



St Alphege Church
Sunday 10th August
Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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

Morning Readings: Genesis 22, Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16, Luke 12.32-40

8.00am Said Eucharist

President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

10.30am Sung Eucharist for the whole church family

President: Revd Anne Haselhurst & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Hymns:

19

455

238

Music:

Setting: Mass of John the Baptist – Chris Bell

30

Music during Communion: Siciliano from Flute Sonata No. 2
in E-flat major BWV 1031 – J S Bach

64

Voluntary: Sonata no.6 Variation 4 – Mendelssohn

1.00pm Baptism

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Officiant: Revd Nick Parker & Preacher: Revd Sue Chandler

Reading: Isaiah 11.10-12.end, 2 Corinthians 1.1-22

Reader: Geoff Naylor

Psalm:

108

Music:

Voluntary: Concerto in A minor BWV593 -Bach (after Vivaldi)

Hymns:

63

376

466

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

THIS WEEK

Mon 11	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tues 12	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group in Upper Chapel
	7.30pm	Bellringers practice
Weds 13	1.10pm	Lunchtime Recitals will resume on 10 th September
Thurs 14	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
Fri 15	9.00am	Morning Prayer

BIBLE STORY (from My Big Story Bible by Tom Wright): Genesis 22

Isaac grew to be a fine strong boy, and Abraham loved him dearly. One day God said to Abraham, "I want you to take Isaac to the top of a mountain and offer him to me as a sacrifice." (To sacrifice something means to give it up. Sometimes this means giving up something precious that you dearly love.) Abraham was puzzled. After all those years of waiting for God's promise to come true, why was God now telling him to do this? Could it be that God wanted to see how much Abraham really trusted him?

That night, Abraham was so worried that he hardly slept. But the next day he got up early and did as God had said. He woke Isaac and together they set off toward the mountain. Isaac had gone with his father on a journey like this before. At the end of the journey, he had watched while his father built an altar and sacrificed a lamb by killing it and offering it to God. After building the altar, Abraham would put some firewood on the top, and then he would kill the lamb and place it on the wood. But now Isaac was puzzled. His father had given him the wood to carry, but where was the lamb for the sacrifice?

When they reached the top of the mountain, Isaac helped his father build the altar. Then Isaac put the firewood on top, while Abraham, tears running down his face, got ready to sacrifice his son. Suddenly, Abraham heard God's voice: "Abraham, stop!"

Abraham froze. "Now I know you really trust me," said God. And at that moment Abraham saw a goat with its horns caught in a bush. He took the goat and sacrificed it instead of Isaac. Then Abraham put his arms around his son, and together they walked back down the mountain.

BIBLE READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.'

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
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

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	That we may live simply and generously
Tuesday	Online delivery workers
Wednesday	King Charles III
Thursday	Staff, patients and volunteers of the Marie Curie hospice
Friday	Those awaiting the birth of a child

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

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

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Ella, Daisy, Mary, Andrew, Jonathan, Kerrie, Nigel Vian, Dorothy Newbery, Emma, Amy, Dean, Gary Sheppard, 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

Kate Hetherington, and David Maguire.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 17th August – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Morning readings: Genesis 24, Hebrews 11.29 – 12.2, Luke 12.49-56

Services:	8.00am	Said Eucharist – President & Preacher: Revd Roy Murray
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist for the whole church family – President: Revd Sue Chandler & Preacher: Revd Roy Murray
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer – Officiant: Mike Smith & Preacher: Stephen Linstead

Evening Readings: Song of Solomon 2.1-7, Acts 1. 6-14

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

A **MASSIVE THANK YOU** for all the good wishes and generous and thoughtful gifts that I received on the occasion of my retirement. I loved every moment of the Farewell Picnic and am so grateful for all involved in making it so special. My time working in the Solihull Parish has been an immense joy and privilege and may God bless you all in the weeks and months ahead. Linda .

Funeral information for David Maguire: Monday 18th August at 1pm, St Nicholas Church, Elmdon. <https://www.anaturalundertaking.co.uk/davidmaguire/>. All are welcome to the church and to the Greville Arms afterwards. Please can people let me know asap (by Tuesday 12th) if they plan to come along by emailing s.maguire@solihullparish.org.uk. This is for catering purposes. Thank you. Best wishes, Suzette.

Live streaming - We are sorry that there may be a short break in our ability to stream services from St Alphege while we complete the commissioning of the new digital sound equipment. We will resume as soon as we can and suggest you check each Sunday.

Summer Services for All the Church Family

Throughout the summer our 10.30am services will feature a Bible Story for all ages, 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 recitals – 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.

321 Course: 6pm – 7.30pm on Sundays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th 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 19th 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 5th and 12th October. Please speak to a member of the clergy or contact the parish office for more details.

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 Church 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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