



St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
18th July 2021
Trinity 7

President & Preacher: The Venerable Paul Taylor

BIBLE READINGS Jeremiah 23: 1 - 6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

NEW TESTAMENT Ephesians 2: 11 - end

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'— a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands — remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

GOSPEL Mark 6: 30 – 34, 53 - end

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

COLLECT

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Bible translators
Tuesday	Members of religious communities
Wednesday	The people of St Helen's Church
Thursday	Those caring for a family member who is ill
Friday	Those exploring religious vocations
Saturday	Our church musicians

NEXT SUNDAY

Readings: Jeremiah 45. 1-5, Acts 11. 27-12. 2, Matthew 20. 20-28

President: Revd Simon Marshall & Preacher: Stephen Linstead

THOSE PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE - 2nd Reading of Banns

James William Stuart Wheeler & Catherine Rebecca Povey, James Anthony Bracken & Chloe Louise Bevan, Morgan Thomas Hope & Rebecca Victoria Abbott, Jamie Brian Hill & Lucy May Ellis

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED (St Alphege)

Lucy Adeyemo, Dan Doyle, Anne Lawrence, Kerrie, Paul Evans, Valerie Tew.

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: Jean Jones

NOTICES

When you book a Sunday service it will be necessary to provide your name, number of people attending from your household, your email address (if you have one) or a contact telephone number. The wearing of a mask in places of worship is still mandatory and we ask all who attend a service to bring one with them. We will continue to share services online for those unable to attend in person. For all the latest information go to: <https://www.solihullparish.org.uk/>

St Alphege Church

A eucharist service will take place at 10.30am. To book a place either email office@solihullparish.org.uk or call (0121) 705 5350.

St Helen's Church

There will be two eucharist services at 9.30am and 11am. To book a place either go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/sthelenseucharist> or call Beryl Moppett on (0121) 705 0337.

Parish Giving - Would you like to make a financial donation to support the work of Solihull Parish? Giving couldn't be easier and every donation, no matter how small, helps to make a real difference. A huge thank-you to all who have donated so far and those who are members of our Parish Giving Scheme. To donate head to: <https://www.solihullparish.org.uk/giving/>

Praise and Play via Zoom - Praise and Play will be meeting weekly at 9.30 am every Friday morning via Zoom for a mix of songs, a Bible story, craft and chat, but you'll need to bring your own cuppa and biscuits! Contact Linda Hicks l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk to receive the Zoom link. (But don't worry if you can't make Friday morning, we'll still be posting the videos on Facebook and the website in the usual way so that no one misses out on the fun!)

Today at 5pm - An outdoor service celebrating the work of St Alphege Music Department with food and drinks and an opportunity to say goodbye to Joe Cooper who has been appointed as the new Director of Music at Bangor Cathedral in North Wales. To book, as above: <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BCLJ>

Wednesday Lunchtime Recitals - We are delighted that our popular lunchtime recital series has now resumed, with recitals each week on Wednesdays at 1.10pm. In order to keep everyone safe, masks must be worn and social distancing measures will be in place. We regret that refreshments are not currently available. Admission is free of charge and a retiring collection is held in aid of The Friends of St Alphege Music. Please could we ask that you book a place by visiting <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BBOF>.

21st July - Ashley Wagner (organ)

28th July - Joe Cooper

Collection for Joe Cooper - Next Sunday, 25 July, is Joe's last Sunday with us. If you wish to contribute to his leaving collection please ensure you make your donation no later than Friday 23 July. Please see below how to pay.

Bank: Lloyds

Account branch: 30-97-78

Account number: 00206323

Account name: PCC Solihull

Reference: Joe Cooper

Cheque, made payable to 'PCC Solihull'

Post to:

The Parish Office, Oliver Bird Hall, B91 3RQ,
clearly marking 'Joe's collection' on the back.

Jane and Richard Kenchington - Our moving date has now been fixed for 22 July.

Our new address will be:

7 Warren Croft, North Nibley, Dursley, GL11 6EN

07779 991 760

janekenchington@gmail.com

We'd love to see anyone who'd like to visit and/ or travelling south down the M5. North Nibley is situated in the area between junctions 13 and 14.

Spare lever arch files - Jane and Richard Kenchington have a large quantity that they would like to send to a good home/s. Contact Jane on 07779 991760