

# St. Alphege Church Sunday 6th July Third Sunday after Trinity

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

Morning Readings: 2 Kings 5.1-14, Galatians 6.7-16, Luke 10.1-11, 16-20

#### 8.00am Said Eucharist

President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

9.15am The Junction - OBH

#### 10.30am Sung Eucharist

(( President: Revd Roy Murray & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker Reader(s): (OT) Susan Gomm (NT) Andy Hodkinson

	Gloria: Mass of Creation - Marty Haugen Setting: Mass of John the Baptist - Chris Bell Voluntary: Toccata from Suite Gothique - Boëllman	<b>Hymns:</b> 537 585 screens 569 740(version 2)
5.00pm	<b>Evening Prayer</b> Officiant: Revd Simon Marshall & Preacher: Linda Hicks Reading: Genesis 29.1-20, Mark 6.7-29 Reader: Geoff Naylor	<b>Psalm</b> 63
	Voluntary: Ceremonial March - Sumsion	Hymns: 334 362 239

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

#### THIS WEEK

Mon 7	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tues 8	10.00am 7.30pm	St Alphege Prayer Group in OBH Bellringers practice
Weds 9	9.15am 1:10pm	St Alphege Federation Service Lunchtime Recital - Callum Alger (Organ)
Thurs 10	9.00am 10.30am 11.30am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer Said Eucharist Civic rehearsal Guardians Event– The Stained Glass Windows of St Alphege Church
Fri 11	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Sat 12	10.00am	Church closed due to RSCM exams Bible Study Group - OBH Room 5

# BIBLE READING: 2 Kings 5.1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.'

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

#### BIBLE READING: Galatians 6.7-16

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an

opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not

themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

# GOSPEL: Luke 10.1-11, 16 -20

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the I abourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road.

Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.

Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.

'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.'

The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

# COLLECT

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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**

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

MondayThe people and leaders of Ukraine & RussiaTuesdayThose who work in the Touchwood CentreWednesdayBishop MichaelThursdayThe work of the Parish Church CouncilFridayMembers of Religious communities

# PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

Ella, Daisy, Mary, Andrew, Jonathan, Kerrie, Nigel Vian, Dorothy Newbery, Emma, Amy, Dean, David, Suzette, Gary Sheppard, Andy Hodkinson, David Patterson, Gerald Blackburn and Pearl Hampson.

# **CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR**

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

Jeanne Bargery, David Oakes, Peter McDonald Clark, Gráinne Buggy, and Eileen Keeley.

# NEXT WEEK: Sunday 13th July - Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Morning Readings: Deuteronomy 30.9-14, Luke 10.25-37

Services: 8.00am Said Eucharist - President & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

- 9.15am All Age Holy Communion President: Revd Sue Chandler & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
- 11.00am Civic Service President: Revd Nick Parker & Preacher: Revd Caz Hague (Mayor's Chaplain)
- 5.00pm Evensong Officiant & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Evening Reading: Genesis 32.9-30, Mark 7.1-23

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

**Head, Heart & Hands: Exploring the 'Jesus Prayer' -** Saturday 12th July at 11.15am at St Michael's Chapel. Led by Revd Roger Chamberlain. To book, please call 0121 705 5350 or email: admin@solihullparish.org.uk

**Parish Picnic** – 12.30pm Sunday 13th July at St. Helen's (including our farewell to Linda Hicks). Please bring your first course and, if you can, a pudding to share. There will be games and activities available for children.

**July Quiet Evening** - Please join us on Monday 14th July 6.30pm at St Alphege Church. For more information, please pick up a leaflet in church.

**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.

**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.

**Wednesday lunchtime recital** - 18th June, Callum Alger (organ). Recitals start at 1.10pm with tea/coffee and cake available from 12.30pm. Entry is free with a retiring collection, in aid of the Friends of St Alphege Music. All welcome.

**The Stained Glass Windows of St Alphege -** Thursday July 10th, 7.00pm to 9.30pm. A Guardians event. Insights into the Art and History. Tours following talk by restorer Barry Brady. All welcome. Wine, drinks, refreshments to follow. Suggested donation £10.

**Eastwind Tabernacle Annual Service and Event** This weekend 5th and 6th July, Eastwind (who meet weekly in the OBH) host a national service and event for their denomination. Please be aware that the OBH and car park will be busy throughout both Saturday and Sunday.

**Director of Ministry to Children, Youth and Families -** We were not successful in attracting a qualified candidate for this post and are presently readvertising. Please hold the process in your prayers, that the right person would be prompted to apply. Please also pray for all who sustain this vital area of ministry, especially those who volunteer, that things would be held well during any interim.

**Bible Study Group** - meeting on Saturday 12th July at 10.00am. For this week only it will be held in the Oliver Bird Hall room 5.

#### Linda's Retirement

Linda Hicks is retiring at the end of this school term in July. We are organising a collection as thanks for her many years of commitment to our parish families and local schools. If you would like to contribute towards the collection you can either take cash to the Parish Office or use the following QR code.

**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:-

To donate to St Alphege use the contactless Giving Station by the North Door or scan this  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{QR}}$  code

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