



**St. Alphege Church  
This Week's News  
14th August 2022  
Trinity 9**

**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 Sung Eucharist**

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Reader

Mass of John the Baptist - Chris Bell

Voluntary:

**Hymns**

**108**

**324**

**644**

**366**

**1.00pm Baptism with The Revd Sue Chandler**

**5.00pm Congregational Evensong - Feast of the Virgin Mary**

President & Preacher Stephen Linstead

OT - Proverbs 8.22-31      NT - John 19. 23-27

Reader Ann Taylor

Voluntary: Bist du bei mir - J S Bach

**Hymns**

**Ps 72**

**161**

**187**

**396**

**THIS WEEK**

Mon 15	10 - 12 noon	Private Prayers
Tues 16	10.00 am 7.30 pm	St Alphege Prayer Group Bell Ringing practice
Wed 17	-----	<b>No Recital</b>
Thurs 18	10.30 am	Eucharist in Church

## **BIBLE READING Jeremiah 23. 23-29**

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

## **BIBLE READING Hebrews 11. 29 - 12. 2**

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

## **GOSPEL Luke 12. 49-56**

'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

## **COLLECT**

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **NEXT WEEK**

**Readings:** Isaiah 58. 9b - end, Hebrews 12. 18 - end, Luke 13. 10-17

**Services:-** 8.00am & 10.30am President: The Revd Sue Chandler & Preacher: Suzette Maguire, 5pm President & Preacher: The Revd Sue Chandler

## **THIS WEEK PRAY FOR**

Monday	The Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham
Tuesday	All involved in youth and children's work
Wednesday	Couples preparing for marriage
Thursday	Those involved in baptism preparation
Friday	Our bellringers
Saturday	Monks and Nuns

## **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, Lewis Edge, Dorothy Sawle.

## **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, Beryl Moppett, Alan Cross.

## NOTICES

**Work on St Alphege Church** - The original planned works are on programme, 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 be 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.**

**Calling all budding actors!** We are hoping to recruit some more members to our wonderful Open the Book team, who meet every Wednesday morning in St. Alphege church, as we share worship with the infant school children and their teachers. The team bring to life stories from the bible, as they act them out, led by a narrator. We have a dedicated and brilliant team, and we have a great deal of fun on Wednesday morning, sharing laughter at the many 'performances' and simply enjoying the privilege of bringing the message of God's love to so many children. As they leave church the children are often really excited about what they have seen, making comments like "I really enjoyed that one" or "that was a brilliant story today". No acting qualifications are required, and you will not have to learn a script. We normally meet at about 8.45 a.m. for a quick rehearsal, and the children arrive at about 9.00 a.m. Worship lasts for about 20 – 25 minutes at the most.

A DBS check and volunteer agreement would be required for any new member of the team, and appropriate safeguarding training would need to be undertaken.

If you would like to know any more please do ring Sue Chandler on 07970 791288.

**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](mailto: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.

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

**Lunchtime Recitals will resume in September.**