



# St. Alphege Church

## This Week's News

### 26 November 2023

#### Christ The King

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

**8.00am Said Eucharist**

President & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall  
Readings: Ephesians 1. 15-end, Matthew 25. 31-end

**9.15am The Junction** via ZOOM

**10.30am Sung Eucharist**

President & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall  
Readings: Ephesians 1. 15-end, Matthew 25. 31-end  
Reader(s): Anne Rock

**Hymns**

92  
671  
634(t1)  
376

Music led by Senior Girls', Ladies' and Men's Choirs

Setting: Missa Brevis 'Capella regalis' - Caesar

Anthem: King of Glory - Harris

Voluntary: Fantasia in G Minor (BMV 542) - J S Bach

**1.00pm Baptism**

**5.00pm Choral Evensong**

Officiant & Preacher: Revd Roy Murray  
Readings: 2 Samuel 23. 1-7, Matthew 28. 16-end  
Reader: Geoff Naylor

**Psalm**

97

Music led by Juniors', Senior Boys' and Men's Choirs

Leighton Responses

Canticles: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D - Dyson

Anthem: O sing joyfully - Batten

Voluntary: March on "Lift up your heads" - Guilmant

**Hymns**

345  
388  
499

#### THIS WEEK

Mon 27	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	9:30am till 3:30pm	Journey to the Stable with local schools (all week)
Tues 28	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group (in OBH)
	12:30pm till 3:30pm	Journey to the Stable
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Wed 29	9:30am till 3:30pm	Journey to the Stable (No Recital this week due to Journey to the Stable)
	3.30pm	Interment of Ashes
Thurs 30	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.30pm till 3:30pm	Journey to the Stable
Fri 01	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	9:30am till 3:30pm	Journey to the Stable
	9.45am (for 10am start)	Advent Course: Room 6, Oliver Bird Hall
	till 11.30am	

## **BIBLE READING** Ephesians 1. 15-end

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

## **GOSPEL** Matthew 25. 31-end

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

## **COLLECT**

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Alys Pilkington, Ellen, Cairagh, 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, Dora Mason, Patricia Taylor

## **THIS WEEK PRAY FOR:**

Monday	Revd Nick Parker, Priest-in-charge of our Parish
Tuesday	The work of the Parish Council
Wednesday	Our Pioneer Minister, Suzette Maguire
Thursday	The Readers of our Parish
Friday	The people of Scotland

## **NEXT WEEK: Sunday 3 December - First Sunday of Advent**

**Readings:** Isaiah 64.1-9, and Mark 13.24-end

**Services:** **8.00am** Eucharist, President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

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

**10.30am** Eucharist, President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

**5.00pm** Advent Carol Service, Officiant: Revd Nick Parker

## **NOTICES**

**Parish Christmas Card** - We have discovered that the cards had been printed without a greeting on the inside, however replacement packs are now available on the bookstall and in the parish office at £4.50 for pack of 10 cards. If you wish to swap or replace the blank cards, please 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)

**Carols by candlelight next Sunday 3 December** at 5.00pm we have our annual Advent Carol Service. This is a wonderfully atmospheric service to invite your friends to: Advent carols sung by our Senior Boys' and Girls' Choirs, Ladies' and Mens' Choirs; and Advent hymns of hope and expectation for all to join in, with seasonal readings from the Bible and other sources. Admission is, of course, free. A good opportunity to invite friends and neighbours to an unusual and attractive service!

**Wednesday Lunchtime Recitals:** no recital this week, returns on Weds 6 December with Liam Condon, organ. Liam is our new Assistant Organist who will join us after Christmas.

## NOTICES

### **Mell Square Crib Service later today (Sunday 26 November)**

Please join us at 3pm in Mell Square, Solihull for the Blessing of the Crib and Carols. The service will last for about half an hour. All are welcome.

**4<sup>th</sup> Monday Group at the Greville Arms** meeting tomorrow (Mon 27) 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.

**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 any time 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.

**Mothers Union Advent Lunch and Meditation** Thursday 7 Dec in the OBH, 1pm Lunch, 2pm Meditation with Rev'd Nick. £10 Lunch and Meditation, £3 Meditation only. Contact Elaine 705 3265 if you wish to attend.

**Guardians' Christmas Coffee Morning.** Friday 15 December 11am - 1pm. Mulled wine, coffee & mince pies. £5 per head, payable on the door, plus raffle. 9 Ulleries Road, Solihull, B92 8DS. Please advise Margaret if you plan to attend, for catering purposes.

Tel: 0121 722 4092 or [margaretoswald43@gmail.com](mailto:margaretoswald43@gmail.com) We look forward to seeing you.

**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.**

This Sunday 26 November the retiring collection is for Christmas Flowers. Please give generously by cash donations in church or by using one of the following online payment methods, details below: -

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



To donate towards the Christmas Flowers collection using your smart phone just scan the QR code with your phone camera and follow the instructions.