



St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
7th August 2022
Trinity 8

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

8.00am Said Eucharist

President & Preacher The Revd Roy Murray

10.30am Sung Eucharist

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Reader Sheena Linstead

Mass of John the Baptist - Chris Bell

Voluntary: Plein Jeu (Première Livre d'Orgue)
by Pierre Du Mage

Hymns

19

499

310

238

5.00pm Congregational Evensong

President & Preacher Stephen Linstead

OT - Isaiah 11. 10- 12. end NT - 2 Corinthians 1.1-22

Reader Geoff Naylor

Hymns

Ps 108

343

331

348

Voluntary: Prelude in C minor BWV546 - J S Bach

THIS WEEK

Mon 8	10 - 12 noon	Private Prayers
Tues 9	10.00 am 7.30 pm	St Alphege Prayer Group Bell Ringing practice
Wed 10	-----	No Recital
Thurs 11	10.30 am	Eucharist in Church

BIBLE READING Genesis 15. 1-6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

BIBLE READING Hebrews 11. 1-3, 8-16

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

GOSPEL Luke 12. 32-40

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and 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

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

NEXT WEEK

Readings: Jeremiah 23. 23-29, Hebrews 11. 29-12.2, Luke 12. 49-56

Services:- 8.00am & 10.30am President & Preacher: The Venerable Paul Taylor, 5pm
President & Preacher: Stephen Linstead

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Preachers
Tuesday	The Mothers' Union
Wednesday	The Diaconate
Thursday	The Franciscan Order
Friday	The Junction
Saturday	The Church of Ireland

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

Lucy Adeyemo, Kerrie, Pat Dudley, Wendy Meikle, Ron, Peggy Monkhouse, Tina, Chris Weale, Iona, Ann Brooks, Michael Palmer, Judy Potter, Isagani Olipas, David, April, Laurence Norton, Sandra Seymour, Sue Lawson, Beryl Moppett, Lewis Edge.

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

Sidney Woolley, John Bennett, Alan Cross.

NOTICES

Work on St Alphege Church - The original planned works are on programme, with the scaffolding to the North Porch and North side of the Bell Tower has now gone. Scaffolding has now been erected to the East Window, in preparation for the removal, refurbishment and reinstatement of the 5 lower lancets, this will commence during early August and due to the complexity of the Stained Glass, completion of all 5 will around December.

The Reredos has now been moved from behind the High Altar, to facilitate access to the 5 Lancets, and will not be put back until after completion of the glass works.

The North Porch Wrought Iron Gates are still with the restorers, installation date not yet known.

Significant structural work is now necessary the top of Choir Vestry window, (known as the Tracery) and the Buttress to the East side of the Bell Tower. The stone has been ordered, but ordering / delivery period will be 10 weeks, this period has started so works will commence beginning of September and be completed around the end of the year.

No bell ringing from 1st September and in the event of the stone arriving earlier then the bell ringing will have to stop at an earlier date.

Due to the seriousness of the structural problem, Bell Ringing and access to the Choir Vestry Music Library will not be possible from September through to January.

Fencing will appear in the Churchyard soon, to keep people away from below these working areas. It is imperative the adherence to these routes is maintained, in view of the very heavy stonework above. It may be necessary to close the Churchyard on occasions.

Advance warning - Sunday, 14th August 2022 - Solihull Half Marathon. Please note that New Road will be closed from 8.30 am until 12.30 pm that morning. Access to the OBH and SMBC car parks will be along Princes Way and up Church Hill Road.

Songs of Praise. On Sunday 11th September at 5.00pm, in place of Evensong, there will be a special Songs of Praise at which we shall sing hymns nominated by members of the congregation. This will be followed by refreshments. If you would like to suggest a hymn please send details to Isabel Baumber: isabel@solihullparish.org.uk by 4th September. We are happy to receive suggestions for all age worship songs as well as the more traditional hymns. Suitable accompaniment will be arranged.

An invitation from the Bellringers. A number of people chatted to the ringers during the flower festival and showed an interest in visiting the tower. They would like to remind you that you would be very welcome to visit on a Tuesday evening from 7.30pm. Any queries please do contact Sand Cooper, Sand.cooper@outlook.com

The latest Church Army 'Catalyst' magazine and prayer diary are available in all three churches.

Volunteers - A community organisation is seeking volunteers to help with conversational English classes for Ukrainian refugees. The sessions are at Oliver Bird Hall, Church Hill Road Solihull B91 3RQ. Experience in teaching or ESOL would be beneficial but is not essential Anyone who would like to offer their support should contact Olga Meglinskaya · olga.meglinskaya@gmail.com / 07541 786458.

Lunchtime Recitals will resume in September.