



**St Alphege Church**  
**Sunday 20th July**  
**Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

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

Morning Readings: Genesis 11, Colossians 1.15-28, Luke 10.38-end

**8.00am Said Eucharist**

President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

**10.30am Sung Eucharist for the whole church family**

President: Revd Simon Marshall &

Preacher: The Ven Paul Taylor

Reader(s): (OT) President/Preacher (NT) Anne Rock

Music led by Seniors, Ladies & Back Row

Gloria: Mass of Creation - Marty Haugen

Setting: Communion service in F - Sumsion

Anthem: The Heavens are Telling – Haydn

Voluntary: Exultemus - Whitlock

**Psalm**

104

verses 26-36

**Hymns:**

622

81

163

64

**5.00pm Evensong**

Officiant & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Reading: Genesis 41.1-16, 25-37, 1 Corinthians 4.8-13

Reader: Sherwood Burge

Music led by Junior, Seniors, Ladies & Back Row

Sanders Responses

Evening Service in Bb - Stanford

Anthem: For lo I raise up - Stanford

Voluntary: Postlude in D - Stanford

**Psalm**

73

**Hymns:**

374

244

376

**St Alphege Church is now open 10.00am to 3.00pm on Weekdays &  
10.00am to 12.00pm on Saturdays**

**THIS WEEK**

Mon 21	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	Bell Ringing Workshop
Tues 22	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group in OBH
	7.30pm	Bellringers practice
Weds 23	1.10pm	Lunchtime Recital – Rela Spyrou (chamber music group)
Thurs 24	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
Fri 25	9.00am	Morning Prayer

## **BIBLE STORY** (from My Big Story Bible by Tom Wright): Genesis 11

After the flood, Noah's children and grandchildren started to look for new places to live. But they didn't want to be scattered over the earth. They wanted to be together in one place.

"Hey! Why don't we build a big city?" they said. "And in the middle let's build a giant tower!" So that's what they did. They thought their tower would reach all the way from earth to heaven. They thought they were very clever.

God came down to have a look. He saw how proud the people were of their tower. He saw how they wanted to do everything without him. That made him sad.

God decided something had to change. In those days, the world had just one language, so instead of allowing everyone to speak the same language, God made them speak lots of different ones.

When that happened, the people building the tower didn't feel so clever. They tried to talk to one another, but it was no good. Some tried shouting orders. They shouted and shouted, and waved their arms about, but nobody could understand them! In the end they threw down their tools and gave up.

The people left the tower half-finished and wandered off to look for other places to live. So they ended up scattered over the earth after all.

The place where they tried to build the tower was called Babel, because of the babble made by all the languages.

## **BIBLE READING:** Colossians 1.15-28

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled<sup>1</sup> in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him - provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

## **GOSPEL:** Luke 10.38-end

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

## **COLLECT**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,  
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered  
by your governance,  
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **THIS WEEK PRAY FOR**

Monday	Those caring for a family member who is ill
Tuesday	Paul Evans, St Alphege Verger
Wednesday	The people of St Helen's Church
Thursday	Tammy Strong, Parish Children's & Families Minister
Friday	Our Area Dean, Tony Rindl

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

David Patterson, Gill Taylor, Gerald Blackburn, and Pearl Hampson.

## **CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR**

Ella, Daisy, Mary, Andrew, Jonathan, Kerrie, Nigel Vian, Dorothy Newbery, Emma, Amy, Dean, David, Suzette, Gary Sheppard, Andy Hodgkinson, Wendy Meikle, Henry Balthazor, Stephen Foster, Jenny Williams, Evelyn Berry, Ron Herd, Dan and Ruth, Margaret Evans, Nicola Beale, Peter, John Russell, Malcolm Owens, Aaliyah Adeyemo, Ruth & Rae, Roger Loads, Hazel Hewlet, and Hilary Thurlow.

## **PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Peter McDonald Clark, Gráinne Buggy, Eileen Keeley, Betty Bonehill, Ray Williams, Pamela Walters, and Raymond McCoy.

## **NEXT WEEK: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July - Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

Morning readings: Genesis 12,15, Colossians 2.6-15, Luke 11.1-13

Services:	8.00am	Said Eucharist - President and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist for the whole church family - President: Revd Roy Murray & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer – Officiant: Revd Nick Parker & Preacher: Revd Roy Murray

Evening Readings: Genesis 42.1-25, 1 Corinthians 10.1-24

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

### **Summer Services for All the Church Family**

From this Sunday and throughout the summer our 10.30am services will feature a Bible Story for all ages (beginning with The Giant Tower), activities and craft at the back of church, and an invitation for young people to take an active part in the liturgy. The Junction and Messy Church will resume in September.

**Wednesday lunchtime recital** – This is the last recital for this academic year, so after 23 July, there will be a break in recitals until 10 September. Thank you to all who have supported the recitals over the year, and particular thanks to the team of volunteers who help run these popular musical outreach events each week.

**Head, Heart & Hands:** Introduction to the poetry of George Herbert – Wednesday 23rd July 7.30 to 9.00pm at St Michael's Chapel. To book, please call 0121 705 5350 or email: [admin@solihullparish.org.uk](mailto:admin@solihullparish.org.uk).

**Wives' Fellowship Lunch Club** – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 12 noon. Please contact Carol Caldicott at 0121 705 3168.

**CAMRA Beer Festival** will be taking place in the Oliver Bird Hall between Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 11.00am to 11.00pm. Please be aware that the OBH and car park will be busy.

**321 Course:** 6pm on Sundays 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September. A course inviting you to see life the way Jesus does. Inspired by Jesus' vision of reality, 321 is designed to help you think about God, the world and yourself through immersive videos and thoughtful illustrations. Please contact the parish office to register your interest.

**Confirmation (and Baptism) Service** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 5pm

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Esther for this special service where candidates publicly take this important step of faith. Prospective candidates may prepare by attending Alpha or 321 with two combined sessions on 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October. Please speak to a member of the clergy or contact the parish office for more details.

**Parish Welcome** – We meet on a Monday afternoon 2.00pm - 3.30pm in Room 6 at the OBH, to help those newly arrived in the country with their English. We had over 30 students this week. As it is the holiday season, we expect to be especially short of volunteers over the next few weeks. If you enjoy chatting with people from different backgrounds who are keen to learn and appreciative of what we offer, this is for you! Most of us are not trained teachers. Please just come or speak to Deirdre Moll (07751572046) or Frances Rumball if you would like to know more.

**Solihull Pride** - SMBC are planning a pride event over the weekend 6th - 7th September. Whilst we are not officially taking part there is an invitation from Shirley Methodist for individuals to join their contingent on the Saturday march. We will also be ensuring that St. Alphege is a welcoming space for everyone. Please contact the office for more details.

**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 two methods below:-

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