



St Alphege Church
Sunday 17th August
Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

Morning Readings: Genesis 24, Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2, Luke 12.49-56

8.00am Said Eucharist

President & Preacher: Revd Roy Murray

10.30am Sung Eucharist for the whole church family

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Reader: (OT) President or Preacher (NT) Martin Ayers

Hymns:

676 (omit

v4&5)

529

56

444

630

Music:

Setting: Mass of John the Baptist – Chris Bell

Music for Communion: Mazurka in A minor - Chopin.

Voluntary: Tu es Petra - Mulet

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Officiant: Mike Smith & Preacher: Stephen Linstead

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

Reader: Sherwood Burge

Psalm:

132

Music:

Voluntary: Prelude in B minor BMV544 – Bach

Hymns:

185

187

188

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

THIS WEEK

Mon 18	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tues 19	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group in Upper Chapel
	6.30pm	Wedding rehearsal
	7.30pm	Bellringers practice
Weds 20	09.30am	Visiting bell band
Thurs 21	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	Wedding rehearsal
Fri 22	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Sat 23	2.00pm	Wedding – Aaron Osborne and Danielle Shorrock

BIBLE STORY (from My Big Story Bible by Tom Wright): Genesis 24

When Isaac had grown into a man, and his mother Sarah had died, Abraham decided it was time for Isaac to get married. So Abraham called one of his servants and gave him a special job. "Go to my family who are still living in Haran," said Abraham, "and there you will find the young woman who will marry my son."

The servant climbed onto his camel and made the long journey. When he was near the town of Haran, he stopped next to a well. There he prayed to God. How would he know who would be the wife for Isaac?

Just then, he saw a young woman called Rebekah coming out to fetch water from the well. It was a hot day in a hot country. Rebekah gave Abraham's servant a drink, and his camels too. The servant could see that Rebekah was both beautiful and kind. Surely, she must be the one!

Rebekah took the servant back to her house, where she lived with her brother. His name was Laban. When the servant told them why Abraham had sent him, Laban said, "Here is Rebekah. She will be a fine wife for Isaac."

So Rebekah went back with Abraham's servant to the land of Canaan. As soon as Isaac saw Rebekah he knew he loved her, and she became his wife.

BIBLE READING: Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

GOSPEL: Luke 12.49-56

'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father,
mother against daughter and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Those who are looking for work
Tuesday	Local Mental Health support services
Wednesday	The work and witness of Churches Together in Central Solihull
Thursday	The Solihull Town Centre Chaplaincy
Friday	Medical and support staff of Solihull Hospital

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, 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 24th August - Bartholomew the Apostle

Morning readings: Genesis 25, 27, Hebrews 12.18-end, Luke 13.10-17

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

Evening Readings: Isaiah 30.8-21, Corinthians ch 9

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

Organist – Today we welcome River Leone

Funeral information for David Maguire: Monday 18th August at 1pm, St Nicholas Church, Elmdon - www.anaturalundertaking.co.uk/davidmaguire. All are welcome to the church and to the Greville Arms afterwards. Please can people let Suzette 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.

The Big Sing And International Supper. On Saturday 20th September everyone is invited to an evening of singing and food. Sing for health, sing for fun and sing for God. Supported by the St Alphege Choirs with Kevin Gill on the piano. An international supper will be served in the interval - all in the Oliver Bird Hall. Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of September, based on £10 per person, with concessions. Advance booking is essential, please use QR code to book.



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.

Renewal of OBH car park permits – 2025/26 car park permits will be available to purchase during the month of September. Application forms for attending church services and events in the Oliver Bird Hall will be available in church and the Parish Office from Sunday 31st August. The application form can also be downloaded from the Oliver Bird Hall hire section of our website.

Members of the OBH committee will be running parking permit hubs in the OBH during the first two weeks of September – dates and times to follow.

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 QR code.

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