



**St. Alphege Church**  
**This Week's News**  
**Sunday 9 June 2024**  
**Second Sunday of Trinity**

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

Morning Readings: (8am and 11am)

Genesis 3.8-15, 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1, Mark 3.20-end

**8.00am**

**Said Eucharist**

President & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

**9.15am**

**All Age Holy Communion**

President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

**Hymns:**

97

165

387

Screens

652 (v1,3,4,6)

Music led by Junior Choristers, St Alphege Young Voices & Worship Band

Anthem: Be still for the presence of the Lord – David Evans

**11.00am**

**Choral Eucharist:**

President & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

Reader(s): (OT) David Sturdee (NT) Pam Price

**Psalm 138**

**Hymns:**

372

461

439 (t1, omit\*)

336

Music led by Senior Choristers and Men's choir

Setting: Missa Octava - Hassler

Anthem: Os Justi - Bruckner

Voluntary: Allegro Maestoso and Fugue from Sonata 2 - Mendelssohn

**5.00pm**

**Evensong**

Officiant & Preacher: Linda Hicks

Readings: Jeremiah 6.16-21, and Romans 9.1-13

Reader: Ann Taylor

Psalm 37.1-11

**Hymns:**

404 (omit\*)

114

244

Music led by Men's Choir

Condon Responses

Canticles: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D - Howells

Anthem: O Lord I lift my heart to thee - Gibbons

Voluntary: Paean - Howells

**THIS WEEK -**

Due to lighting work, the church is now closed daytime on weekdays until mid-September except for:

Mon 10 9.00am Morning Prayer (enter by choir vestry please)

Tues 11 10.00am St Alphege Prayer Group in OBH  
7.30pm Bellringers practice

Weds 12 1.10pm Lunchtime recital: Alessandra Scalzone (flute)  
in the OBH

Thurs 13 9.00am Morning Prayer (enter by choir vestry please)  
10.30am Said Eucharist

Fri 14 9.00am Morning Prayer (enter by choir vestry please)

**BIBLE READING** Genesis 3.8-15

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.'

**BIBLE READING** 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

**GOSPEL** Mark 3.20-end

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.'

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

## **COLLECT**

Lord, you have taught us  
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,  
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.  
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining  
and whose power we cannot comprehend:  
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,  
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear  
until we may look upon you without fear;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

## **THIS WEEK PRAY FOR**

Monday	Revd Roy Murray
Tuesday	Revd Simon Marshall
Wednesday	Linda Hicks
Thursday	Revd Nick, as he continues to lead our parish
Friday	Our two church schools

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

Jennifer Spencer, John Goodman, Daisy Lewis, and Faye.

## **CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR**

Wendy Meikle, Henry Balthazor, Stephen Foster, Jenny Williams, Evelyn Berry, Ron Herd, Dan and Ruth, Margaret Evans, Nicola Beale, Andy Cotterill, Peter, Anne Kemp, Elizabeth Kershaw, John Russell, Malcolm Owens, Ellen, Aaliyah Adeyemo, Janet, Angela Maas, Ruth & Rae, and Roger Loads, and Hazel Hewlett.

## **PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Anne Boulter, Derek Sears, and Irene Grice.

### **NEXT WEEK: Sunday 16 June: Third Sunday after Trinity**

Morning Readings: Ezekiel 17.22-end, 2 Corinthians 5.6-10 (11-13) 14-17, Mark 4.26-34

Services: 8.00am Said Eucharist: President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

9.15am The Junction in the Oliver Bird Hall

10.30am Sung Eucharist: President: Revd Roy Murray

& Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

5.00pm Evensong: Officiant: Revd Nick Parker & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

Readings: Jeremiah 7.1-16, and Romans 9.14-26

**NOTICES** (send any notices to [pewslip@solihullparish.org.uk](mailto:pewslip@solihullparish.org.uk) by 10am on Wednesdays)

**Church Lighting Works (Phase 1 of Project Turnaround) has begun.** The church will be closed on weekdays daytime, except for Thursdays at 10.30am worship, and for Morning Prayer (9am Monday, Thursday, Friday). Church will open as usual for worship on Sundays, as well as any weddings & baptisms. We expect completion in early September. **Please contact the Parish Office if you need further information.**

**Wednesday lunchtime recitals** in the OBH: 12 June: Alessandra Scalzone (flute). Recitals start at 1.10pm with tea/coffee and cake available from 12.30pm. Entry is free with a retiring collection held in aid of The Friends of St Alphege Music. All welcome.

**Sunday 16 June: New Road will be closed from 9.30am until 2.00pm** as the Solihull Race for Life takes place. This means that access to the OBH and Council car parks will be up Church Hill Road from the roundabout.

**Vacancies: District Safeguarding Coordinator & Parish Safeguarding Coordinator for St Alphege:** each of our District churches have somebody to work with the Parish Safeguarding Coordinator with this important work. There is currently vacancies for both roles at St Alphege. Please look at the Parish website for more information.

<https://www.solihullparish.org.uk/job-vacancies/> Closing date Monday 17 June 2024.

**Sat 22 June at 7pm: Magnificat: Celebrating the centenaries of Stanford and Bruckner.** This is the St Alphege Church Choirs summer concert in church. Please put the date in your diaries, ticket information via the QR code



**Civic Service 30 June at 11am:** We look forward to welcoming the new SMBC Mayor, Councillor Shahin Ashraf MBE, and her Consort, Jehangir Malik OBE. This service will be supported by our choirs and is open to the public but note that it will not include Holy Communion. Along with this change to our regular pattern, we will also hold a 9.15am All Age Holy Communion.

**Volunteers Needed!** We are planning to showcase different aspects of church life along with the various opportunities for taking part and volunteering. Those who coordinate an area of church ministry are invited to get in touch with the Parish Office to book a table, to plan display and publicity materials. Email: [admin@solihullparish.org.uk](mailto:admin@solihullparish.org.uk) (please put Volunteers in subject line).

**Have you seen the St Alphege Micro Victory Garden Project at the OBH?** Following funds granted from the Big Lottery, there is a raised bed area growing fruit and veg for children and young people in the community. Look out for details soon on community planting days for children and young people and gardening talk evenings for people of all ages to come together to learn more about horticulture. If you are interested in being involved, please contact the Preschool Chair, Ben on [Chair@stalphege-preschool.org.uk](mailto:Chair@stalphege-preschool.org.uk)

**Christian Aid week donations:** The total amount raised for Christian Aid by the E-envelope scheme was £2606.59 including Bucket collections made in church of £419.59. We thank everyone who contributed for their generous support, regards John Busst.

**Donations:** 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 following two methods:

**Online Banking**

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



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