchwood between 12pm and 6pm. It will be a celebration of Solihull as a welcoming borough for people from all over the world who are in need and require sanctuary. Guests will be treated to live music performances, personal testimonies/poetry, film screenings, a theatre performance, art exhibitions, a yoga session as well as snacks and treats from different cultures.

For younger audiences there will be kite making, a face painter as well as a range of other creative arts and crafts workshops. For further information, please email [refugees@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:refugees@solihull.gov.uk). We look forward to seeing you there!

[Refugee Week - Solihull Welcomes Tickets, Wed 22 Jun 2022 at 12:00 | Eventbrite](#)

**Nature and Wellbeing Sessions in August** - The Warwickshire Wildlife Trust will be running free sessions during August (11, 13, 16, 18) from their Hams Hall Environmental Centre, B46 1GA. Guided walks, mindfulness sessions, beginners conservation and much more for those who are experiencing loneliness or social isolation. Learn about wildlife and use nature as a tool for positive wellbeing, making new friends along the way. For more information contact Emily Reilly on 01675 470917 or [enquiries@tamevalleywetlands.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@tamevalleywetlands.co.uk)