



**St. Alphege Church**  
**This Week's News**  
**19 November 2023**  
**Second Sunday before Advent**  
**(Safeguarding Sunday)**

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

**8.00am Said Eucharist**

President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker  
Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11, Matthew 25.14-30

**9.15am The Junction** in the Oliver Bird Hall

**10.30am Sung Eucharist**

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Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11, Matthew 25.14-30  
Reader(s): Andy Hodkinson

**Hymns**

81  
54  
34  
740 (v2)

Music led by Senior Boys' and Men's Choirs

Setting: Communion Service in C - Ireland

Anthem: Listen sweet dove - Ives

Voluntary: Intrada - Ives

**5.00pm Choral Evensong**

Officiant: Revd Roy Murray & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker  
Readings: 1 Kings 1.[1-14] 15-40, Revelation 1.4-18  
Reader: Joy Curtis

**Psalm**

89. 20-29

Music led by Senior Girls' Choir

Aston Responses

Canticles: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C minor - Dyson

Anthems: My eyes for beauty pine - Howells

Voluntary: Introduction and Passacaglia in D minor - Reger

**Hymns**

433 (omit\*)  
476  
245

**THIS WEEK**

Mon 20	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10am till 12 noon	Church open for private prayer & visitors
Tues 21	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Wed 22	12.30pm	Recital refreshments
	1.10 pm	Lunchtime Recital: Royal Birmingham Conservatoire Harp Department
Thurs 23	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
Fri 24	9.00am	Morning Prayer

## **BIBLE READING** 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

## **GOSPEL** Matthew 25.14-30

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

## **COLLECT**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and great glory  
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where he is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament  
you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last  
to that fullness of life for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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

Alys Pilkington, Ellen, Cairagh, and Iona.

## **CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR**

Wendy Meikle, Chris Weale, Laurence Norton, John Feldman, Henry Balthazor, Stephen Foster, Jenny Williams, Anne Roberts, Evelyn Berry, Anne Kemp, Lucy and Aaliyah Adeyemo, Ron Herd, Dan and Ruth, Margaret Evans, Nicola Beale, Andy Cotterill, Peter, Norma Selwyn, Hamish, Elizabeth Kershaw, John Russell, Malcolm Owens.

## **PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Dean Hunt, Lance Jackson, Graham Lander and Dora Mason, Patricia Taylor

## **THIS WEEK PRAY FOR:**

Monday	Those exploring religious vocations
Tuesday	Those caring for a family member who is ill
Wednesday	Musicians, singers and choirs of our parish
Thursday	Archdeacon Jenny Tomlinson
Friday	Linda Hicks, Parish Director of Children and Families Ministry

## **NEXT WEEK: Sunday 26 November - Christ The King**

**Readings:** Ephesians 1. 15-end, Matthew 25. 31-end

**Services:** **8.00am** Eucharist, President & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

**9.15am** The Junction on Zoom

**10.30am** Eucharist, President & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

**5.00pm** Evensong: Officiant: Nick Parker & Preacher: Revd Roy Murray

**Readings:** 2 Samuel 23. 1-7, Matthew 28. 16-end

## **NOTICES**

**Parish Christmas Card Parish Christmas Card** - We have discovered that the cards have been printed without a greeting on the inside. Replacement packs have now arrived and are available on the bookstall and in the parish office. Please could anyone who has already purchased packs of cards contact Fran Halstead (07710 329030 [fran.halstead@gmail.com](mailto:fran.halstead@gmail.com))

## **Solihull Parish Youth**

We are delighted to have restarted our church youth group. This is for Yr.6 and up and runs each Friday from 5pm – 6.20pm at the Oliver Bird Hall. Sessions include pizza, activities, and games – and are led by our experienced youth team. The aim is to provide a safe space where friendships and faith can grow, enjoying lots of fun at the same time. Do please hold it in your prayers and pass on the information to others who may be interested. There is no charge, but registering is essential. Please email Lynn Smart for the registration link: [l.smart@solihullparish.org.uk](mailto:l.smart@solihullparish.org.uk)

## NOTICES

**Wednesday Lunchtime Recitals:** Weds 22 November: Royal Birmingham Conservatoire Harp Department. Refreshments from 12.30pm, performance at 1.10pm. All welcome. Free admission, retiring collection.

**4<sup>th</sup> Monday Group at the Greville Arms** will next meet on Monday 27 November, at the later time of 2.15pm for 2.30pm start (until 4pm). The change of time is just for this date and please note is different to previously advertised. As usual, please let Suzette know if you plan to go along.

**Advent Books and Study:** This year we are promoting two resources for individuals and groups to use during Advent. The booklet 'Journeying through Advent with New Daylight' (published by the Bible Reading Fellowship) is available from the parish office priced £2.50. The Archbishop of York's Advent Book, 'Stick with love' by Bishop Arun Arora, is on the bookstall priced £10.

Please see the additional leaflet with your pewslip today for those who would like to consider joining an Advent study group.

**Toy collection for Thrive Together Birmingham** – Linda Hicks is seeking donations of **new** toys and gifts (no battery or electronic toys, and please do not wrap them). Please drop the items off at the Parish office in the Oliver Bird Hall by **Thursday 7 December** or bring them along to Church or to the Junction in the Oliver Bird Hall anytime before that date.

### **SCAH in November: The month of ACTION for financial donations**

Solihull Churches Action on Homelessness relies on the fantastic support and generosity shown by you, our Christian and faith community, and as ever we are very, very grateful for that support over the past year.

To donate a minimum of £5, please go to [www.scah.org.uk](http://www.scah.org.uk), click on the 'Fundraising and Donors' page, then click on the 'CAF Donate' button. Virtually every penny goes to helping someone in need and you will be helping enormously.

**Wives' Fellowship:** next lunch club will be held on Friday 1 December, at 12noon. Please contact Carol Caldicott on 705 3168 for more details.

**New Assistant Organist:** We have been successful in appointing to our music staff an Assistant Organist. His name is Liam Condon, currently on the staff at Coventry Cathedral. He will start on the second Sunday in January, mostly accompanying, and occasionally conducting. Liam will also help in our Choral Outreach Programme by leading two of the 'Rising Stars' school choirs.

**Christingle preparations** - Could you spare an hour on Friday 8 December 2-3pm in the OBH, to help prepare the oranges and sweets for the St Alphege Christingle? Bring a cordless drill if you have one. Please let Linda Hicks know if you can help on 270 7390 or [l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk](mailto:l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk)

### **Donating to St Alphege Church.**

To make a regular donation please contact the Stewardship Secretary, Frank Upton on 0121 705 2963. To make a one-off payment please use one of the two methods below: -

#### Online Banking

Bank:	Lloyds
Sort code:	30-97-78
Account:	00206323
A/c name:	PCC Solihull
Reference:	St Alphege



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