



St Alphege Church
Sunday 3rd August
Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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

Morning Readings: Genesis 17,18, 21 Colossians 3.1-11, Luke 12.13-21

8.00am Said Eucharist

President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

10.30am Sung Eucharist for the whole church family

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Reader: (NT) David Sturdee

Hymns:

6 (omit v2&3)

268

67

310

465

Music:

Setting: Mass of John the Baptist – Chris Bell

Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in G Major BWV 541 -Bach

1.00pm Baptism

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Officiant & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

Reading: Genesis 50.4-end, 1 Corinthians 14.1-19

Reader: Geoff Naylor

Psalm

107, 1-16

Music:

Voluntary: Allegro from Symphonie No.2 - Vienne

Hymns:

342

407

248

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

THIS WEEK

Mon 4	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tues 5	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group in Upper Chapel
	7.30pm	Bellringers practice
Weds 6	1.10pm	Lunchtime Recitals will resume on 10 th September
Thurs 7	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Communion, with Prayers for healing and anointing
Fri 8	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Sat 9	10.00am	Bible Study Group – Upper Chapel

BIBLE STORY (from My Big Story Bible by Tom Wright): Genesis 17,18,21

Abram was puzzled. God had promised that he and his wife would have lots of children. But surely God must know that they were far too old for that to happen! How could God's promise come true?

God wanted to help Abram understand that the promise really would come true. So, God decided to make a special agreement. The special agreement said that God would give Abram a great land for his children and grandchildren. Those grandchildren would have lots more children. Then so would they, and so would they, until there were so many children they would become a whole nation.

As part of his special agreement, God changed Abram's name to "Abraham", which means "father of many nations".

The years went by. Soon Abraham would be 100 years old, and his wife, Sarah, would be 90. But still they had no children. The thought of becoming a father at 100 made Abraham laugh. Then, one day, three mysterious visitors arrived at Abraham's tent. Abraham invited them to stay and share a meal, and while they were eating one of them said, "This time next year, Sarah will have a son." Now it was Sarah who laughed.

But a year later, God's promise came true. Sarah gave birth to a son. They named him Isaac, which means "laughing one".

Bible Reading: Colossians 3.1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

GOSPEL: Luke 12.13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

COLLECT

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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 God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Spiritual directors and counsellors
Tuesday	Those who work in national and local government
Wednesday	That we may declare our faith in Christ in word and deed
Thursday	Writers of hymns and sacred music
Friday	The Readers of our Parish

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, Andy Hodkinson, 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

Kathryn Hetherington, and David Maguire.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 10th August – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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

Services:	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
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer – Officiant: Revd Nick Parker & Preacher: Revd Sue Chandler

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

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

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.

Solihull Half Marathon is on 10th August which will result in various road closures from 6am-1pm.

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.

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.

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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