



St Alphege Church
Sunday 7th September
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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

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

8.00am Said Eucharist

President and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

9.15am The Junction -OBH

10.30am Sung Eucharist

President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Reader(s): (OT) Mike Rumball, (NT) Pam Price

Hymns:

144

485

175

608

493 (t528,omit

v2&3)

Music:

Gloria: Mass of Creation – Marty Haugen

Setting: Communion Service in Bb – Stanford

Anthem: Jesu, the very thought of thee - Tye

Voluntary: Cathédrales – Vierne

5.00pm Evensong

Officiant & Preacher: Revd Roy Murray

Readings: Isaiah 43.14-44.5, John 5.30-end

Reader: Ann Taylor

Psalm:

121

Hymns:

377

74

Music:

Rose Responses

Canticles: Evening Service in E – Murrill

Anthem: Jubilate – Philip Stopford

Voluntary: Marche de Procession – Guilmant

243 (omit v5&6)

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

THIS WEEK

Mon 8	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tues 9	10.00am 7.30pm	St Alphege Prayer Group in Upper Chapel Bellringers practice
Weds 10	09.30am 1.10pm	Federation Service – St Alphege Junior School Lunchtime Recital – Lily Stanford, Joel Skaria, Josh Cahm (voice, piano & organ)
Thurs 11	9.00am 10.30am	Morning Prayer Said Eucharist
Fri 12	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Sat 13	10.00am	Bible Study Group in Upper Chapel

BIBLE READING: Deuteronomy 30.15-end

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

BIBLE READING Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

GOSPEL: Luke 14.25-33

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	For new and expectant mothers
Tuesday	For those living and working in slum conditions
Wednesday	For the work of Solihull Churches Action on Homelessness
Thursday	For the care of God's world, our common home
Friday	For the Eco Church gatherings and events

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

David Patterson, Gill Taylor, Gerald Blackburn, Pearl Hampson, Deborah Walker, and Jean Pearson

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 14th September—Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Morning readings: Exodus 32.7-14, 1 Timothy 1.12-17, Luke 15.1-10

Services:	8.00am	Said Eucharist – President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
	9.15am	All Age Holy Communion: President: Revd Sue Chandler & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
	11:00am	Choral Eucharist – President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
	5.00pm	Evensong – Officiant: Michael Smith & Preacher: Revd Sue Chandler

Evening Readings: Isaiah 60, John 6.51-69

NOTICES (send any notices to 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 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.

The Junction: Resumes today with a picnic at St Alphege. Breakfast provided please bring a blanket.

Wednesday lunchtime recitals – 10th September – Lily Stanford, Joel Skaria, Josh Cahm – please come along to support last year's Upper Sixth Formers before they leave for university – their recital will be voice, piano and organ performances. Refreshments are available from 12.30pm with the performance at 1.10pm. All are welcome – admission free, retiring collection.

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 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, 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 or any member of the FOSAM committee.

321 Course (OBH Rm 5): 6pm – 7.30pm starting today and then on the following Sunday's 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.

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.

Thank you to all who helped with hospitality for Solihull Pride.

Knowle Parish Church – Part time Communications Officer vacancy. Full details available at www.kpc.org.uk/Groups/431007/Vacancies.aspx or call Catherine on 01564779123

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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