



**St Alphege Church**  
**Sunday 31st August**  
**Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

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

Morning Readings: Genesis 28-32, Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16, Luke 14.1, 7-14

**8.00am Said Eucharist**

President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

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

President and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

Reader(s): (OT) President or Preacher (NT) Ann Taylor

**Music:**

Setting: Mass of John the Baptist – Chris Bell

Voluntary: Sortie in E flat – Lefebure-Wely

**Hymns:**

383 (omit v2&4)

543 (extra)

54 (omit v2)

289

612

**5.00pm Taizé**

Officiant: Revd Nick Parker

Readings: Psalm 104.1,21-35; Jeremiah 14.9

Reader: Geoff Naylor

**Music:**

Voluntary: Priere a Notre Dame by Boellmann.

**Psalm:**

134

**Hymns:**

766

778

786

772

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

**THIS WEEK**

Mon 1	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tues 2	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group in Upper Chapel
	7.30pm	Bellringers practice
Weds 3	9.15am	Open the Book - St Alphege Infants School Service
Thurs 4	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
Fri 5	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Interment of Ashes of Pamela Walters
	12.00noon	Interment of Ashes of Michael Weale
	5.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Sat 6	12.00noon	Wedding - Calum Groom and Eliza Summerfield

**BIBLE STORY** (from My Big Story Bible by Tom Wright): Genesis 28-32

Jacob ran. He knew he had to leave, but where could he go? He decided he would look for Laban, his uncle who lived in Horan, and tell him what had happened.

It was a long journey. one night, he was so tired that he went to sleep with a stone for his pillow. As he slept, God sent him a dream. In the dream he saw a stairway that stretched from earth to heaven. Angels were walking up and down on it. And there, standing at the top, was God. "I am with you," said God. "This land is for you and your children, and you will be a blessing to the whole world." When Jacob woke up, he said to himself, "This place must be the House of God!"

At last Jacob arrived in Haran, where he found Laban and the rest of Abraham's family. Jacob stayed with them for seven years, working on Laban's farm. During that time, Jacob fell in love with Laban's younger daughter, Rachel, and he asked to marry her. But Laban tricked Jacob and gave him his elder daughter, Leah, instead. Laban then promised to give him Rachel as well, if Jacob promised to work for him for another seven years.

After those seven years had gone by, Jacob decided to make the long journey back to Canaan. He gathered his two wives, his large family, and all their belongings, and they set off. One night, something very strange happened. Jacob was alone outside, when suddenly he met a stranger who challenged him to a wrestling match! All through the night they wrestled, and in the morning Jacob realized that the stranger was an angel. The angel gave him God's blessing. "You know, Jacob," he said, "you should really be called 'Israel'." The name Israel means "fighter of God".

**BIBLE READING** Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 14.1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

## **COLLECT**

O God, you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,  
that we, running the way of your commandments,  
may receive your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure.  
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**

Lord of all mercy,  
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice  
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:  
by our communion  
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel  
and preserve us from all sin;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **THIS WEEK PRAY FOR**

Monday	For those who live alone
Tuesday	For all facing persecution because of their loyalty to Christ
Wednesday	For our ministry to children and young people
Thursday	For those exploring vocation of all kinds
Friday	For the Solihull BID team and St Alphege Church hosts

## **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, Hilary Thurlow and Suzette Maguire.

## **PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Colin Ranger and Edwina Hedgecox

## **NEXT WEEK: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September—Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

Morning readings: Deuteronomy 30.15-end, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14.25-33

Services:	8.00am	Said Eucharist – President & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall
	9.15am	The Junction - OBH
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist – President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
	5.00pm	Evensong – Officiant & Preacher: Revd Roy Murray

Evening Readings: Isaiah 43.14-44.5, John 5.30-end

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

**Renewal of OBH car park permits** – 2025/26 car park permits are now available. There are two types. The first, costing £15, covers attendance at church services and events in the Oliver Bird Hall and may be purchased in church and from the Parish Office, with application forms also on the hire section of the parish website for download. The second, costing £20, is for parents/guardians with children at St. Alphege Preschool and Infant School and may be purchased from the Parish Office and Infant School reception. Additionally, members of the OBH committee will be running parking permit hubs for all types of permits in the foyer of the OBH, weekdays only 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> September 8.30am and 3.00pm. Anyone who would like a new parking permit is encouraged to use the hubs and payment using the QR code is preferred. Please show the committee member or a member of the parish office proof of payment by taking a screenshot of the payment screen.

**Thursday 4th Sept MU 1.30pm OBH.** A talk by Rita Evans entitled 'Mothers' Union Work in Prisons'

**Wives Fellowship Lunch Club** Friday 5th September 12 noon. Please contact Carol Caldicott 0121 705 3168.

**Churchyard tidy-up** – Help from all ages needed to clean up the churchyard on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September from 10am-12noon.

**Saturdays 6th and 20th September - Welcomers** We will be keeping the church open for longer on these two Saturdays, the first for the Pride Event and the second for Heritage Weekend. If anyone could spare an hour to welcome people at the door and/or to make them a drink, we would be most grateful. Please contact Pam Price if you can help out. 0121 704 3104 or [colandpam@ic24.net](mailto:colandpam@ic24.net)

**Guardians Autumn Coffee Morning** - Thursday 18th September 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. Margaret Oswald is kindly hosting a fund-raising coffee morning. Coffee/tea and cakes, and a raffle. It will be a chance to discuss plans for 2026. £8 entry. To book please contact [rogershinton@outlook.com](mailto:rogershinton@outlook.com) by the end of Tuesday 16th September.

**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, we will all sing together songs and hymns new and old, from around the world, plus favourite choruses from musicals and operas. An international supper will be served in the interval - all in the Oliver Bird Hall. Tickets at £10 for adults, with no charge for children ~~or FOSAM members~~, may be purchased online using this QR code or from the Parish Office.



**Urgent Appeal:** FOSAM are looking for volunteers to help with refreshments (cake making and/or serving) at the weekly recitals. If anyone can help, please contact Lynne Groutage on 07974678134 or [lynnegroutage@icloud.com](mailto:lynnegroutage@icloud.com) or any member of the FOSAM committee.

**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.

**The Junction** resumes next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September with the picnic. Breakfast provided please bring a blanket.

**321 Course:** 6pm – 7.30pm 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.

**Solihull Pride** - SMBC are planning a Pride event over the weekend 6th - 7th September. We will 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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